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Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Jeff Hagener, Director of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). We are here to provide information on HB 423.

It is our understanding that FWP will be used to pass General Fund from the Legislature to a non-profit organization in Malta to create a dinosaur park. The legislation does not specify which non-profit organization is to receive the funding and therefore we assume that FWP will have to create a competitive process for organizations to apply for the funding. FWP pay for the competitive grant process out of the funds in this bill. We also assume that the legislative direction is that this money is for Malta and facilities like the new Ft. Peck interpretive center and dinosaur museum in Ft. Peck are not eligible for the grant.

We also assume that once the grant is passed through to a non-profit organization that there will be no state ownership, association or oversight of the facility or its use of the funding and subsequently no additional costs to the state.

Thank you for the chance to provide these clarifications.