

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

We share the position we take on current legislation through the lens of those selling directly to consumers, smaller ranchers, farmers, artisan producers, and all those wanting to strengthen and build local food economies. We strive to make food more accessible, easier to grow, raise, and sell by having less burdensome regulations.

You may have differing views on the position the Center takes. We strive to best represent and be the voice for our members, small agriculture and artisan food producers. We appreciate diversity. If you have questions or take a different position on a particular bill, we would appreciate hearing your thoughts.

- **Support:** Red Acre Supports the bill.
- **Watching:** Red Acre Center is interested but has no strong opinion.
- **Concern:** Red Acre Center has concerns and is working to address those concerns.
- **Oppose:** Red Acre Center is opposed and working to change the bill.

## **HB 320** - [Sale of Dairy Amendments- Representative Acton](#)

This is our priority bill. It does not change the department of Food and Agriculture's ability to regulate. It expands the ability for lic. raw milk dairies to make more raw milk products.

**Status:** waiting for assignment to a committee

**Support**

## **HB0169** - [Urban Farming Assessment Act Amendments](#) - [Representative Peterson](#)

This allows for a tax break under 5 acres. Assessment means taxes. Provides that a county may limit authorization of urban farming to either cultivating crops or engaging in livestock production or may allow both.

**Status:** Passed out of committee favorably and headed to the house for a full floor vote.

**Support**

## **H.B. 257-** [Greenbelt Property Amendments](#) - [Representative Kyle](#)

requires a county or commission to waive the acreage requirement for agricultural assessment if the assessed property fails to meet the acreage requirement because of a governmental entity exercising eminent domain or threatening eminent domain

**Status:** Assigned to a committee

**Watching**

**H.B. 276 - [Water Supply Amendments](#) - [Representative Lyman](#)**

Addresses a municipality's supply of water to contract water customers.

**Status:** Assigned to a committee

**Watching**

**SB0113 - [Local Agricultural Amendments](#) - [Sandall](#)**

This bill modifies the authority of a political subdivision to enact regulations regarding animal enterprises and working animals.

**Status:** Passed out of committee favorably and headed to the Senate for a full floor vote.

**Watching**

**SB 61- [Livestock Collison Amendments](#) - [Senator Owens](#)**

This bill enacts provisions related to railroads, fencing of railroad rights-of-way, and liability for damage to livestock.

**Status:** Passed out of the Senate heading to a House Committee

**Watching**

**SB0009 - [Agricultural Advisory Board Sunset Extension](#) - [Sandall](#)**

Addresses the sunset date of the Agricultural Advisory Board.

**Status:** Goes to the House floor before the governor signs.

**Watching**

**SB0059 - [Beehive Requirements](#) - [Kennedy](#)**

Removes a requirement that beehives be equipped with movable frames

**Status:** Waiting for first committee hearing

**Support**

**WATCHING:**

Not numbered -Food Truck Regulations - [Birkeland](#)

Not numbered -Egg Retailer Amendments - [Wilcox](#) **Concern**

Not numbered - Food Purchase Disclosure Requirements - [Chew](#)

Not numbered - Pollinator Pilot Program Amendments - [Matthews](#)

Not numbered - Urban Farming Assessment Amendments - [Kohler](#)