



Policy Update

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Attorney General Jackley Releases Final 2028 Ballot Explanation for Homemade Dairy Products

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has released the [final ballot explanation](#) for a proposed initiated measure that would allow exceptions for the direct sale of homemade dairy products.

The initiated measure, if enough valid petition signatures are gathered, would be on the 2028 general election ballot. The number of valid signatures will be determined by the number of votes cast in this November's election. The measure is proposed by Brenda Anderson of Custer.

The Attorney General's explanation was finalized after a review of all the comments received during the 10-day comment period on the Attorney General's draft explanation. One comment was received by the deadline.

Click [here](#) to read the ballot explanation.

South Dakota Farm Bureau hosted Department of Energy for NIETC Announcement

South Dakota Farm Bureau joined the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the announcement that it plans to cancel three proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC) following extensive public input from communities, landowners, and agricultural stakeholders.

Speaking from a farm just outside of Pierre, U.S. Department of Energy's Deputy Undersecretary Mike Kopp announced the proposed cancellation of the Lake Erie-Canada Corridor, the Southwestern Grid Connector Corridor, and the Tribal Energy Access Corridor. The Tribal Energy Access Corridor runs primarily through South Dakota, with portions reaching into North Dakota and Nebraska.

Farm Bureau supports a reliable and affordable electric grid, but transmission development must respect private property rights, state and local decision-making, and meaningful landowner involvement. The decision to recalibrate these proposed corridors is an important reminder that landowners need a meaningful voice early in the process.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the announcement.

Platte-Winner Bridge Construction Bid Awarded

The State Transportation Commission recently awarded a \$239 million bid to construct the new highway 44 Platte-Winner bridge. With the bid process complete, the process to construct the over one-mile-long bridge will begin. The construction is planned begin in early 2027, with completion in 2031. This timeframe will include the removal of the existing bridge. The existing bridge will remain in operation while the new bridge is being constructed. Click [here](#) to learn more about the project.

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