

## **SDFB Legislative Update – Week 2**

The pace of the 2020 Legislative session has picked with committees hearing bills, although most committee meetings this week still included reports and updates from agencies and departments and an agenda of a few bills that did not fill up the full allotted time.

### **Pesticide Bills**

The Senate Ag Committee heard the two senate bills related to the Ag Department's Pesticide Regulatory Program. SB 22 is a bill to update pesticide regulation and enforcement. Applicator certification and training standards are updated to meet federal regulations, including establishing a minimum age for a license at 18 years of age and adding soil and non-soil fumigation. The bill also establishes civil, criminal and administrative penalties for violations, clarifies the difference between a private and commercial license, provides for timely notice to an applicator when claiming any damage. SB 22 passed the committee and was sent to the Senate floor.

SB 24 is a bill to increase fees for product registration, pesticide dealer license, commercial applicator license and raises the fee cap on private licenses. The additional monies raised total \$440,000 and will be split between paying for the cost of the pesticide regulatory program and the Pesticide Recycling and Disposal fund. Originally, SB 24 would have removed the exemption for cost of the license for county and city employees, but the Ag Committee is considering continuing that fee exemption which costs the program \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. Final committee action is slated for next Tuesday.

HB 1028, a bill to clean up the pesticide statutes was heard in House Ag and passed to the floor unanimously.

SD Farm Bureau participated in a meeting with legislators and state agencies to consider raising the height restriction for commercial hay haulers higher than 14 feet 3 inches. The bill (no number yet) will raise the height for baled FEED to 15 feet. After session a rule will be considered to include heights above 15 feet on the same permit that provides for over width loads. That process is supposed to begin after legislative session.

As of Jan. 23, there are 80 House bills in the system and 68 Senate bills.

Make plans for SD Farm Bureau Day at the Capitol, Feb. 10-11. For more information, visit [www.sdfbf.org](http://www.sdfbf.org).

Be sure to view the SDFB Bill Tracking list, which can be found at this link:  
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Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns during session.

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