



# BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

**KELLY LEBEN**  
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Testimony provided for: House Judiciary

By: Dustin Olson, Lieutenant, Burleigh County Sheriff's Department

My name is Dustin Olson and I am a Lieutenant with the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department. I oversee the Enforcement Division which includes our Patrol and Investigation Sections. I come here today in opposition to House Bill (HB) 1270.

The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department is opposed to HB 1270 because of the difficulties it will create for our deputies while in the course of their official duties. It is common for the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department to receive anonymous tips of criminal activity, as it is for other Law Enforcement (LE) personnel across the state. A common practice utilized by the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department and LE is to conduct surveillance. This is done to help verify or dismiss the information received in the anonymous tip. If HB 1270 were to pass, LE will be limited on how to verify that information and further a criminal case if warranted.

Adding an exemption that states "Law enforcement in the performance of their official duties" may correct this concern. Without that exemption, I ask that you oppose HB 1270 and recommend a do not pass from the House Judiciary Committee.

*Dustin Olson*

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