



House Political Subdivisions  
Chairperson and Committee Members

HB 1237 Support

The Downtown Business Association of Bismarck represents over 200 members with 9,000 employees in North Dakota's second largest employment district.

We encourage your support of HB 1237 to allow political subdivisions to use their taxing authority to pay 'street utility fees' in the same manner as special assessments. This would allow cities that switch from special assessments to 'street maintenance fees' the opportunity to treat all political subdivisions equally to communities that continue to use the special assessment system for street maintenance. Therefore removing any undue hardship on school and park districts from assessing and paying for street maintenance.

Our organization has been concerned about infrastructure fees, but working as a part of the special assessment and infrastructure task force in Bismarck, this change in state law would continue to allow us to work through the details of changing our special assessments for maintenance to a more manageable fee, if implemented thoughtfully.

We encourage your DO PASS vote on HB 1237  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Herzog".

Kate Herzog, COO  
Chief Operating Officer  
Downtown Business Association of Bismarck

President  
Downtown Bismarck Community Foundation