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Representative Heinert and the House ENR "Gun Club" workgroup-

Hi everyone. Thank you again for all your work on examining the firearm-related bills. We have discussed the proposed amendment language (which is not yet finalized by LC) and we have some slight concerns. Though we very much appreciate the intent to leave the management of firearm policies to the judgment of the State Board of Higher Education, we are concerned that rules and policies of the State Board do not carry the force of law.

Meaning, if this passes, and the State Board of Higher Education maintains a policy that prohibits firearms on our campuses, and an individual of the public is discovered on SBHE property with a firearm, only our campus security/campus police could handle it; local law enforcement would not have the ability to intervene.

One suggestion for the revised language is:

It may be more clear if N.D.C.C. 62.1-02-05(1)(c) said, "Buildings and property owned or under the control of the state board of higher education, except as permitted by a policy adopted by the state board of higher education."

That way, law enforcement can just cite to the statute when making an arrest or issuing a citation, instead of having to cross reference board or institutional policy.

This would result in achieving the same goal but making it clearer for our partners in law enforcement. You would still remove N.D.C.C. 62.1-02-05(1)(o) as proposed in the bill and then forgo the amendment to N.D.C.C. 62.1-02-05(4) that was discussed in the workgroup.

I hate throwing curveballs after the work has been completed, but I'm not a lawyer nor law enforcement, so I don't catch the nuances!

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to

help.

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