

TESTIMONY OF

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Chairman Porter, and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Kimberly Fischer, the Groundwater Section Manager of the Water Appropriation Division of the Department of Water Resources. I'm here today to provide testimony in support of HB 1042.

North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) § 61-04-14 was updated in 2019 to its current language. During that update, there was a drafting oversight which resulted in this section referring to both a "portion of the application" (line 10) and a "portion of the permit" (line 14). HB 1042 corrects the wording to make it clear that the section applies to water permits, and not water permit applications. The proposed change is consistent with existing language and will not affect the intent of the law or how it's applied—it just makes the wording more clear and consistent.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I'm happy to answer any questions.