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**Testimony of Doug Goehring
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Chairman Beltz, and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I'm here today in support of Senate Bill 2327.

The agriculture diversification and development program provide interest buydowns and reimbursable grants to projects in value added processing or animal agriculture. To date, ADD has provided funding to 33 projects totaling \$6.9 million in grants and \$8.6 million in interest buydown. From that funding over \$126 million dollars in agriculture-based project developments have occurred. Additional funding as specified in this bill is vital to continue to provide support to agriculture development. In addition to this funding \$10 million is available for infrastructure cost share program for political subdivisions road and bridge improvements, in addition to utilities upgrades for projects in value added processing or animal agriculture.

Chairman Beltz, and committee members, thank you for your time and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.