2021 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 2038

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2038 1/14/2021 AM Standing Committee

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic posting of land to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM.

All Senators present: Kreun, J Roers, Schaible, Patten, Bell, Piepkorn

Discussion Topics:

- Electronic posting of land in regards to hunting
- Utilization of the application for posting purposes
- Results of previous deliberations
- · Penalties for trespassing

Senator Erbele [8:32] - Introduced the bill and provided testimony in opposition Claire Ness Legislative Counsel [8:40] - Provided Neutral Testimony Brian Hosak North Dakota Game and Fish [8:47] – Testified in favor #769 and #768 Rep. Gretchen Dobervich [9:06] - Provided testimony in favor #819 Ryan Younggren Asst. Cass Co. State's Atty [9:18] - Provided testimony in opposition Brian Schanilec [9:31] - Provided testimony in favor #717 and #716 John Liannen [9:45] - Provided testimony in opposition Terry Steinwand ND Game and Fish [9:49] - Provided testimony in opposition John Bradley North Dakota Wildlife Federation [9:51] - Provided testimony in support #827 Julie Linkson North Dakota Stockman's Assoc. [9:58] – Testified in favor #794 Bill Helphrey North Dakota Bow Hunters Association [10:01] – Testified in opposition

Senator Schaible moved to DO NOT PASS [10:40] **Senator Bell** seconded the motion [10:41]

Motion Passed 6-0-0 Senator Schaible will carry the bill

Additional	written	testimony:
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Vote for DO NOT PASS	
on SB 2036	Vote
Senator Curt Kreun	Υ
Senator Merrill Piepkorn	Υ
Senator Dale Patten	Υ
Senator Jessica Bell	Υ
Senator Jim Roers	Υ
Senator Donald Schaible	Υ

Darrell Belisle - North Dakota Bow Hunters Association - Testimony in opposition #512

John Weinand - North Dakota Grain Growers Association - Testimony in support #732

Mark Mazaheri - Testimony in support #761

Dave Dewald - North Dakota Game and fish - Testimony in support #809

Lisa Feldner - ND Realtors Association - Testimony in support #799

Senator Kreun adjourned the meeting [10:59]

David Owen, Committee Clerk

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Carrier: Schaible

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2038: Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Sen. Kreun, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2038 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

Testimony ID#769 ELECTRONIC POSTING

• Is it feasible to use technology to post land?

- Can a system be developed to provide landowners the ability to designate land as posted?
- Can landowners have the option to physically post, leave lands unposted or electronically post?
- Can tools be developed to assist hunters seeking access the ability to communicate with landowners or establish a point of contact?
- Do those that do not prefer to use available technologies, have options to identify electronically posted lands?

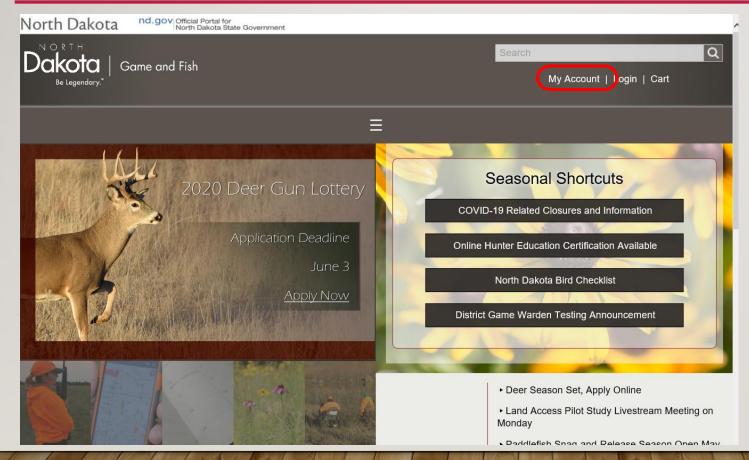
ELECTRONIC POSTING STUDY

- The study allowed for the participation of 3 counties. Ramsey, Richland and Slope counties were selected.
- ND Game and Fish and ND Information Technology worked to develop a system to meet the criteria derived from the interim committee meetings.
- The electronic posting system was completed and went live on May 15.
- The system was available to resident landowners, tenants or authorized individuals through July 15.

ELECTRONIC POSTING STUDY

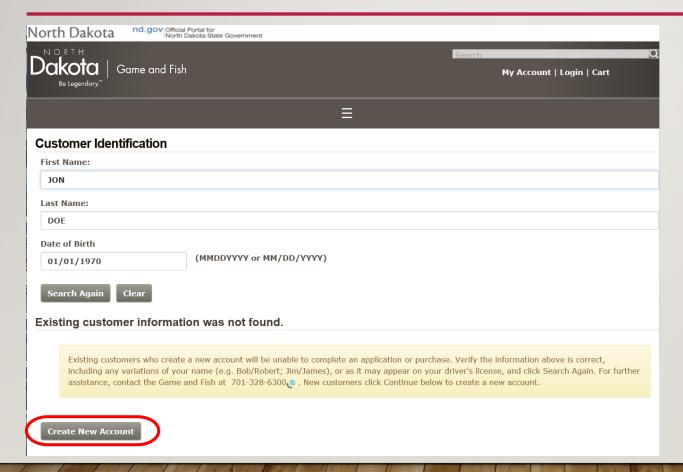
- Pilot study landowner participation
 - 79 landowners
 - 260 tracts of land
 - 38,000 acres
- Pilot study map application usage
 - 1,597 clicked the PLOTS Guide Viewer (8/1 12/31)
 - 957 clicked the printable maps (8/1 12/31)
 - 2,090 downloads from Avenza (8/6 12/31)
 - 43,216 views from ArcGIS Explorer (8/6 12/31)

- Accessed from the Game and Fish Department's online licensing system.
- Those new to the online licensing system can create a new profile.
- Search county tax parcels by ownership name, parcel id or section/township/range.
- Select from the search results the lands to associate with your profile.
- Make any "posting" designations and specify any contact or alternate contact information.

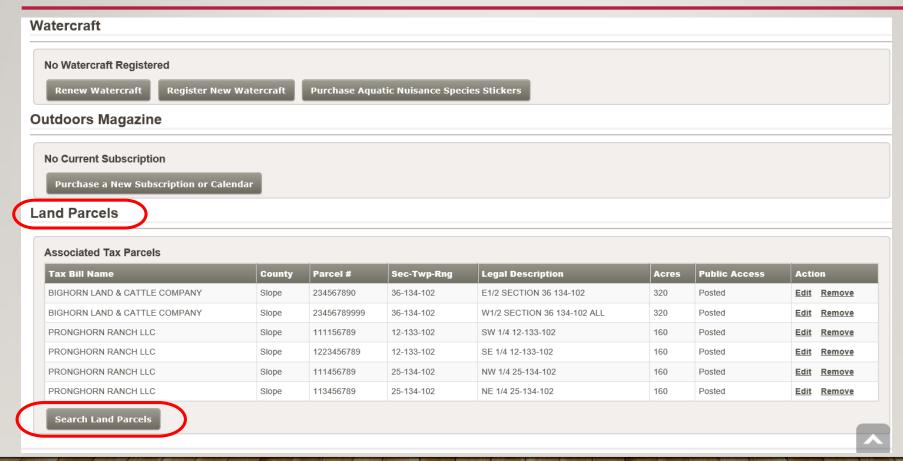


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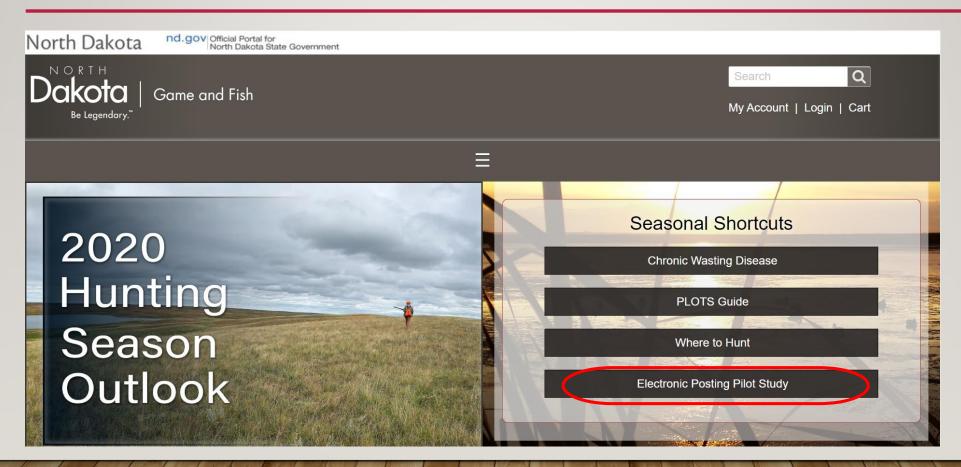
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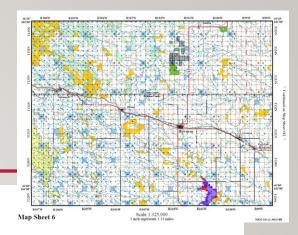


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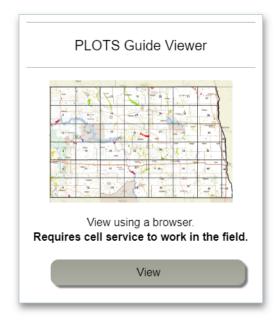
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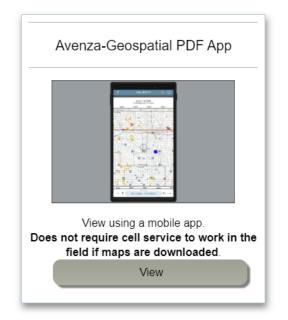


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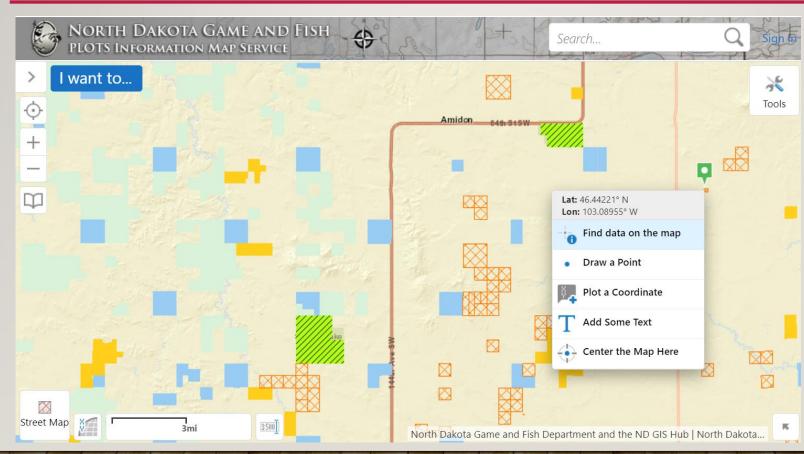
The printable map sheets and map resources below will temporarily include electronically posted lands from the 2019 Interim Natural Resources study.

If using a mobile app in the field **where reception may be unavailable**, consider using a GeoSpatial PDF viewer like Avenza. With this type of app, <u>pdf versions of the maps</u> may be downloaded to a smartphone prior to going into the field. These maps will work with a smartphone's GPS allowing the user to locate themself on the map.

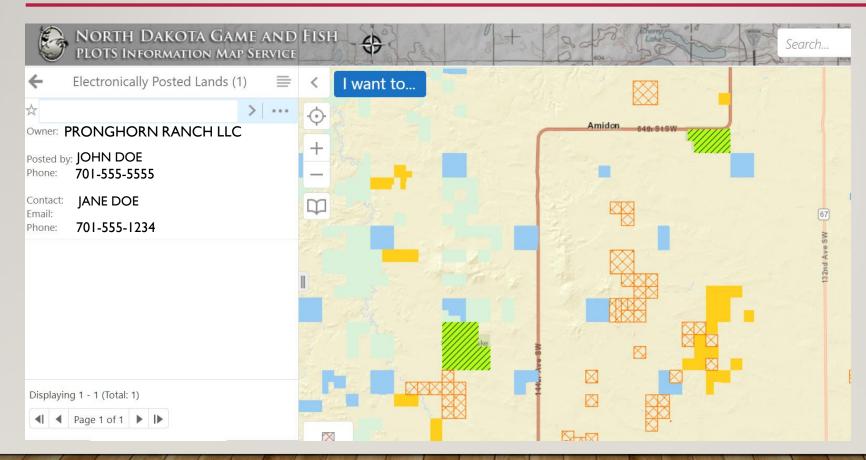












ELECTRONIC POSTING - QUESTIONS

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Conclusion

- The system provided is simple to use and delivers a good user experience.
- The time it takes to post land is minimal.
- The tools, maps and applications available to hunters provide information to identify electronically posted lands and means to establish a valid point of contact.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testimony on SB 2038

North Dakota Game and Fish Department Brian Hosek, Administrative Services January 14, 2020

Chairman Kreun and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee, my name is Brian Hosek, Administrative Services of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and I am testifying in support of SB 2038.

The legislative management study provided for the development of an electronic posting application. We are aware this has been a long-standing topic of discussion, attempting to promote private property rights and access to public wildlife resources. There have been many thoughts on the features this application may offer.

The direction from the interim committee helped formulate a plan to propose an electronic posting solution. There was an effort to focus on the usability of the application and provide a simplified user experience for landowners to post land and hunters to identify these lands.

The system that was provided for the study meets the expectations for landowners interested in pursuing an electronic posting option. Additionally, the tools, maps and applications available on the Game and Fish website are able to provide the electronic posting information to hunters.

It was requested I provide a presentation and give a tour of the electronic posting system.

This will conclude my testimony and I will be happy to address any further questions throughout.

Senate Human Services Committee

Testimony of Representative Gretchen Dobervich D11

Senate Bill 2036

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding access to lands and electronic posting.

Senate Bill 2038

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic posting of land to prohibit hunting; and to provide a penalty.

Senate Bill 2037

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-22-03 and 20.1-.01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal trespass and electronic posting; and to provide a penalty.

Senate Bill 2144

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-22-03 and 20.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to criminal trespass and electronic posting; and to provide a penalty.

Good Morning Chairman Kreun and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. For the record my name is Representative Gretchen Dobervich and I represent District 11 in Fargo.

I stand before you today in support of Senate Bill 2036, and the three other bills in the "package" filed by the Interim Energy and Natural Resources Committee, of which I was a member.

In the 2019 Legislative Session, the House Agriculture Committee, which I was privileged to serve on, worked tirelessly to develop a bill that met the wishes of landowners and outdoors enthusiasts in an effort to address trespassing, while not stifling opportunities to enjoy all the North Dakota outdoors has to offer. Citizens and special interest groups representing various perspectives on the issues surrounding the issue provided passionate testimony, in person and in writing. The House Agriculture Committee held several hearings and formed subcommittees.

A pilot project was put in place, and one of the counties selected to participate was my home, Slope County. I grew up on a farm and ranch south of the Rainy Buttes. You can see White Butte, our State's tallest point, from the front yard. When it came time for my Dad to repost our land I asked if he would be willing to try the online posting and let me know what he thought of it as a landowner and a hunter.

His feedback was that it was easy to use, all parcels of land he was posting were easily found and loaded into the database, and after he was finished he went back into the system and everything he had posted showed up correctly. The only negative feedback he had was that after he electronically posted the first section of land it was difficult to go back and post

another. However, not so much so that it was a deterrent to continue. After electronically posting he drove around and physically posted all the land.

While he had a good experience, my Dad is a focus group of one. My evaluation of his experience is clearly not rigorous enough to determine that the pilot was a success, especially since he hunts on his own land, so from a hunter's perspective it worked fantastic in his situation. For this reason, I support the passage of Senate Bill 2036, to continue to expand the electronic posting and assess the efficacy of the program in addressing trespassing violations and assuring access to outdoor activities.

In addition to Senate Bill 2036, I also support Senate Bills 2038, 2037 and 2144, all of which are a package of bills brought forward by the interim Energy and Natural Resources Committee based on our learnings and in collaboration with various stakeholders.

Chairman Kreun and Members of the Senate natural Resources Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to speak before you this morning and will stand for questions.

SB2038

Presentation by Dave Dewald and Brian Schanilec

- The electronic posting concept contained in this bill is also contained within Section 2 of SB2144. We support electronic posting as an additional way to post land. We understand the expense and time of posting land. Electronic posting removes those burdens for landowners/operators that want to use electronic posting. Landowners/operators, that do not currently post do not have to do anything under SB 2038 to continue to keep their land open to hunting without first asking permission. Electronic posting will provide current owner or operator contact information for hunters and anglers to easily access from the NDGF website via computer, smartphone or other GPS devices. We also recognize that electronic posting will create some inconveniences in places where no phone signal is available. Hunters will need to plan ahead and either download the map on their phone or GPS device or download a printable map for the area they want to hunt. We will have additional testimony for SB2144.

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee:

I was a voting member on the Senate Natural Resources Interim Study Committee studying electronic posting throughout 2019-2020. I will be testifying in person on Thursday morning, 1/14/2021. Here are my submitted statements. I worked very closely with Senator Erbele on Bills SB2036, SB2038 and SB2144.

Brian Schanilec

Testimony ID#827 NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

TESTIMONY OF JOHN BRADLEY NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION SENATE BILL 2038 SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE JANUARY 14, 2021

Chairman Kreun, members of the Energy and Natural Resource Committee:

For the record, I am John Bradley, Executive Director of the North Dakota Wildlife Federation. I am here today representing our members and affiliated wildlife and sportsmen's club across North Dakota.

SB 2038 came out of the interim committee with support from the sportsmen representatives. The bill adds electronic posting as an option for landowners or operators to post their land. It has our support because it does not add a new level of no-trespass, only a new way to post. It allows for information on electronically posted land to be available in an electronic database for hunters and anglers to access. The NDGF Dept. can house this information and make it available electronically with a smartphone, GPS type application, or via a downloadable printable map. The 2020 pilot study proved this concept can work. NDWF supports this bill but realizes that since this bill has also been entirely wrapped into 2144 it does not need to move forward.

I will stand for any questions that the committee may have. Thank you.

North Dakota Stockmen's Association Testimony to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on SB 2038 Jan. 13, 2021

Good afternoon, Chairman Kreun and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. For the record, my name is Julie Ellingson and I represent the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, a 91-year-old beef cattle trade organization representing approximately 3,000 North Dakota cattle-ranching families.

As a staunch proponent of private property rights, we stand in support of SB 2038 and the work of the Interim Natural Resources Committee. We have long-standing policy supporting correction to the state's onerous and erroneous posting and trespass laws and we see this package of bills as a step in the right direction in relieving some landowner burden.

Thank you for your time this morning and for your favorable consideration of these bills.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (701) 223-2522 or jellingson@ndstockmen.org.

Senator Kreun and Members of the Committee,

My name is Darrell Belisle, I am from Turtle Lake, ND and I am the current President of the North Dakota Bowhunters Association.

I have been following the actions of the Private Lands – No Trespass squabble for a long time. I have either participated in, or at least, listened to nearly every public word spoken about the issue.

It's a tough one, certainly proves it's very hard to change something that worked well for such a long time.

SB 2038 offers the option to choose how you would like to post your land. I do not agree with this option. During the many meetings and testimonies, it became clear where the Landowner groups supporting the issue, claimed they were speaking for all landowners. Looking at your efforts and the funds which have already been spent, makes me wonder why you wouldn't want all landowners to choose one over the other?

The way I see it, allowing a property owner to choose whether he wants to use the electronic system or not, only adds to a Sportsman's confusion and certainly does not justify the expense. Kind of throws more feed to the White Elephant roaming around.

I do support Landowner/Sportsman education on the existing laws and penalties we already have.

Thank you,

Darrell Belisle



North Dakota Grain Growers Association North Dakota Grain Growers Association Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testimony in Support of SB 2038 January 14, 2021

Chairman Kreun, members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, for the record my name is John Weinand; I am a farmer and a landowner from Hazen, North Dakota. I am Past President of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association and I was a citizen member of the Interim Natural Resources Committee. Today I am here to represent myself and the North Dakota Grain Growers Association in support of SB 2038.

I was proud to be asked to participate in the Interim Natural Resources Committee during the 2019-2020 Interim. Landowner rights is a very important issue to me and to my family. I am an avid hunter as well, tackling mountain lions among other species in our state. I was pleased with the legislation, for the most part, that our Committee has forwarded for the 2021 Legislature's consideration. Committee members did not always agree but it is the debate that ultimately provides for legislation for your consideration.

SB 2038 provides for the option for landowners to post their property electronically. This will benefit both sportsmen when they make their plans for enjoying the North Dakota outdoors and at the same time will better allow landowners the ability to communicate their wishes for their property. While NDGGA and I still maintain its support of having all land posted in the state we feel this is a needed change that will benefit both landowners as well as sportsmen. Therefore, I would respectfully request that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee give SB 2038 a Do Pass recommendation and would ask that the North Dakota Senate concur.

heatherh@invisimax.com

From: brians@invisimax.com

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:53 PM

To: 'Heather Deziel'

Subject: FW: Electronic posting

From: Mark Mazaheri <absoluteservice@cableone.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:52 PM

To: Mark Mazaheri <absoluteservice@cableone.net>

Subject: RE: Electronic posting

CORRECTION. IT'S 2144, NOT 2044. Sorry for the confusion.

From: Mark Mazaheri [mailto:absoluteservice@cableone.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:42 PM

Subject: FW: Electronic posting

Please note that SB 2036 and SB 2038 also need our support as part of this plan. Ask the committee members to give 2036, 2038, 2144 a DO PASS recommendation. Ask the committee members to give SB 2037 a DO NOT PASS.

From: Mark Mazaheri [mailto:absoluteservice@cableone.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:45 AM

Subject: Electronic posting

Good morning,

Tomorrow the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee will hear four bill relating to a Trespass law and Electronic posting. A full list of outdoors-related bills can be found here Outdoor Legislation | North Dakota Game and Fish

SB 2144 is the preferred bill of the Interim Committee. It allows for either electronic or physical posting of land. Land that is not posted would still be open to hunting and fishing. It is a very good bill resulting from a collaborative effort by all members of the Interim Committee, chaired by Senator Erbele. All four bills will be heard in committee on Thursday, January 14. Please take a moment to review them and email your support for 2144 to members of the Senate committee. Their contact information is below.

<u>SB</u> 2036	Active	01/14/2021 - 08:30AM	Legislative management shall continue to study the electronic land access
<u>SB</u> 2037	Active	01/14/2021 - 09:00AM	Amends a section of century code relating to criminal trespass and electron enclosed fence; and the name of a person would not have to appear on each
<u>SB</u> 2038	Active	01/14/2021 - 08:30AM	Allows the option to designate the land as posted or closed to hunting in a
<u>SB</u> 2144	Active	01/14/2021 - 09:00AM	Amends a section of century code relating to criminal trespass and electron enclosed fence unless the individual is a licensed hunter or angler who is hunting in an online database or other electronic application.

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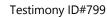
This link is to a comprehensive 21 minute video which will explain to anyone interested how to submit online testimony. Please remind them that they must sign up at least 1 hour in advance, although additional time is preferable. When the people submit testimony, feel free to reach out and I will be able to confirm that we have received it.

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Thank you for your time and effort in helping preserve our outdoor heritage. Please feel free to forward this information to others who may be interested.

Mark Mazaheri 2709 N. 10th St. Fargo

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To advocate for the success of our members in partnership with our local Associations and the National Association of REALTORS®

Testimony in support of SB 2038.

The North Dakota Association of Realtors supports the rights of private property owners, and therefore, supports the passage of SB 2038.

Respectfully,

Jill Beck Lisa Feldner
Chief Executive Officer NDAR Lobbyist

