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Governor Brown Signs Reauthorization for Livestock Trucks on Highway 101

Sacramento, Calif. – The California Cattlemen's Association (CCA) is pleased to announce that today Governor Brown signed AB 1101, sponsored by CCA and authored by Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata).

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 currently 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 will now align the exemption with the completion of the roadway improvements.

"This is a win for cattle producers in the north state," said Lou Mora, president of Humboldt-Del Norte County Cattlemen's Association. "With AB 1101 passed, crucial interstate commerce of our product on Highway 101 will be allowed, which is vital to ranchers' marketing needs and allows ranchers to uphold and maintain industry transportation standards."

CCA thanks Assemblymember Chesbro for his diligence in helping ensure the exemption remains in place for ranchers hauling cattle on Highway 101.

The bill will become effective as law January 1, 2015.

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