

Testimony HB1239

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Testimony in Support for HB1239

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

Mr. Chairman,

DRC has offered testimony in support of HB1239 in the House and we have only seen the change of adding an emergency clause to the bill. Because of this our support hasn't changed. For years our organization has talked about the loophole of not reporting drainage under 80 acres to water boards across the state. When we are doing assessments of property and research for mitigating floods in our state it is crucial to have accurate information available to our water boards to make informed decisions. It is also important for landowners affected by the drainage to have access to this information and be notified if they are going to be drained on. HB1239 will be an effective solution to this problem.

We also support that consideration was given by allowing landowners to drain on their own property and the notification that affected landowners would receive when someone wants to drain onto their property.

We urge a DO PASS on HB1239.

Thank you for your time and consideration.