

I am in favor of SB0931. There are a small group of farmers that are paying cheap land rent and don't like any competition for that land. So, they are not in favor of solar being a competitor. Most landowners are in favor of this bill. Most landowners are not members of Farm Bureau. And in fact Farm Bureau members are split on the issue. It waffles back and forth from 49:51 to 51:49 depending on who shows up to vote. Landowners should not face eminent domain to take land for solar, but they should have the option to use their land for solar. County governments aren't trained in land use and don't look at the big picture and benefits to the citizens of the state. As a farmer, I want the citizens of the state to purchase/consume the food I produce for them. I am ok using my land to help provide energy to them also. I don't want to be mandated to do it, but want the option. It is my land. As long as I am not causing harm to the environment or preventing my neighbors from using their property, I should be allowed to use my property as I want. SB 0931 allows everyone to give comment and be part of the process.