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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill provides civil immunity for death or injury occurring as a result of the use of public land for livestock grazing, with some exceptions.

1 **Livestock activities; immunity from liability.** Provides immunity from liability for any person or entity grazing livestock on state lands subject to an agreement with the commissioner of natural resources.

Immunity is provided for any damage or injury occurring as a result of the inherent risks of livestock activities, unless the person or entity grazing the livestock fails to exercise reasonable care in using the land for grazing or managing the livestock, or if the person or entity maintains a condition in material violation of an agreement with the commissioner of natural resources for use of the land, and that condition contributed to the harm caused.

"Inherent risks of livestock activities" is a term already defined in current law (see lines 1.9-1.16 of the first engrossment).

The bill also requires the commissioner of natural resources to post plainly visible signs on any state property subject to a grazing agreement notifying individuals of the risks and limitations on liability provided in this bill.