

Testimony opposed to 2037

Chairman Luick and Committee, my name is Phil Murphy representing the NDSGA. The Soybean Growers stand behind the Water Resource Districts in opposing 2037. Because most WRDs are composed of farmers and because farmers know their land, when a landowner votes to assess themselves by a majority vote of the assessment district, the result should stand. There are problems with the scope of economic analyses in this bill and there are disagreements of perception with local vs. state control here as well. Having attended or viewed all of the interim meetings of the Drainage committee, I find myself in agreement with the testimony of Cliff Issendorf and the Wells County testimony as well.

There is little doubt as to the noble intention of the Chair to find something that works better in his opinion, but in this case I believe 2037 should go down the assessed drain. I cannot attend the hearing as there is a bill directly dealing with the business of soybeans at the opposing end of the building at the same time. Thank you for your consideration.