



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Favor of SB 2210
House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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Chairman Porter, Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland representing the North Dakota Grain Growers Association. I appear today in support of SB 2210.

Senate Bill 2210 promotes a more holistic and efficient approach to water management in North Dakota. By studying the feasibility of managing water resources based on watershed boundaries rather than political subdivisions, this bill acknowledges the interconnectedness of water systems and encourages a more comprehensive strategy for their protection and utilization.

Here's why this is beneficial:

Natural Alignment: Watersheds represent natural boundaries for water flow and management. Managing water based on these boundaries promotes a more natural and effective approach, considering the interconnectedness of water resources within a specific geographic area.

Improved Coordination: Adopting a watershed-based management model can enhance coordination and collaboration among stakeholders within a watershed. This could lead to more efficient water allocation, improved water quality, and better flood control measures.

Increased Efficiency: Watershed-based management can streamline decision-making processes by focusing on the specific needs and challenges of a particular watershed, rather than relying on separate and potentially conflicting policies based on political boundaries.

Sustainable Practices: By promoting a more integrated and comprehensive approach to water management, this bill can help to ensure the long-term sustainability of North Dakota's water resources for future generations.

The study mandated by Senate Bill 2210 provides a valuable opportunity to gather information, explore best practices, and analyze the potential benefits and challenges of implementing watershed-based management in North Dakota. This thorough assessment will ultimately contribute to informed decision-making and help to ensure that North Dakota's water resources are managed responsibly and sustainably for the benefit of all.

Therefore, Chairman Porter, Members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectively requests your Do Pass recommendation on SB 2210 and would urge the full House to concur.