

House Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources

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SB26-010 Agricultural Property Tax Definitions

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Jeany Rush Against themselves	<p>TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES RE: SB26-010 AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX DEFINITIONS SPONSORS: ROBERTS, PELTON, MCCLUSKIE, MCCORMICK</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH COLORADO CONSTITUENT 1-28-26</p> <p>VOTE: NO</p> <p>This bill is another government over-reach scenario for one purpose! That purpose to find another way to tax the people of Colorado, to cover the abuse of overspending by this legislature. There is so much detail in the definitions of ranch, farm, land use, the entire grazing of livestock in general, that this bill misrepresents.</p> <p>Our food production from grazing has reduced by 2/3 in the last decades as the BLM, Nat. Forest Service, the other government entities continue to exercise too much control over the ranchers, farmers, and literally has damaged the amount of land that even is able to be used in grazing. 1 in 3 acres of our land in America is owned by the government, but falsely this same government has determined that it has rule/dominion over the very people that actually own this land. That would be WE THE PEOPLE! Whether it is to redefine farm, ranch, and water rights, the Over Reach has reached epic proportions.</p> <p>Further, often the BLM, and other Fed. Entities have mismanaged, or not managed properly the lands for use by people, grazing, and other uses. Many of the fires are caused by this gross mismanagement by government groups who allowed NO MANAGEMENT which added much to fires. The others are arson, as we already know. Grazing is very important to livestock, however, the burdens placed on our ranches, farms, has become outright criminal.</p> <p>For decades ranchers have leased BLM, Nat. Forest, lands for grazing which was helpful to the land, and to the food producers. We already have too many taxes on our own food producers, and too much interference into their way of life. It is time, everyday legislators stopped usurping Rolls of Government, and worried about how to balance their budgets, their overspending, their overtaxing, their using any excuse to find loopholes to pressure the everyday people for more and more fees, taxes, and penalties. This is not a Marxist country, but the massive overreach of this legislature is surely a step in that direction!</p>