

Testimony
House Bill 1336
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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North Dakota Department of Health

Good morning Chairman Unruh and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is David Glatt, Environmental Health Section Chief for the North Dakota Department of Health. We are responsible for the implementation of the vast majority of environmental protection programs in the state, including programs delegated to the state through agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I am here today to provide testimony in support of HB 1336.

We support HB 1336 in the form recently approved by the House of Representatives. It allows companies to conduct and report findings of an environmental audit to the Department of Health or the Department of Mineral Resources and not receive civil penalties under specific circumstances. The Health Department believes HB 1336 can result in improved compliance rates, environmental quality and public safety.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.