

January 20, 2024
House Human Services Committee
HB 1321
Rep. Matthew Ruby, Chair

For the record, I am Stephanie Dassinger Engebretson. I am appearing on behalf of the Chiefs of Police Association of North Dakota. I am also the deputy director and attorney for the North Dakota League of Cities. The Chiefs of Police appear in opposition to Section 1 of HB 1321.

Section 1 of HB 1321 substantially increases the amount of medical marijuana in the form of dried leaves and flowers that a qualifying patient, or their designated caregiver, can purchase on one day, can possess at one time, and can purchase in one month. Increasing the amount of dried leaves and flowers that a qualifying patient can possess increases the risk the product will be diverted and sold illegally.

Due to the increased risk of diversion of medical marijuana under HB 1321, the Chiefs of Police Association respectfully requests a Do Not Pass recommendation on HB 1321.