

Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Bill 2168
Testimony of Mike Borr, Director, UPSO, NDSU

For the record my name is Mike Borr, Director of University Police and Safety Office at North Dakota State University. I am writing today in opposition of the jurisdictional changes identified in Senate Bill 2168.

North Dakota State University has a number of concerns and questions with the bill before you today as currently written containing the suggested expansion of jurisdictional areas for our campus by establishing a 1500 foot expanded perimeter to current jurisdiction. They are as follows:

The jurisdiction extents which were established previously during the 65th Legislative Assembly are ideal for our law enforcement purposes and providing service and support for our campus community. We are not in support of changing this boundary.

The current jurisdiction provides a clear delineation of the boundaries to patrol jurisdiction. This clarity dissolves when a stipulation of 1500 feet beyond a specific geographic limit is made.

An extended boundary to our jurisdiction would add a number of additional bars, restaurants and other commercial establishments as well as significant residential areas within the city of Fargo. This is particularly the case for our downtown academic buildings.

We have a good working relationship with the other local law enforcement agencies and don't wish to jeopardize those relationships.

We feel our students are best served by the current jurisdictional boundaries. We see no substantial benefit to expanding it further.

Thank you for your consideration.