

Testimony HB1275

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To the Honorable Chairman and the members of the Committee We submit these remarks on behalf of DRC.

Mr. Chairman,

The Dakota Resource Council has worked towards checkoff reform for years in pursuit of fair markets for cattle. While we believe that this bill could be a positive step forward in transparency in the application process for the check off board members we believe that there are better options available for you to pass today. We still believe that direct democracy is better than the appointment of individuals by an elected official. More applications would mean more options but ultimately it's up to the governor to decide who gets in or wants to stay away from certain reforms. The way the current system is set up will only work towards keeping the status quo and real reform is needed in the Beef Commission.

If HB1436 is passed there will be no need for this bill.

We recommend a DO NOT PASS VOTE.