



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2321

March 9, 2021

Chairman Lefor and Members of the House Industry, Business & Labor Committee:

On behalf of the 23 brewpubs, taprooms and members of the North Dakota Brewers Guild, we urge the Committee to recommend a DO PASS vote on Senate Bill 2321. The testimony you received and the fact sheet on the details of the bill explain why we asked for this bill, and the benefits it would bring to the craft brewing industry in North Dakota.

According to the Tax Department records, in 2020, craft breweries in North Dakota produced 18,145 barrels of beverage. If it takes 1.4 pounds of barley to make one gallon of beer, equating to about 406 tons of barley used, much of which is home grown North Dakota barley. We recognize not every ND craft brewery uses North Dakota barley exclusively, but the agriculture impact is clear. Guild members are impacted by the agriculture industry and vice versa, generating more than \$200 million of annual economic impact in our cities and state.

Again, we respectfully request the Committee to give favorable passage to SB 2321, supporting the Senate's strong 46-1 vote last month. As always, we invite Committee Members to schedule a tour and a briefing at one of our North Dakota Brewers Guild Members to learn how this industry continues to support tourism and the economy of our State.