

Written Testimony on House Bill 1398

Chairman Klein and Political Industry, Business and Labor Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am a lifelong citizen of North Dakota and an hourly wage worker. I am representing myself.

I opposed House Bill 1398. House Bill 1398 will be a state mandate on political subdivisions again. In 67th Legislative session, I continue to hear from the Republican legislators about local control in committee hearings and floor sessions but here is a bill that you legislators want to take local control away by a mandate.

This was done in the 66th Legislative session with House Bill 1193 which was a living wage mandate prohibition for political subdivisions. In the 66th Legislative session it was Republican legislators talking about local control throughout the session but the legislators did not keep the promise of local control.

In all the legislative sessions, legislators have mention many times of displeasure of federal mandates to states feeling it is not right because the state should have local control.

With this House Bill 1398, the state will be mandating to political subdivisions. I called it hypocrisy.

As an hourly wage worker who is helping paying your legislative salary and free health insurance, I challenge the legislators to prove that hourly wage workers lives do matter with a DO NOT PASS recommendation on House Bill 1398.

I will include my home phone number listed below if any legislator would be interested to call me later in the evening.

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