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**Testimony of John Schneider
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Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am John Schneider, Business, Marketing and Industry Division Director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. I am here today in support of HB 1591 relating to a county fair resiliency grant program.

The bill provides an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to the agriculture commissioner to be used for projects to improve infrastructure at county fairgrounds. The awards will be a fifty percent cost-share and limited to \$100,000 to each county fair association. The commissioner would provide these reimbursable awards based on need.

Chairman Luick and committee members, thank you for your time. I urge a do pass on HB 1591. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.