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SENATOR PREISTER: I'm not real sure how to respond to that, Senator Schmitt. This doesn't require any more compliance than would be required otherwise with any zoning regulations, it just states how it's reported. I'm not tightening anything, loosening anything. It just asks that it be reported as a part of the application.

SENATOR SCHMITT: By the individual that is applying, right?

SENATOR PREISTER: By the applicant, yes, that's...

SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...correct, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR PREISTER: You're welcome.

SENATOR SCHMITT: I'm not sure how I feel on this because I agree with Senator Wehrbein. I don't want to put any more restrictions on the small producers. LB 1209 did put restrictions on the small producers, but if most of the people in this body recall last year with LB 1209, there was a few of us in the rural area that voted "no" on that issue just because it was going to put more restrictions on the small producers. And what we were targeting at that time was the large producers that are a problem in I and Senator Dierks' district, and I think they're becoming a problem in some of the other senators' districts out west now. I don't know the answer to these large mega-confinements, but they are the problem, they were the problem a year ago. LB 1209 was an agreement that was reached to oppose the interim zoning bill a year ago, and whether people liked it or whether they didn't like it, they supported it because they didn't like the interim zoning bill and some of us felt that LB 1209 was going to be a hindrance to the small producer and I feel today that it still is. So I'm not sure what I want to do on this bill. I think there needs to be some regulations on the large mega ones, but I don't think we want to hurt the family farms out there that are trying to make a living as a farmer and still live there and raise a family. So if somebody has that answer, would they stand up and give it to me.