

TESTIMONY OF

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Chairman Patten, and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am Sindhuja S.Pillai-Grinolds, the Water Development Division Director for the Department of Water Resources. I'm here today to provide testimony in support of SB 2045.

SB 2045 is a clean-up bill that seeks to remove outdated references and requirements associated with projects funded using Public Law 99-294 in North Dakota Century Code § 48-01.2-04. Current Century Code language provides an exception that contractors have 20 days to produce contractor's license for projects funded using Public Law 99-294. Public Law 99-294 is the Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act of 1986 that provided the initial \$200 million in Municipal, Rural, and Industrial funding to North Dakota.

The 1986 funds from the Public Law 99-294 have been exhausted, and this exception is currently not being used. Removal of reference to Public Law 99-294 in North Dakota Century Code § 48-01.2-04 is requested through this bill.

The bill language in front of you missed to remove the reference to Public Law 99-294 in Century Code § 43-07-12. We suggest an amendment to the bill to include removal in that section as well.

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