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#### Members of the committee

My name is Rusty Inglis, I am a rancher in the Princeton area of Harney Co. I chair the OFB livestock/public lands committee, past president of HCFB, and past district 1 VP on the Board of Directors of the OCA as District 1 VP I represented Harney, Grant and Malheur Counties.

Once again SB 1539 brings a welcome change to the statues affecting livestock producers in rural co. all across the state as there is a critical shortage of large animal vets throughout the state. I have neighbors in the south end of the county that can't even get a vet. to travel down there to preg. there cows. And the largest percentage of young folks entering vet. school today do not plan on going into large animal practice. So, the status qou is not going to change.

By allowing trained individuals to perform preg- testing, it will free up Veterinarians to do those treatments that require as highly trained individual like a veterinarian. OSU extension already puts on training for Artificial Insemination; I am sure they would do a class on preg. testing, even though most of their students could teach the class. We have many young individuals that are proficient in preg testing, most have learned the skill while working on the family ranch, they preg test as many as 1000 head a year and could easily get certified so they could legally hire out there services and help support their family, it is ironic that they can by statue legally perform Artificial insemination for hire , which is more intrusive and requires administering certain drugs, but not a simple procedure as preg testing. The ready availability of ultrasound machines has made this procedure even more simple, accurate and efficient. You will hear from Veterinarians how they need to be there to evaluate a

rancher herd health, most ranchers would not be in business today if they didn't know how to evaluate their herd health as they live with their animals 24/7.

I ask you to once again support this bill as written. I would be more than happy to answer any question that you might have. Thank you for your time.