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determination until after they have complied with whatever ordinances they already have. So...and I appreciate the discussion, but I think there are two things driving this discussion. One, I think some people honestly believe that we shouldn't have livestock in this state and if we do it shouldn't be a certain size. There's a remedy for that. It's called zoning. That's what we're trying to preserve. That's what we're trying to uphold here. If you don't want any size operation, if you don't want any confinement facilities, zone them out. If you can't accomplish that, then have a process that's fair. And if those individuals that apply aren't meeting the bar, deny them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: That's your right under the bill. That will be your right under the existing law. That will be your right under AM1577 and under LB 754, if passed. So that process doesn't change. But I think the point continues to come up that, well, this is to benefit some big group. Honestly, the people that are going to benefit from this will be your smaller operations because when they get down to the point where they're trying to figure out whether they can afford to go on, they'll know ahead of time. Maybe they spend \$5,000 to put their application together. They're going to say, well, we're done; we're not going to spend \$30,000 to get a DEQ permit and then try and file a lawsuit; we're just going to stop now and try and do what we're continuing to do. So it's not my intention to protect any one society, but I look at the process and I say we need to have a fair procedure. I think we have some examples throughout the state that are doing that. We're trying to model it after them. We're trying to make sure that we're doing what they're doing and providing an example for other counties. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I haven't talked on this yet and I want to stand up and say a few things, but I'm going to support this amendment. And I realize that I'm not sure whether we really need it or not, but I think we just