

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Grant Odermann, I'm a 7th grader in Rolla, ND. I am here today in support of House Bill 1366.

I am actively a member of the Ski Nautique Water Ski team at Lake Metigoshe, and I compete in barefoot water skiing events.

I've been barefoot skiing since I was 10 and enjoy the sport very much.

House Bill 1366 allows me to wear a barefoot wetsuit, which has flotation in it, instead of a Coast Guard-approved PFD.

The barefoot wetsuit has flotation and padding in the back, butt, and chest areas and is form-fitting to provide maximum protection when performing tricks and, unfortunately, when I fall.

My parents say water skiing and barefooting are good for me because it gets me outside and off my phone.

I don't like to agree with ^{my} parents, but they are right on this one.

Also, the girls at the lake think barefooting is cool, which is a nice bonus.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I ask for your support of this bill and would gladly answer any questions.