

**HB 2651 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that livestock identification numbers, premise information, and animal movement data are proprietary information that all have a role in defining a livestock producer's position within the marketplace, including his or her competitive advantage over other producers.

Finds that voluntary animal testing by a livestock producer yields proprietary information that assists the producer to implement on-farm animal health practices.

Finds that exempting certain voluntary livestock identification, premise, movement, and testing information from state public disclosure requirements will protect and maintain the highest level of animal health, foster an environment that is more conducive to voluntary participation, and lead to a more effective livestock identification system.