

HB 1380 – Testimony by Dustin Gawrylow (Lobbyist #266) North Dakota Watchdog Network

HB 1380 is another well-intended bill designed to promote “economic diversification”.

The question this raises is “how is “economic diversification” different than the “economic development” programs that already exist?

I am sure there are documents available that inventory all the various government programs designed to either “diversify” or “develop” the economy.

Before the legislature earmarks Legacy Fund dollars for anything, there needs to be a review of all the ways the state has already created programs, incentives, and subsidies for this very purpose.

If those programs, incentives, and subsidies are not getting the job done – then why would the state dedicate Legacy Fund money on top of what is already out there?