



**Testimony of Doug Goehring
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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in opposition to SB 2285 which relates to judicial deference.

Although I can appreciate challenging the Chevron decision and holding federal agencies accountable for not following the law; I have concerns with what this bill would do to diminish the ability of state agencies to carry out the will and intention of the legislature, and it invites litigation against state agencies for enforcing state laws. It takes away the ability for agencies, with significant technical knowledge, to effectively defend decisions and actions made in accordance with statute. This bill would reduce the force and effect of statutes the legislature adopts in the eyes of the court and our ability to implement and enforce those laws.

Chairman Klemin and committee members, I urge a do not pass on SB 2285. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.