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The proposal to restrict the ownership of domestic sheep and goats is an unnecessary effort to apply regulations that originated out of the lower 48. Unlike the lower 48, our domestic sheep and goats do not graze on the same range as the wild sheep and goats. This regulation will place an undue expense upon are farmers, and take away our rights and give them to the government. Then the government will charge us to apply for us to use those rights. It also causes to build unnecessary double fencing, and make the process so expensive that it will drive many farmers of business. Also to place domestic sheep and goats into the category that this proposal suggest, will make it impossible for us to import new bloodlines into our state. Because the population is so low already, this will also lead to too much inbreeding. This is an idea of a few people trying to dictate to the rest of the state how things should be done. And it won't even make a difference it'll just make it harder to Farm in Alaska. Please do not join the rest of the lower 48 where government over reach has made it impossible to utilize private land. It seems that agriculture is under attack from every direction in our state, when it should be being promoted and encouraged. Our food security is extremely vulnerable at this point, and this proposal simply places greater strain on it. Please tell these sheep enthusiasts to "take a hike." Respectfully submitted, Wayne Floyd, Cool Cache Farms