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**Testimony of Doug Goehring
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Chairman Porter and members of the house energy and natural resources committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in opposition of HB 1512.

While I can and understand the approach behind this bill, I have concerns about the risk and liability this will be place on local county commissioners having to host public hearing on matters they may lack expertise in. I have concerns regarding the ability of counties making determinations on impacts on other generation sources. This interpretation would tend to be emotionally charged and may ignore the facts and information. Finally, this will only expand the NIMBY or Not in My Backyard approach of some local areas, only making development of energy conversion facilities that more difficult.

Chairman Porter and committee members, thank you for your time. I urge a do not pass on HB 1512. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.