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Sponsor(s): Senators Rasmussen and Morton

Brief Description: Modifying provisions concerning the management of dairy nutrients.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that: (1) Complying with the laws regarding dairy nutrient management is a burdensome yet laudable task that the dairy farmers of this state have undertaken;

(2) the dairy nutrient management standards and specifications of the natural resources conservation service were the most rigorous in the nation when the dairy nutrient management act was enacted in 1998;

(3) those standards, as they existed in 1998, continue to be appropriate standards for proper management of dairy nutrients, despite modification by the natural resources conservation service since 1998;

(4) dairy farmers cannot comply with constantly changing requirements. The uncertainty constant change creates is an unnecessary drain on limited resources; and

(5) if management standards change substantively, there should be a method for all parties concerned with proper dairy nutrient management to consider and implement changes without causing disruption, uncertainty, or an unnecessary drain on resources.