

HB 1588
Senate Judiciary Committee

Testimony Presented by Sally Holewa
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Chair Larson and members of the committee, for the record, my name is Sally Holewa and I am the state court administrator.

In our opinion, it is for the Supreme Court to determine security requirements for courtrooms and other facilities dedicated for court use, including when and by whom weapons may be possessed in those facilities.

The Capitol has security in place including metal detectors at all public entrances and Highway Patrol officers on site. If the Legislature is inclined to repeal the current restrictions on the carrying of firearms and dangerous weapons within the State Capitol, we advise you that the North Dakota Supreme Court facilities in the Capitol (including the court room and the Supreme Court offices) will be subject to such additional restrictions on entering or remaining in court facilities as the Supreme Court may provide for by rule.