

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2799**

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

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish**
3 **a program to award grants to public and private entities for erecting**
4 **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:**

7 **“(a) Specify the application process and eligibility criteria for the**
8 **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;**

12 **“(c) Include requirements for wildlife-friendly fencing that facili-**
13 **tates safe passage of wildlife; and**

14 **“(d) Establish a method for reviewing and approving grant applica-**
15 **tions and distributing grant funds.**

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

19 **“(a) Identifying high risk portions of the state highways; and**

20 **“(b) Eligibility criteria, the applicant selection process and expec-**
21 **tations for recipients of grants awarded under this section.**

