



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2036 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE JANUARY 14, 2021

Chairman Kreun, members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I am here today representing our 1,500 members in 15 affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota.

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation rises in support of SB 2036. This bill continues the dialog started between sportsmen and women, landowners, and legislators. The Interim Legislative Committee on Access made some important progress on electronic posting and criminal trespass. This study will allow the committee to monitor and make any needed adjustments as electronic posting is rolled out across North Dakota's landscape.

This committee is also tasked to come up with study issues relating to hunting and angling access. This should include studying the process that NDG&F and NGOs must go through to purchase land for hunting, angling, and other recreation. As well as looking at NDG&F's PLOTS program and how we can get more private acres enrolled, working with neighboring landowners to obtain access to landlocked public land tracts. And finally fishing access issues across the state and any other access issue.

SB 2036 is a good step to identify and make recommendations regarding hunting and angling access on public and private land. This bill either needs to be a standalone bill or rolled into SB 2144.

I will stand for any questions that the committee may have. Thank you.