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Reasons for a Do Not Pass

1. Not Needed as it can be done by county ordinance- Burleigh County recently passed a Home Rule Charter so they could enact an ordinance to fit their individual county instead of passing a law for the whole state.
2. Local Control- this bill supersedes and impose its will over local counties and cities throughout the state in search of solving a local problem in one area of the state.
3. Local ordinances are different depending on location in the state.
4. Lowers standards and expands area of which a dog would be subject to state law instead of being governed by their local ordinance. The state penalty is very strict. See below.

What happens when a dog is declared a public nuisance. See Century Code below.

42-03-03. Hearing - Judgment - Execution.

On the day of hearing the district or municipal judge shall hear the evidence in the case. If the judge finds that the dog is a public nuisance, judgment must be entered accordingly, and the judge shall order any peace officer to kill and bury the dog, which order the peace officer shall forthwith execute.

For these reasons and because it is not needed. Please give 1364 a Do Not Pass.