

SENATE BILL NO. 2274 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE LARRY LUICK, CHAIR TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2274

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee. I am Parrell Grossman, and it is my privilege to be the Legislative Director for the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association. I appear on behalf of the Association in support of Senate Bill 2274.

The Association advocates for more than 8,900 operations that raise soybeans in North Dakota. In 2024, North Dakota farmers planted 6.6 million acres of soybeans, producing over 245 million bushels of soybeans in North Dakota.

The Association supports this Bill charging the Commissioner to implement and oversee a program to, among other things, coordinate new and existing farm management programs offered by a state agency, board and commission.

It makes good sense. The Department of Agriculture is well positioned and qualified to implement and facilitate this farm management program and the Association supports this programming and functioning.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, the Association respectfully asks the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee to give Senate Bill 2274 a "Do Pass" recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be pleased to try and answer any questions.