

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Testimony on SB 2321 (IN FAVOR)

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Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Kurt Swenson from Beulah.

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB 2321.

When taking private property occurs, it should come at ZERO cost to the landowner to obtain their JUST COMPENSATION required by our constitutions.

While I haven't personally been affected by an eminent domain proceeding in North Dakota, I have been part of legal proceedings with governmental agencies and the cost of the expert witnesses can be equal or greater than direct attorney costs.

We **should not be burdening landowners** with significant cost simply to get what is guaranteed by our ND and US Constitutions – **JUST COMPENSATION**.

I respectfully ask you to vote DO PASS vote on SB 2321.

Sincerely,

Kurt Swenson