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**Testimony of Doug Goehring
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Chairman Vedaa and members of the Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I am here to provide supporting testimony on SB 2282.

There are over 706,000 surface acres managed through the Board of University and School Lands. A major source of income generation is through agricultural leases for grassland, crop, and hay land uses, but the agriculture community has no presence on the board. The surface lease program generated over 17 million dollars in rental income in the 2017-19 biennium. Yet the agriculture community that is generating those funds, has reached out with growing concerns regarding understanding an agricultural perspective on the Board of University and School Lands.

If the legislative assembly so chooses, I am willing to serve on the Board. Chairman Vedaa and committee members, thank you and I will stand for any questions.