

**Testimony in Support of SB 1539**  
**Representative Bobby Levy**  
*House District 58*

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, and I serve as the State Representative for House District 58. Today, I am submitting testimony in support of Senate Bill 1539.

SB 1539 is a practical, agriculture-focused bill that reflects the realities of livestock management in rural Oregon. It allows individuals who have received appropriate training to verify whether cattle are pregnant without holding a veterinary license, while authorizing the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules that clearly define when and how this work may be performed.

In many rural and frontier communities, access to licensed veterinarians is extremely limited. Producers often wait extended periods for basic services that are routine, time-sensitive, and essential for herd management. Pregnancy verification is one of those tasks. It is a common, necessary practice that helps ranchers make informed decisions about herd health, nutrition, breeding schedules, and overall business planning.

Without replacing veterinarians, SB 1539 recognizes the real-world conditions many of us live in rural Oregon. By clarifying the law and allowing ODA to establish guardrails through rulemaking, this bill brings consistency, accountability, and transparency to a practice that is already widely relied upon in Oregon agriculture.

At its core, SB 1539 is about common sense. It respects the expertise of veterinarians, trusts the experience of trained livestock professionals, and acknowledges the unique challenges faced by rural communities.

I respectfully urge your support for SB 1539 and thank you for your consideration of this important, practical bill for Oregon agriculture.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.