

Testimony in Favor of 2259 68th session

Chair and Committee, My name is Phil Murphy representing the ND Soybean Growers Association. We are thankful to the prime sponsor and the State Auditor for the extensive discussions resulting in this bill. That both wish this to succeed speaks volumes as to why it should be approved. I believe that there is an intention to propose an amendment for an opt-out option as well, but if not I would request it. I would expect that option to apply to all, but if not, would like to explain why the NDSGA requests it for our sister organization, the ND Soybean Council, aka the NDSC. It has to do with the fact that they are the only purely Federal checkoff and have been more work for the State Auditor departments for a couple of reasons; One, the NDSC auditing standards are more stringent/different than North Dakota's and Two, instead of being audited once every two years as are other commodities, the NDSC must be audited each year. This is, another words, a longer and unfamiliar process resulting in higher costs for audits. Thank you for your kind consideration.