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Because most farmers/ranchers are self-employed, it's assumed they can "take time off work" anytime, to address these attacks, and accrue costs of downtime/hiring someone to "hold down the fort," meals, fuel etc.

About 4 years ago, I asked a rancher - testifying at the capitol - "How much do you figure it cost you to be here today?" They'd NEVER ever thought about that before, and answered, "Can we get back to you?"

About an hour later they said, "Well, we figure it probably cost us about \$200.00 for this one day."

I know that's "low-balling it." Why? These "self-employed" ones, never put a value on their time. It's sad...

My concerns, respective of zealous, unlawful, unconstitutional overreach of government employees has cost Domestic Resource Providers – to the extent they're crushed into bankruptcy, going out of business and more, is why I support HB 17-1141.

Here are some of the costs of doing business with Government.

Bureaucrat Control costs accrued to private parties first, include:

- 1) Down time costs accrued when called away from work to attend government hearings/meetings etc. Costs would include hiring someone to finish calving, haying, whatever; meals; fuel; possibly motel and photo copies.
- 2) Re-do business practices to accommodate an alleged threatened species.
- 3) Construction, earth moving, tree planting, delayed or stop construction to accommodate an alleged threatened species.
- 4) Addressing threats by government employees; would include attorney/accountant etc. fees.
- 5) Housing excess feral horses.
- 6) Cut in A.U.M's.
- 7) Additional paper work (includes employee and your time) due to attempts to comply with regulations.

You get the gist.

Then we need the cost to a county and state governments in trying to wade through unconstitutional regulations - such as and including EPA. Example: Presently, to protect Colorado from the very rogue EPA, our Attorney General has had to file suits. At what cost?

Here's one response:

To be perfectly frank I am not having much luck getting a snapshot picture for you.

However, depending on the type of job you are in there are some pretty ugly pictures of bureaucratic control. In manufacturing, for instance, small companies (under 50

employees) spend about \$30,178 per employee per year to comply with all the regulation. For all manufacturing companies the cost is pared to a manageable \$19,400. That is manageable only if you listen to the bureaucrats! Manufacturing regulations thus cost almost \$140 billion.

In the energy sector, regulatory compliance eats up an estimated 13% of gross revenues. I was unable to get exact figures because there is such a divergence in production costs and EPA oversight that depending on if you are in natural gas compared to coal, the cost factor runs almost 25%. Even at that the energy sector accounted for almost \$2 trillion in revenues last year so you are looking at \$260 billion.

Most of the damage to the rest of the sectors was due to EPA regulation if you were in agriculture or Treasury regulations for financial sectors along with retail outlets.

In looking at all the areas where I got feedback from, you would be safe in estimating in excess of \$1.6 trillion is added to a "phony" economy simply by compliance. I did not have any estimate of the direct cost to individuals because of tax filing headaches, arbitration fees to defend one's self in court, etc.

Now Obamacare is still not fully understood in its impact, but, based on a \$17 trillion annual economic activity--with employers facing state employment taxes, state and fed unemployment tax and workman's comp regulations I believe there is another \$500 billion lost in those areas as well by companies.

Putting the whole thing together I sincerely estimate more than \$2.5 trillion is removed from all business revenue each year in compliance with and paying for regulatory advice on regulations from bureaucratic statutes.

If you need more, check back because I'll keep digging and I know some people are still trying to comply with my request to them. 2/10/17

Please vote YES on HB 17-1141. Our Domestic Resource Providers deserve just protection and equal standing to government employees.

Thank you,

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