March 6, 2025

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife:

Please support SB 77, defining home occupations on farm and forest lands.

One pictures a home occupation as a small business offering the services of farm and ranch family members to neighbors and rural communities. But home occupations are notoriously undefined in statute. SB 77 defines home occupations in a way that is understandable, consistent, and in keeping with the goal of protecting farm and forest lands. It allows farmers and foresters to use their skills and knowledge in what are truly home occupations, while preventing commercial enterprises that have nothing to do with a home, or homeowner, from being placed on resources lands.

Respectfully,

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