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or agricultural activities, and I won't go into all the definitions. Without Initiative 300, could a packing plant utilize the incentives in LB 830 or 829, whichever would be most favorable in terms of the threshold of employees that would have to be hired, to open another plant, expand its plant or whatever, and in the process have operational farmland declared blighted and substandard, if it could get a city or one of those joint groups to do so?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Let's just make sure that we know the parameters. What you are saying is, don't consider Initiative 300 at this point because that is a corporate ban on ownership, not on operation, but on ownership, right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they couldn't own it, but if we removed it, they could then take fee simple title to operational farmland...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, yes, correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and then they could raise...well, they could do whatever they wanted to on it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Exactly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could they take an operational farm after it has been declared blighted and substandard and continue to operate it in the same way as a part of their overall operation?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Providing, and still take advantage of these bills, yes, providing they met the investment level..

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and the employment level.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And then they complied with staying there and meeting the various restrictions.