

2021 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 1046

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB1046 a.m.

1/7/2021

Relating to the advisory committee on sustainable agriculture
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Chair D. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance	P or Ab
Chair D. Johnson	P
Vice Chair Trottier	P
Representative Beltz	P
Representative Buffalo	P
Representative Dobervich	P
Representative Fisher	P
Representative Headland	P
Representative Kiefert	P
Representative Richter	P
Representative Satrom	P
Representative Schreiber-Beck	P
Representative Skroch	P
Representative Thomas	P
Representative Tveit	P

Discussion Topics:

- Purpose of committee
- Bill changes language from “shall” to “may”

Doug Goehring, ND Ag. Commissioner: Attachment #155 (9:46)

Chair D. Johnson closed hearing at 9:55 a.m.

Representative Schreiber-Beck moved Do Pass (10:28)

Representative Satrom seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dennis Johnson	Y
Representative Wayne A Trottier	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Ruth Buffalo	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Kathy Skroch	Y
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y

The motion passed 14-0-0.

Representative Thomas will carry the bill.

Chair D. Johnson adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

ReMae Kuehn, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1046: Agriculture Committee (Rep. D. Johnson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1046 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER
DOUG GOEHRING



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**Testimony of Agriculture Commissioner Goehring
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
House Bill 1046
House Agriculture Committee
January 7, 2021**

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, I am Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and I am here today in support of HB 1046, which will amend North Dakota Century Code §4.1-01-11 relating to the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture.

The purpose of the committee is to:

1. examine the concept of sustainability with respect to conventional farming practices and modern technology-based production practices;
2. Examine production practices that are efficient and able to meet current and future global food and nutritional needs;
3. Examine production practices that promote increased efficiencies in resource use, improve human health through access to safe and nutritious food, and enhance economic opportunities for individual producers;
4. Explore metric evaluations to measure the attainment, maintenance, and certification of sustainability;
5. Advise the commissioner regarding the development of a sustainability certification program, and the marketing and packaging of products containing the certification;
6. Explore the standards held by international private sector certifying groups which have the potential to increase sales of North Dakota products; and
7. Report to the legislative council on the status of committee activities.

At the Advisory Committee meeting in 2010, consensus was reached on the following:

1. A definition of sustainability would need to be developed or adopted.
2. The program would not be beneficial to producers and could potentially only benefit a small number of producers. Producers who market their commodities directly overseas would benefit from this program more than producers who sold their commodities at a local elevator.
 - a. A local elevator is unlikely to pay a premium for a commodity that has a sustainable agriculture certificate

3. The program would be cost prohibitive at this point.
4. Delay the implementation of the sustainable certification program to focus on research, education, and promotion of sustainable farming and ranching.
5. Continue to explore better outcome based metrics and tools for a certification program.

Based on the committee consensus, we are requesting the language change from “shall” to “may” to provide flexibility in calling the committee together when there is more demand for a sustainable certification program.

Chairman Johnson and committee members, thank you for your consideration of SB 2049. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

2021 SENATE AGRICULTURE

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2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1046
2/11/2021

Relating to the advisory committee on sustainable agriculture

Chair Luick called the Committee to order at 10:57 AM. All Committee members were present: Chair Luick, Vice Chair Myrdal, Senator Klein, Senator Lemm, Senator O. Larsen and Senator Hogan.

Discussion Topics:

- Flexibility regarding the Advisory Committee
- Commodity groups
- Definition of sustainable agriculture

(10:58 AM) Tom Bodine, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner in favor # 6221

(11:04 AM) Senator Klein moved a Do Pass on HB 1046

(11:05 AM) Vice Chair Myrdal 2nd the motion

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Oley Larsen	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y

(11:06 AM) Roll Call vote on Do Pass 6-0-0

(11:07 AM) Senator Lemm will carry the Bill.

(11:08 AM) Chair Luick closed the hearing on SB 1046.

Alice Delzer, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1046: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1046 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER
DOUG GOEHRING



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**Testimony of Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Bodine
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
House Bill 1046
Senate Agriculture Committee
February 11, 2021**

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