

HB 1151-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/12/2007)

Requires the director of the department of agriculture to convene a livestock identification advisory committee.

Requires that, in conjunction with the department, the advisory committee shall: (1) Review the recommendations made by the cattle identification advisory committee for implementation of a voluntary national animal identification system in Washington state; and

(2) Assess the impacts of such a system, whether federal or state only, on the commercial livestock industry, noncommercial livestock owners, livestock-related educational and recreational organizations, concerned citizens, and Indian tribes, in terms of costs, domestic commerce, international marketing and sales, animal health, privacy rights, and other potential impacts identified by the committee.

Requires the department of agriculture, in conjunction with the livestock identification advisory committee, to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2008.