

House Finance and Taxation Committee
Representative Craig Headland, Chairman
Representative Jared Hagert, Vice-Chairman

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Chairman Headland, Members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee:

My name is Keith Hunke and I am the City Administrator for the City of Bismarck.

I am providing written testimony in opposition to House Bill 1328.

A recent special assessment project for street maintenance included both single family residential properties and mobile home park properties. Each single family residential property is a single parcel and is paying \$1,147.00 for the street maintenance special assessment. There are three (3) mobile home park properties in this project. Each mobile home park property is a single parcel and paying \$7,400.00, \$20,000.00, and \$11,000.00 respectively based on parcel size. Doing a quick count of the number of mobile homes within each of these mobile home parks and has each mobile home paying between \$200-600. This is still below the single family residential property rate so no issues with the proposed language in House Bill 1328

But, If the intent of House Bill 1328 is saying each mobile home park property parcel is to be paying a rate no greater than the single family residential property, we would have each of the three (3) mobile home park properties paying only \$1,147.00 for the special assessment project for street maintenance. This doesn't seem to be equitable.

The Bismarck City Commission approves its Special Assessment Policy on an annual basis. The most recent version of Bismarck's policy was approved on January 10, 2023. The City of Bismarck Special Assessment Policy recognizes that mobile home park properties maintain private drives within the mobile home park and provides a twenty-five percent reduction in their parcel square footage to account for this.

I urge you to give HB 1328 a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of House Bill 1328. I am happy to stand for any questions the Committee may have.

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