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Chairman Patten, and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Aaron Carranza the Regulatory Division Director of the Department of Water Resources. I'm here today to provide testimony in support of HB 1041, an agency sponsored bill.

This bill is a clean-up effort being pursued by the Department of Water Resources (Department) to remove outdated permitting thresholds in N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-53.

During the 68th Legislative Assembly, HB 1076 was presented by the Department as a Red Tape Reduction bill. That legislation was successful and ultimately reformed dike regulation under N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-38, which is the code identifying when a construction permit is required to construct or modify a dam, dike, or other device.

As part of this update, a section of N.D.C.C. was missed to be amended to mirror the new language regarding dikes in N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-38. The proposed bill will correct this discrepancy by removing the references to the outdated permitting thresholds in N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-53, which is the complaint section of code if a party feels that the requirements in N.D.C.C. § 61-16.1-38 were not followed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I'm happy to answer any questions.