

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 3, 2025
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-039 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "(2)(b.5) and (2)(j)(II)(D)"
2 and substitute "(2)(b.5), (2)(j)(II)(D), and (10)".

3 Page 2, line 6, after "**reports -**" insert "**exemptions -**".

4 Page 2, strike lines 9 through 12 and substitute:

5 "(b.5) (I) "AGRICULTURAL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING OR
6 STRUCTURE USED TO HOUSE AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS NOT FOR SALE
7 OR RENT, HAY, UNPROCESSED GRAIN, POULTRY, LIVESTOCK, OR OTHER
8 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OR INPUTS PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
9 MAINTAINING OR OPERATING AN AGRICULTURAL PROCESS.

10 (II) AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL
11 EQUIPMENT AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 39-3-122."

12 Page 2, after line 18 insert:

13 "(10) **Agricultural buildings exempted from benchmarking**
14 **requirements.** (a) AN OWNER OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING MAY
15 SUBMIT FOR AN AFFIRMATIVE EXEMPTION FROM ANY REQUIREMENT TO
16 REPORT BENCHMARKING DATA.

17 (b) AN OWNER OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING MAY SUBMIT FOR
18 AN EXEMPTION TO REMAIN VALID UNTIL THERE IS A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP
19 OR A CHANGE THAT RENDERS THE BUILDING NO LONGER AN
20 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

21 (c) FOR THE DURATION OF ANY EXEMPTION, AN OWNER OF AN
22 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING SHALL CERTIFY, UPON REQUEST, THE EXEMPTION
23 STATUS OF ANY BUILDING FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION HAS BEEN
24 GRANTED."