

Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota

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House Political Subdivision Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the Political Subdivision Committee,

My name is Darren Schimke, President of the Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota representing 415 professional firefighters across our great state. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of HB 1371.

Admittedly, the passage of HB 1371 will not negatively affect all members of the PFFND. What it will do, is affect multiple Local membership along both the Western and Eastern borders. The Locals along both borders, constitute approximately half of our membership. Of those members, approximately 8% live across the North Dakota boarder in a different State. The passage of HB 1371 would negatively impact those firefighters commute to and from their fire stations, sleep patterns, and family lives.

For those reasons, the PFFND opposes HB 1371 and requests the consideration of a Do NOT Pass recommendation of HB 1371 from the House Political Subdivision Committee.

Thank you,

Darren Schimke