

Testimony

House Bill No. 1285

Senate State and Local Government Committee

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Madam Chair Roers and committee members, my name is Greg Hoffman and I serve as the Deputy CIO for ND Information Technology. I am submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 1285.

ND Information Technology, like most agencies of the Executive Branch are specialized entities responsible for carrying out specific functions or delivery of specific services to the citizens of North Dakota. The expert knowledge and experience in these respective fields uniquely position the agency to identify issues and propose potential solutions that may require legislative action.

By allowing agencies like Information Technology to introduce bills, the legislative body takes advantage of the in-house subject matter experts that will present well-informed and practical solutions. This can save legislators time and resources during the legislative process not having to research possible legislative changes on their own.

Allowing agencies to submit bills emphasizes the accountability agencies have to the citizens they serve and can provide a direct avenue for agencies to address concerns and improve services. Since the legislative body has similar responsibilities to the citizens of North Dakota, they can leverage the work done by agencies to enhance their responsiveness to the needs of the citizens.

This concludes my testimony, thank you committee members.