

House bill 1398

My name is Benjiman Cartwright. I am the owner/publisher of the newspaper The Standard located in Westhope. I am writing my testimony in favor of house bill 1398.

Having been in the newspaper industry only a short time as I started in 2020, I have realized more of the importance of having information in a local newspaper. Often I hear of people saying that information is available on the internet but the common response is we can't find it, we don't have that technology, it's just too complicated to find. These are things I will be honest, didn't think about until I heard first hand from subscribers. The publication of insurance abstracts in all papers across the state has been a long practice and while some people do not think they are necessary, it is an information notice to the public that this information is being collected and monitored. The easiest way to inform the most people is to include these in all the newspapers across the state. Even if a person doesn't subscribe they can purchase a paper over the counter in their local area. Having this in only a few papers will exclude many from across the state to access and verify this information. This will not cost the insurance companies any difference in money it will just spread these notices across a larger audience. I am recommending a do pass for this amendment.

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