

# Comment Report

HF 522

A bill for an act providing that a qualified confinement feeding operation may utilize an anaerobic digester system to treat manure, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly HF 287.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

Subcommittee Members: Driscoll-CH, Kinney, Rozenboom

Date: 03/08/2021

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: RM 24A

**Name:** Shari Hawk

**Comment:** I am writing in opposition to HF522. This bill in incentivises a process that will do nothing to improve the state we leave our children.

**Name:** Edith Haenel

**Comment:** Vote no on HF 522.

**Name:** Bonnie Murphy

**Comment:** I am NOT in favor of HF 522 or any bill that advances the agenda of factory farms, which I believe are inhumane, bad for the environment and the antithesis of family farm ethics and priorities that are historical in Iowa.

**Name:** Evalee Mickey

**Comment:** I understand the digesters are very expensive, therefore only the very large factory farms could afford them which could be a reason to allow more and larger operations. Our state is already inundated with these damaging confinements, polluting our water, soil and air. We need clean energy and a moratorium on factory farms.

**Name:** Emma Schmit

**Comment:** HF522 further incentivizes the corporate takeover of our food & farm system. The only benefit is to natural gas corporations and massive producers who want to see more livestock raised on less farms. It's bad for our farmers. Bad for our climate. And bad for Iowa.

**Name:** Mackenzie Aime

**Comment:** Iowa needs to move away from corporate owned factory farms and nonrenewable energy. This bill would open the floodgates to further expansion of CAFOS, harming our water, our climate, our communities and our independent family farmers. Instead of investing in dirty energy, like biogas, we should be working to further cement Iowa's leadership role in renewable energy, like wind and solar. The last thing we need right now is more factory farms that squeeze out independent producers and damage the resources in which we all depend on to survive.

**Name:** Adena Dudney

**Comment:** Please vote NO on HF522. We do not need even more expansion of harmful agricultural practices in Iowa.

**Name:** Lynn Gallagher

**Comment:** I am writing to express my opposition to HF 522. The majority of Iowans want a moratorium on factory farms, not a new industry that would further entrench them. CAFOs are harming our water quality and environment. They are an increasing threat

to public health and the way they treat animals is inhumane. We need a move toward regenerative farming. Please do not support this bill.