

February 1, 2023

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee  
c/o Senator Dale Patten, Chair  
State Capitol  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**Re: Senate Bill 2326 – Support**

Dear Chairman Patten and Members of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 2326.

My name is Clifford Issendorf. I am a lifelong farmer in Bottineau County, a landowner, and currently the Bottineau County Water Resource Board Chair. I have served on the Bottineau County Water Resource District Board for over 40 years.

The Bottineau County Water Resource Board understands the importance of economic analysis to justify the expenditure of State Water Commission cost-share funding for flood control and water conveyance projects. However, the time and cost of conducting the Economic Analysis Worksheet is a requirement we believe should be reserved for those projects that are estimated to exceed \$1 million in costs.

I submit this written testimony to make record that the Bottineau County Water Resource Board is in support of Senate Bill 2326. We urge the Committee to vote “Do Pass” on this bill.

Sincerely,

Clifford Issendorf  
Board of Managers Chair,  
Bottineau County Water Resource District