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2 Senator Campion moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill
3 be amended by adding a Sec. 2a as follows:

4 Sec. 2a. STUDY REGARDING HUMANE TREATMENT OF DAIRY
5 ANIMALS

6 During the 2020 legislative interim, the Agency of Agriculture shall study
7 the issue of humane treatment of dairy animals, and, on or before December 1,
8 2020, issue recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on
9 Agriculture and the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary regarding
10 appropriate requirements for the humane treatment of dairy animals, including:

11 (1) whether and how to restrict the use of tethers, tie-stalls, stanchion
12 lockups, and other confinement housing practices that limit natural activities,
13 such as walking, exploratory behavior, and grooming;

14 (2) whether dairy animals should be provided with the opportunity for
15 daily exercise or seasonally appropriate grazing, or both;

16 (3) whether and how to impose requirements on flooring or bedding that
17 would allow for normal lying and resting behavior and minimize detrimental
18 effects on an animal's physical condition, such as susceptibility to lameness or
19 mastitis; and

20 (4) whether and how to limit reproduction techniques that cause
21 suffering and distress.