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KEEPING OF ANIMALS memo

Dear BCHW members,

I am asking that you all send in your comments to the State Board of Health (SBOH) before the end of the week as the public comment period ends next Monday, May 2nd.

A meeting was held yesterday with folks from the legislature, the WA Cattleman's Association, WA Farm Bureau, and myself along with staff/board members of the SBOH to discuss the upcoming proposed policy for the Keeping of Animals.

Many issues/concerns are unresolved. **We are requesting they postpone the draft proposal from June's hearing. We suggested they allow a work group/task force of stakeholders to convene and sort out the concerns.**

Among the many concerns: mixing livestock oversight with non-livestock, unclear/overreach on stockpiling and composting, concern of complaint abuse from urban neighbors, no uniformity of enforcement (left completely up to local health officer), and more.

Here is the link to the email to send in your comments:

[WSBOHProposedAnimalWasteRule@sboh.wa.gov](mailto:WSBOHProposedAnimalWasteRule@sboh.wa.gov)

In addition to your own comments, please ask that they delay the Draft Policy proposal in June and that a work group/task force is formed to vet out our concerns.

Thank you for your participation,

Mitzi Schindele

Legislative Chair

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