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Human health needs to be seriously considered when it pertains to bill 1539. Pregnancy diagnosis is not the only service provided during an appointment of this nature. A lot of times, this is the veterinarians only opportunity to provide a herd health assessment, field any questions and concerns the rancher may have, and modify a vaccine and deworming protocol based on the most recent literature regarding herd health. The lay person does not have the authority to advise a rancher on what to do or how to proceed regarding herd health. There are new and emerging disease that occur regularly. The lay person does not have access to the most pertinent information that veterinarians have. Moreover, they do not carry the education to appropriately interpret the information and formulate a plan to aid ranchers on how to adjust with any given condition. That being said, vital information like new dosing regimens, new medications, combinations of medications, among others will be missed, or not fully understood by the lay person. This in return poses a risk to human health relative to antibiotic and antiparasitic resistance. Pregnancy diagnosis is just a small part to herd health. The more pertinent information that ranchers need to hear and discuss with their veterinarian will be misplaced.