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Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Workforce Development Committee,

SB2256 deals with establishing a special fund for NDSU Research Technology Park.

This fund's purpose is to establish a workforce that would develop robotics to assist growth in precision agriculture and defense. Part of this fund would also be used to in developing a partnership with Carnegie Mellon University in advancing this project.

Needs to be pointed out that NDSU Research Technology Park is not part of the NDSU University or the Higher Education system in any way.

The details of how this will drive the Research Technology Park in a new direction for the benefit of the State of North Dakota and the Regions workforce will be explained by the presenters that follow me.

The bill puts the oversight of the fund and reporting with the Industrial Commission and includes reporting to the Legislature on the activities of the fund.

The funding in SB2256 is one time funding.

Chairman Wobbema and committee thank you for your time, I would ask for your favorable consideration on SB2256, and I would be glad to stand for any questions.

Sen. Ronald Sorvaag

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