

SB 5811-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director of agriculture to reactivate the cattle advisory committee convened under chapter 150, Laws of 2006, composed of the same representatives from the various segments of the cattle industry as the original committee. The scope of the cattle advisory committee's activities is limited to bovines and does not extend to other species of livestock.

Directs the cattle advisory committee to complete its evaluation of the voluntary national animal identification program and the approaches being taken by other states, and complete its evaluation of demonstration projects that the department of agriculture is conducting at two or more facilities that handle large numbers of cattle. The cattle advisory committee shall make a recommendation on how the voluntary federal program for bovines should be implemented in Washington that includes recommended funding amounts and sources. In developing a funding proposal, the cattle advisory committee shall consult with the office of financial management.

Requires the department of agriculture to submit a final written report of the activities and recommendations of the cattle advisory committee to appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December 1, 2007.