

**2025 HOUSE AGRICULTURE**

**HB 1082**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Agriculture Committee**  
Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB 1082  
1/10/2025

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| A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 36-25-01 of North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of farmed elk. |
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9:00 a.m. Chairman Beltz called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Handerson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer. Member Absent: Representative Rios

## Discussion Topics:

- Current scientific name update

9:01 a.m. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian, ND Department of Agriculture/Board of Animal Health, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28351

9:30 a.m. Chairman Beltz closed the hearing

Representative Tveit moved Do Pass.

Representative Schreiber-Beck seconded.

| Representatives                       | Vote |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Representative Mike Beltz             | Y    |
| Representative Dori Hauck             | Y    |
| Representative Karen A. Anderson      | Y    |
| Representative Gretchen Dobervich     | Y    |
| Representative Donna Henderson        | Y    |
| Representative Dawson Holle           | Y    |
| Representative Jeff Hoverson          | Y    |
| Representative Dwight Kiefert         | Y    |
| Representative Dennis Nehring         | Y    |
| Representative SuAnn Olson            | AB   |
| Representative Nico Rios              | AB   |
| Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck | Y    |
| Representative Bill Tveit             | Y    |
| Representative Daniel R. Vollmer      | Y    |

Motion passed 12-0-2.

Representative Vollmer will carry the bill. (Chairman forgot and appointed after recess)

9:04 a.m. Chairman Beltz closed the meeting.

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*Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1082 ([25.8114.01000](#))**

**Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1082 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER  
DOUG GOEHRING



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**HB 1082 Testimony**  
**Dr. Ethan Andress**  
**North Dakota State Veterinarian**  
**House Agriculture - J-Wing 327C**  
**January 10, 2025**

Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Dr. Ethan Andress, North Dakota State Veterinarian. I am here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, and the State Board of Animal Health. I will testify on HB 1082.

HB 1082 is intended to update NDCC 36-25-01 with the current scientific name for North American elk. In law, “farmed elk” are defined as *Cervus elaphus* which originally included both North American elk and European elk (red deer) as subspecies.

In recent years, the scientific community has recognized these elk as two distinct species, *Cervus canadensis* for North American Elk, or *Cervus elaphus* for European elk.

We recommend this update to the definition for “Farmed elk” as *Cervus canadensis*, commonly known as the North American Elk.

Thank you, and I will stand for any questions.

**2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1082**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1082  
2/13/2025

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| A bill relating to the definition of farmed elk. |
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3:58 p.m. Madame Chairman Myrdal opened the hearing.

Members present: Madame Chairman Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Luick, Senator Lemm

### Discussion Topics:

- Current scientific name of elk
- Distinct species
- Updated definition

3:58 p.m. Dr. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian for the ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #37479.

4:00 p.m. Madame Chairman Myrdal closed the hearing.

4:00 p.m. Senator Lemm moved a Do Pass.

4:00 p.m. Senator Weber seconded the motion.

| Senators                   | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Larry Luick        | Y    |
| Senator Janne Myrdal       | Y    |
| Senator Randy D. Lemm      | Y    |
| Senator Richard Marcellais | Y    |
| Senator Mark F. Weber      | Y    |
| Senator Kent Weston        | Y    |

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Weber will carry the bill.

4:01 p.m. Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

*Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1082 ([25.8114.01000](#))**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1082 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



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**HB 1082 Testimony**  
**Dr. Ethan Andress**  
**North Dakota State Veterinarian**  
**Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs**  
**Fort Union**  
**February 13, 2025**

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Dr. Ethan Andress, North Dakota State Veterinarian. I am here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, and the State Board of Animal Health. I will testify on HB 1082.

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