

2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2287

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2287

1/31/2025

A bill relating to the authority to transact business associated with video livestock auction markets; relating to licensing and fees for video livestock auction market representatives.

9:26 a.m. Chairman Luick called the meeting to order.

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

Discussion Topics:

- ND Department of Agriculture
- Surrounding states
- Ag-diversification
- Administrative expense authorization
- Expense cover authority

9:26 a.m. Senator Robert Erbele, District 26, testified in favor and introduced the bill.

9:28 a.m. Shaun Quissell, Grain and Livestock Division Director for the ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #33063.

9:29 a.m. Jade Koski, on behalf of ND Stockmen's Association, testified in favor.

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

9:30 a.m. Senator Weston moved a Do Pass.

9:30 a.m. Senator Lemm 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 Weston will carry the bill.

Additional written testimony:

Samuel A. Wagner, Ag and Food Field Organizer for the Dakota Resource Council, submitted testimony #32747 in neutral.

9:31 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2287 ([25.1261.01000](#))

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2287 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Testimony SB2287

Sam Wagner
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Neutral Testimony for SB2287

To the Honorable Chairman and the members of the Committee. We submit these remarks on behalf of DRC.

Mr Chairman,

We haven't been able to completely understand the intentions of this bill but we believe that there could be some positive aspects of this bill. In a sellers market opening up to new customers can be beneficial for raising prices. But we also remember the Agridime scandal that has recently left North Dakota investors owed around 40 million dollars in a ponzi scheme that had investors buying cattle that didn't exist.

The biggest problem is the loss of licensing. Unless we are mistaken, this bill opens the doors to allowing anyone not licensed within the state to sell cattle, opening the door for more cattle to be bought or sold by out-of-state by corporate entities. This could have unforeseen consequences.

If it could be shown how this could open up markets and benefit producers we might be willing to change our stance. But we may want to look a little more closely at what the consequences of these actions might be.

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Testimony of Shaun Quissell
Grain and Livestock Division Director
Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs
Fort Union
January 31, 2025

Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Shaun Quissell, Grain and Livestock Division director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring in support of Senate Bill 2287 relating to the removal of the video auction market license.

The bill simply removes the video auction market license as it provides no protection to the livestock producer. The law requires a representative of a video auction market license to have either an auction market or livestock dealer. These two licenses contain the bond, which provides the protection to livestock producers. Currently there are 10 licensed as video auction markets.

I urge a do-pass on Senate Bill 2287 and would be happy to answer the questions you have.

Thank you, Chairman Luick and committee members for your time.

2025 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

SB 2287

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2287
3/6/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 4.1-28-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority to transact business associated with video livestock auction markets; and to repeal sections 4.1-28-03 and 4.1-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to licensing and fees for video livestock auction market representatives.

2:46 p.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

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

Discussion Topics:

- Duplicative excess licensing
- 10 Licenses
- \$100 fee
- Certified scale

2:46 p.m. Senator Robert Erbele, District 28, Lehr, ND, introduced and testified # 39362.

2:48 p.m. Shaun Quissell, Grain and Livestock Division Director, ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38865.

2:50 a.m. Julie Ellingson, ND Stockmen's Association, testified in favor.

2:51 p.m. Samuel A. Wagner, Ag and Food Field Organizer, Dakota Resource Council (DRC), testified as neutral and submitted testimony #39129.

2:52 p.m. Representative Holle moved Do Pass.

2:52 p.m. Representative Nehring seconded the motion.

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	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Daniel R. Vollmer	Y

Motion passed 14-0-0.

2:53 p.m. Representative Holle will carry the bill.

2:53 a.m. Chairman Beltz closed the meeting.

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2287 ([25.1261.01000](#))

Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2287 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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Testimony of Shaun Quissell
Grain and Livestock Division Director
House Agriculture
Room 327C
March 6, 2025

Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Shaun Quissell, Grain and Livestock Division director here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring in support of Senate Bill 2287 relating to the removal of the video auction market license.

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Looking at the fiscal side of this bill it seems that there won't be much change in any licensing fees or significant loss or gain of revenue.

Ultimately, this is an imperfect bill that will have a small impact but the positives could likely outweigh most of the negatives as long as other regulations are still in place to prevent fraud.

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Video Auction license repeal talking points.

Sen Erbele

- Video auction license is duplicative as law requires representatives to also hold either an auction market license or livestock dealer license.
- License provided no protections to livestock industry, all protections of bond fall under auction market or livestock dealer license.
- No surrounding states have a video auction license requirement.
- Currently only 10 licenses, all have a current auction market or livestock dealer license.
- License fee is \$100
- All other sections of NDCC 4.1-28 will remain in law regards to inspection of livestock requirements, payment in US currency requirements and livestock sold by weight must be weighed on certified scale.