

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee
From: North Dakota Farm Bureau

NDFB has several issues in our policy book pertinent to legislation before you in committee this week.

Easements

We support the development of a land owner's bill of rights regarding the process of easement procurement by entities wishing to purchase or lease land for roads, bridges, powerlines, pipelines and other projects that require an easement through privately owned property in North Dakota.#801.02

No entity may purchase or attempt to purchase easements of private property until the agency approving the project has been formally notified of the project. Notice of proposed project should be published in all current methods of public information, such as official county newspapers.#801.03

Landowners must be informed of their right to legal or financial counsel when approached with a proposed easement. Signed proof of this information should be part of the easement.#801.04

Eminent Domain

We support changes to the quick take eminent domain process to allow property owners to have negotiation rights in regard to price and any special circumstances that the property owner needs to be considered.#802.01

North Dakota government entities should not have eminent domain authority outside their geographical boundaries, including extra territorial jurisdiction.#802.02

We oppose local water boards having quick take eminent domain authority.#802.03

Private Property

We support the repeal of NDCC 38-22 referring to amalgamation authority over non-consenting landowners.#804.06

If you have any questions regarding our NDFB policies, please free free to contact our Director of Public Policy, Pete Hanebutt (701) 371-0027 or pete@ndfb.org.

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