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**Testimony of Doug Goehring**  
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Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I am here to support House Bill 1475 as amended.

HB 1475 places authority for administration of the agriculture innovation fund with the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC). APUC is a good fit for this because the nine member commission is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds including agriculture, agribusiness, Department of Commerce, and our land grant university.

APUC has experience reviewing project proposals and determining merit based funding with built-in program accountability. The agriculture innovation fund is a natural fit with the types of proposals APUC already handles without duplicating efforts through the creation of another committee.

Chairman Johnson, members of the House Agriculture Committee, thank you for your consideration of HB 1475. I will stand for any questions.