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Requested by Representative OWENS

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2799

1 Delete lines 4 through 20 of the printed bill and insert:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish
 a program to award grants to public and private entities for erecting
 and maintaining livestock safety fencing along state highways.

5 "(2) The department shall adopt rules to administer the grant pro-6 gram. The rules must:

"(a) Specify the application process and eligibility criteria for the
grant program;

9 "(b) Include a methodology for identifying those portions of the
10 state highways that are at high risk of conflict between the traveling
11 public and livestock;

"(c) Include requirements for wildlife-friendly fencing that facili tates safe passage of wildlife; and

"(d) Establish a method for reviewing and approving grant applica tions and distributing grant funds.

"(3) The department shall convene an advisory group consisting of
 stakeholders that represent the interests of affected counties and
 property owners. The group shall advise the department on:

"(a) Identifying high risk portions of the state highways; and
 "(b) Eligibility criteria, the applicant selection process and expec tations for recipients of grants awarded under this section.

"(4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement the
provisions of this section.".

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