

I am writing in opposition to senate bill 2343 regarding the placement of beehives near State and Federal highways. Although we see an occasional problem with beehives being placed irresponsibly close to roads most beekeepers try to maintain a safe distance not only for the safety of the public but also to protect their hives from mortality due to flight while foraging. The biggest risk of any bill, similar to this one, mandating how a landowner utilizes his land, is the question of what happens next? Do we move back corn fields because of deer and automobile collisions? How about moving back sunflower fields because pheasants frequently fly out of them and strike vehicles. We should also place a barrier between livestock and roads so we can eliminate the possibility of a stray cow or horse on the road. We must maintain government without socialism. This one crosses the line.