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**HOUSE BILL 1529**  
**MARCH 17, 2023**

**SENATE STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**SENATOR KRISTIN ROERS, CHAIR**

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY**

**MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE**

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Chairman Roers and members of the committee, for the record, I am Michael Howe, North Dakota Secretary of State.

House Bill 1529 was amended to address that request and seeks to create an interim study, however, we are proposing an amendment to the bill as we believe the current language does not specifically address campaign finance and is too broad in scope.

The amendment we are proposing is included below, along with a Christmas tree version of the bill.

Chairman Roers, members of the committee, I urge you amend this bill, and I'll stand for any questions.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Page 1, line 1, overstrike "state elections law." and insert "campaign finance law."

Page 1, line 5, after "Code" insert "16.1-08.1" and overstrike "elections" and insert "campaign contribution statements"

Page 1, line 9, after "to" overstrike "the"

Renumber accordingly

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1529

Introduced by

Representatives Prichard, ~~Bahl~~, Hoverson, J. Johnson, ~~Koppelman~~, McLeod, Vetter

Senators ~~Barta~~, ~~Braunberger~~, ~~Estenson~~, Magrum

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to ~~state elections-~~  
~~law~~ campaign finance law.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE ELECTIONS LAW.** During  
4 the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the provisions of the  
5 North Dakota Century Code 16.1-08.1 related to ~~elections~~ campaign contribution statements for  
6 purposes of eliminating duplicative  
7 provisions, clarifying inconsistent or unclear provisions, pursuing uniformity for required  
8 contribution and expenditure reports, and rearranging provisions in a logical order. The  
9 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any  
10 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to ~~the~~ the sixty-ninth legislative  
assembly.