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As a long term resident, veterinarian, horse and livestock owner in Thurston county I am concerned with the implications and unclear language in the proposed CAFO. I have experienced the miss-use of "loose" county regulations by county officials and permitting staff as a way to abusively treat land owners who are trying to responsibly use their private property. This abuse has spiraled out of control and this will add yet another way miss use power over private property owners. If there is a true intent to protect and work with property owners to protect our local environment then small number livestock owners should be supported and educated through voluntary programs offered with the farm bureau and the like. Furthermore, language needs to define upper and lower limits to applicable animal density.. not just less than an arbitrary number. Is the hobby horse owner of 2-3 horses really in the same category as someone with 149 horses? I think not.