



**Testimony of Doug Goehring
Agriculture Commissioner
Senate Education Committee
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Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, here in support of SB 2328, as amended. Which relates to the life science research council and bioscience innovation grant program.

The proposed bill will create a new chapter in title 54 to implement a bioscience grant program. It establishes a life science research council with members appointed from the medical, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology fields and designates the industrial commission with oversight authority; and it provides an appropriation of \$12,000,000. We have several years of experience with this program. I believe the state, our communities, nation, and global population have benefited from this program.

Chairman Beard and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2328 as amended. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.