

Members of the State and Local Government Committee.

In regards to HB 1508 I am writing in opposition to this bill. As things stand now it appears that our State Auditor is the only government entity that is truly working for the people of ND. Any efforts to undermine or limit the authority of this office will do harm beyond repair. Of all the public money budgeted or taxed this is the best money spent. We can only look to the most recent uncovering of the Williston School District financial concerns as a reason for the auditor and the duties provided to continue as is. The unfounded fear is that the auditor will place undue expense on local small public service entities. Smaller public service entities natural have less accounting entries and therefore less to audit so the time and money spent is less making this a mute point. Please kill this bill! Thank you!