

HB1278

Thank you Chairman and members of the committee. For the record I am Bernie Satrom and I am honored to serve the great people of District 12 in Jamestown and NE Stutsman county. Today I bring before you HB1278 I will provide you an overview of what this bill does.

The First feature of the bill codifies that it the State investment board may use the services of external investment managers and adds to establish policies and procedures or internal investment management. This is similar to the process that other states such as SD FL and TX use for their investments. If we utilize internal investment of 15% of our funds it would result in an estimated \$16 million additional income versus external investors.

To promote transparency The second component of this bill calls for a annual report on our ND investments plus a list of the countries which we are invested.

The Section 3 aligns with HB1429 and language from SB2091 from last session which we passed which had to do with ESG investments. And clarifies that there is a prohibition of social investing not only by SIB but also by any state agency investing public funds.

Section 4 Prohibits an agency from renewing a contract perpetually and without limitation.

Section 5 The ESG movement is a large concern for many of our citizens and businesses, 1278 Calls for LM to study current ESG, Environmental, Social and governance trends, issues, policies and impacts to citizens businesses and industries of this state.

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