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# Press Release

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## Reauthorization for Livestock Trucks on Highway 101 Reaches Next Step

Sacramento, Calif. – AB 1101, sponsored by the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and authored by Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata), was sent to the Assembly Appropriations Committee yesterday after it passed with unanimous support in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

AB 1101 extends an existing exemption that allows 48-foot livestock semitrailers to operate on Highway 101 in Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Without this exemption, livestock producers and auction markets located in these counties would be severely restricted from shipping cattle to buyers outside of the North Coast region. All 48-foot semitrailers commonly used to transport goods in California fall under an existing California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) prohibition to travel through Richardson Grove State Park. Caltrans is working to complete roadway improvements in the park to safely allow all 48-foot trailers to legally operate on Highway 101.

AB 1101 marks the eighth bill that CCA has sponsored to ensure this vital exemption remains in law until the roadway improvements are completed. In the past, the exemption carried a five-year sunset; however, AB 1101 includes provisions that would align the exemption with the completion of the roadway improvements.

"AB 1101 is an essential piece of legislation to allow interstate commerce of our product, and it also allows ranchers to maintain industry transportation standards," said Lou Mora, Humboldt-Del Norte County Cattlemen's Association President and owner of the Humboldt Auction Yard.

This is a small victory in a long process, but one that is a step in the right direction for California ranchers and beef producers. CCA thanks Assemblymember Chesbro for his diligence in helping ensure the exemption remains in place for ranchers hauling cattle on Highway 101.

The bill next awaits a vote by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The hearing date is to be determined.

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