



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

**TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY  
NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION  
SENATE BILL 2297  
HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
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Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resource Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF). I'm here today representing our 1,500 members in 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's clubs across North Dakota that make up the North Dakota Wildlife Federation.

NDWF supports HB 2297. In a time when North Dakota Game & Fish is struggling to recruit new volunteers and Hunter Ed instructors, we should be doing everything we can to support, recognize, and retain those who have spent years dedicated to helping the next generation get involved in the outdoors.

One of the NDWF's affiliates, North Dakota Hunter Education Instructors Association supports this bill. They advocated to include all North Dakota Game and Fish volunteers who have reached 30 years of service, instead of just hunter education instructors, as the bill was introduced. A few examples of these other volunteers would be Fur Harvester Education instructors, Hooked on Fishing instructors, and Boat and Water Safety instructors. The Senate made that requested change before passing the bill.

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation urges a Do Pass on SB 2297