

## HB-1146 Introduction

Chairman Vedaa, Members of the Senate GVA Committee. For the record, I'm Glenn Bosch representing Bismarck's district 30.

Last session we passed HB-1435. That bill provided the implementation, governance, and appropriation for the deployment of the new Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN) and I want to thank this committee for supporting that bill.

The bill before you provides clarification to the portion of the original bill that provided for a radio grant.

HB-1435 made available a \$1500 per radio grant to city and county personal to defray some of the cost of new radio purchases. The grant was also intended to extend to rural and volunteer fire and ambulance districts among others.

What was discovered over the interim is as the bill reads, it unintentionally omits any users of the network that are not city or county personal from receiving the grant. As the bill sponsor, I can tell you that this was not the intention.

The proposed new language captures all the user's that should be eligible to receive the grant and there is no additional cost to the project as these users were always part of the funding calculation.

Lastly, to avoid this situation in the future, language was added that allows SIEC to draft rules regarding eligibility for access to the network.

With that I'll stand for questions.