

Testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Kruen

House Bill 1081

Chairman Kruen and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Denton Zubke and I am the representative from District 39 which encompasses the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Slope, McKenzie and parts of Dunn. I am here to support HB 1081.

HB 1081 comes to your committee by way of a hog house amendment. Originally HB 1081 would of allowed the Land Department to modify N.D.C.C. § 20.1-02-15.1 to grant North Dakota Game and Fish authority to enforce state laws and rules on lands owned and managed by the Board of University and School Lands to allow the Department to better manage assets. This created angst with some farmers particularly in eastern North Dakota and a number of farm groups. The remedy was to amend the bill with a hog house amendment to place the land departments administrative rules in the century code. Even though the administrative rules have the force of law, this is not commonly known or has been debated at times. This removes any ambiguity.

Respectfully

Representative Denton Zubke