



# **Cass Rural Water Users District**

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## **Testimony of Brent Brinkman, General Manager**

**Cass Rural Water District, Kindred, ND**

**Senate Bill NO.2299**

**Senator Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee – February 12, 2025**

Cass Rural Water Users District (CRWD) is in Cass County in eastern North Dakota and provides potable water service to 9,100 users through approximately 2,300 miles of pipeline within all of Cass County and parts of 4 surrounding counties.

Section 1. CRWD hires Eide Bailly to conduct an audit yearly with a cost to CRWD of \$33,000. We post this Audit on our web site and present it at our annual meeting every year.

Section 2. With CRWD routinely doing an Audit each January with a cost of \$33,000. I would ask for the threshold to be increased to at least 300+ members, this will be ruffly 3% of our customers. If CRWD would have to conduct multiple Audits each year. This would create a burden for our small office and be a financial waste to the district.

Section 3. CRWD is not in support of subsection 3 of section 3 and should be removed from senate bill 2299. CRWD does have a hard time getting Board members and making the processes harder isn't a good solution.

Section 4. CRWD conduct their elections at each annual meeting. We have 9 board members with three-year terms. Each year there are three board members up for election. We do allow nominations from the floor (write-ins). This process is part of CRWD by-laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of rural water systems in our state.