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in the last year determining what's best, what's workable and that. So then when somebody comes along and decides they want to have an application in, get a permit, they have to meet all these requirements what the county has had. They cannot violate that. If they do, they would be penalized based on science and evidence, what works and what doesn't; and they also have a possibility of written comments to come in, then to turn around and say we have to have a public hearing on it. I'd like to ask Senator Preister a couple of questions if he would yield.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Preister, would you yield?

SENATOR PREISTER: I would be happy to.

SENATOR KREMER: Would someone, at the public hearing, would this be restricted to people that are from the county or from the location or could they come from anywhere?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator, I don't think a public hearing is necessarily restrictive by its nature. It would be focused on people who are directly impacted, but I don't know that it would be restricted just to those people.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. I see some of the people are supporting this and I know a lot of them would be against any kind of livestock around, but this is a good opportunity to have them get a start on the larger ones. I could see somebody coming in from anywhere in the state and deciding they wanted...to a public hearing and be granted that privilege. So there really is no restriction of where they have to come from, if they're local people or not then.

SENATOR PREISTER: The hearing, as it says in the amendment, would be held in the local area which would make it more of a challenge for people to come from other parts of the state, but there is no restriction. To have a public hearing is to open it to the public. I would note, Senator, you were talking about supporting the small family farm, that's who is in favor of this amendment. And it only applies to the III's and the IV's so the Is and the II's, those smaller units, are not covered by my amendment. I'm not sure if you're aware of that.