



House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division
Testimony on HB 1016

North Dakota Game and Fish Department
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Chairman Monson and members of the committee. My name is Scott Winkelman, Chief Game Warden of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. I am testifying today in support of HB 1016.

HB 1016 contains appropriations needed for the proper function of State Radio. The funding requested will improve the capabilities of the Statewide Interoperability Radio Network, otherwise known as SIRN, and ensure that law enforcement agencies and officers, including the Game Wardens, stay safe and are able to properly communicate with State Radio dispatchers and other law enforcement officers.

The Department respectfully requests your support for critical funding needed for State Radio and the SIRN project.