



**Testimony of Doug Goehring
Agriculture Commissioner
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Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I'm here in support of House Bill 1158.

The Environmental Impact Mitigation Fund was created last session to provide technical support from such sources as environmental scientists, wildlife biologists, soil scientists, range scientists, engineers, or economists to landowners and developers. The assistance is intended to aid project developers in determining a path forward that has less impact on agricultural operations and gives consideration to agricultural activities.

The language in HB 1158 supports our ability to have funds to use the entities listed above to help landowners, farmers, ranchers, developers, and municipalities determine the best use of the land.

Chairman Johnson, members of the committee, thank you for your consideration of HB 1158. I am happy to stand for any questions.