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Good Morning Chairman Thomas, and members of the Agriculture committee,
For the record my name is Dawson Holle and I am honored to serve the great people of District 31.
Today I come here to introduce HB 1255 which defines milk and what produces milk.

Currently under North Dakota Century Code it states that a "Dairy Product," is a product for human consumption which is derived from the processing of milk from cows. However, that's not the only mammal that produces milk, frankly there many other producers that feel they should have a seat at the table too. Therefore, the first change in section 1 is striking out the word cow and replacing it with "a healthy four-legged hooved mammal". You might be asking yourself why include the word healthy? I included the word healthy because people should only consume dairy from healthy animals that will provide value-added, nutritious, high-quality health benefit for human consumption.

The second component this bill does is adds a new definition of milk. This new definition of milk adds all the mammal family that produces milk. A summary of the new definition reads, "the lacteal secretion, practically free of colostrum obtained by the complete milking of a healthy hooved mammal, including any member of the Cetartiodactyla (classification of mammal) and including members of the family; Bovidae (livestock also including water buffalo, sheep, goats, and yaks), Cervidae (deer, reindeer, and moose), and Equidae (Horses and Donkeys).

Thank you and now I will stand for questions.