

February 9, 2021
House Political Subdivision
HB 1367

Dear Chairman Dockter and Honorable Members of the House Political Subdivision Committee.

My name is David Steele and I am presently serving on the Jamestown City Council. I respectfully ask that you give HB 1367 a "Do Not Pass" recommendation. Setting an annual budget for the city is a difficult and time consuming task for city managers, department heads, and elected officials. As the budgeting process now stands, we will begin the budgeting process for the year 2022 this coming month of March to complete our budget by August 10th. Moving the completion date to July 10th would require us to start the budget process in January or February, with many unknowns about the current year. If the budget was to be referred, as would be allowed by this bill, it would create a time frame for completing and submitting a budget, within the given time frame impossible let alone an added cost for an election, and burden to local governments.

I urge that you give HB 1367 a "Do Not Pass" recommendation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

David Steele
Jamestown City Council Member