



**North Dakota Grain Growers Association
Testimony in Support of HB 1353
Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee
March 18, 2021**

Chairman Kreun, members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for the record my name is Dan Wogsland, Executive Director of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association (NDGGA). NDGGA, through our contracts with the North Dakota Wheat Commission and the North Dakota Barley Council, engage in domestic policy issues on the state and federal level on behalf of North Dakota wheat and barley farmers. I am providing testimony for you today on behalf of NDGGA in support of HB 1353.

HB 1353 reorganizes the State Engineer's office and the duties of the State Engineer and puts those duties in the hands of the Director of the Department of Water Resources. Given the scope and breadth of the duties and responsibilities of the State Engineer's office it is NDGGA's view that HB 1353 is a responsible and needed step forward in water management in North Dakota. HB 1353 will allow the agency to better direct and administrate the water resources of the state.

Therefore, Chairman Kreun, members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association respectfully requests a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1353 and would urge the full Senate to concur.

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