

2025 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 1103

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB 1103
1/9/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of 41-07-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definitions applying to the dry pea and lentil council.

10:15 a.m. Vice Chairman Hauck called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Henderson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

Discussion Topics:

- Pulse crop industry
- Funding research
- Education programs
- Market development
- Producer terms
- Healthy crop fields

10:15 a.m. Representative Beltz testified and submitted proposed amendment 25.0630.02001. #28385.

10:21 a.m. Kim Saueressig, Chair, North Dakota Dry Pea & Lentil Council, testified in support and submitted testimony #28260.

10:36 a.m. Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

**Testimony of Kim Saueressig
North Dakota Pea & Lentil Council
To House Agriculture Committee
In Support to HB 1103
Thursday, January 9, 2025**

Chairman Beltz and members of the Committee, my name is Kim Saueressig, and I am the chair of the North Dakota Dry Pea & Lentil Council. The primary goal of the Council is to support the pulse crop industry in North Dakota by funding research, education programs and market development efforts. The Council consists of five producers from districts across North Dakota. Each producer is elected to serve a three-year term.

We are in support of amending the definition of “producer” in this bill because the amendment would allow any person who plants and harvests a dry pea and lentil crop within a six-year period the opportunity to be elected to the Council.

Pulse crops must be grown in an extended crop rotation. Fungal and bacterial organisms that attack pulse crops complete their life cycle in the crop residue. Tillage to eliminate the crop residue is recommended, but many North Dakota farm fields participate in no-till crop systems. If proper rotation time is not given to these no-till fields, the diseases in the tillage can cause significant yield losses in future harvests. A person’s crop rotation may involve not planting a dry pea or lentil crop for multiple years. A person should not be disqualified from serving on the Council due to their efforts in producing healthy crop fields.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for House Bill 1103 to allow those producers who want to be involved with the North Dakota Pea & Lentil Council to be able to maximize the greatest potential of their crop fields.

25.0630.02001
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Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Representative Beltz
January 8, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1103

Introduced by

Representatives Beltz, Dobervich, Hagert, Kiefert, Nehring, Tveit

Senators Hogan, Lemm, Weber

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 4.1-07-01 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the definitions applying to the dry pea and lentil council.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 4.1-07-01 of the North Dakota Century
- 5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 5. "Producer" means any person that:

- 7 a. Plants or causes to be planted a dry pea and lentil crop in which the person has
- 8 an ownership interest, with the intent that upon maturity the crop will be
- 9 harvested; ~~or~~ and

- 10 b. ~~Will have met the requirements of subdivision a during the next available growing~~
- 11 ~~season; or~~

- 12 e. ~~Has met the requirements of subdivision a during the immediately preceding~~
- 13 ~~growing season~~ planted and subsequently will plant a dry pea and lentil crop as
- 14 part of the person's crop rotation within a six-year period.

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11:20 a.m. Chairman Beltz opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives Anderson, Dobervich, Henderson, Holle, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

11:21 a.m. Representative Hoverson moved Do Pass.

11:21 a.m. Representative Holle seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	AB
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	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Daniel R. Vollmer	Y

Motion passed 13-0-1

11:22 a.m. Representative Nehring will carry the bill.

11:23 a.m. Chairman Beltz adjourned the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1103 ([25.0630.02000](#))

Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING), and be placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1103

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1103

3/6/2025

A bill relating to the definitions applying to the dry pea and lentil council.
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11:11 a.m. Chairman Luick opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

Discussion Topics:

- Council member elections
- Rotational planting and growing years

11:11 a.m. Representative Beltz, District 20, testified in favor and introduced the bill.

11:14 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

11:14 a.m. Senator Weber moved a Do Pass.

11:14 a.m. Senator Weston 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.

11:15 a.m. Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1103 ([25.0630.02000](#))

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1103 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.