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TO: Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB641 by Kolkhorst (Relating to state agricultural policy regarding bison.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to the recognition of bison as wild animals indigenous to the state that are distinct from cattle, livestock, exotic livestock, and game animals, and that they may be raised for commercial purposes or for preserving the bison species.

The bill defines "livestock" as cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, other equines, poultry, domestic rabbits, exotic animals, or domesticated game birds.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture, 554 Animal Health Commission, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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