



SENATE BILL NO. 2274  
HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN, MIKE BELTZ  
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2274  
MARCH 14, 2025

Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee. I am Parrell Grossman, and it is my privilege to be the Legislative Director for the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association. I appear on behalf of the Association in support of Senate Bill 2274.

The Association advocates for more than 8,900 operations that raise soybeans in North Dakota. In 2024, North Dakota farmers planted 6.6 million acres of soybeans, producing over 245 million bushels of soybeans in North Dakota.

The Association supports this Bill charging the Commissioner to implement and oversee a program to, among other things, coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by a state agency, board and commission.

In addition, the Association supports the new provision allowing the Commissioner to create and expand marketing clubs as adjuncts to new and existing farm management programs. This should be a very good component of and complementary role in coordinating these farm management programs.

The Association understands that this legislative change is agreeable to and supported by both career and technical education and the

Commissioner. It makes good sense. The Department of Agriculture is well-positioned and qualified to implement and facilitate this farm management program and the Association supports this programming and functioning.

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Agriculture Committee, the Association respectfully asks this Committee to give Senate Bill 2274 a “Do Pass” recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration and I will try and answer any questions.