

SB 5002 - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/9/2009)

Finds that: (1) Preserving genetic diversity of animal species is of high interest to the public;

(2) Historic livestock and poultry breeds retain different and unique genetic attributes including factors that can affect fertility, foraging ability, longevity, maternal instincts, and resistance to diseases and parasites; and

(3) Sufficient mechanisms currently do not exist to support the continued survival of some of the declining breeds.

Establishes a nonregulatory incentive-based program to encourage owners of rare and diminishing species of livestock and poultry to continue rearing these animals.

Establishes procedures to provide recognition to owners of animals as heritage livestock and poultry and thereby increase public awareness of their contribution toward the perpetuation of rare and declining breeds.

Requires the director of the department of archaeology and historic preservation to establish a heritage livestock and poultry breed recognition program.

Expires the program on July 1, 2011.