

To: **Hon. Chairman Longmuir**  
**Hon. Vice-Chair Fegley**  
**Hon. Vice-Chair Jonas**  
**Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee**

From: **Wade G. Enget, Mountrail County State's Attorney**

Re: **HB 1399**

I am submitting this testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1399.

I am currently serving as the Mountrail County State's Attorney, and have been in that position since November 1, 1985. During that time, I have tried several felony cases to juries, and also felony cases before a judge. In each of those cases, it is imperative that any witness(es) to the crime be present to give their testimony regarding the events that occurred.

HB 1399 is a well-thought out plan that would allow Counties in the State of North Dakota to cooperate amongst themselves to insure that monies appropriated according to the provisions of N.D.C.C. §31-01-16 are available for use within a biennium, even when a county has already "used up" their allocation.

As we know, crime has no season and criminal felony jury trials cannot be predicted with any certainty. HB 1399 allows for flexibility, while remaining true to the intent of N.D.C.C. §31-01-16.

Thank you for your time, and again I would request a **DO PASS** recommendation from this Committee on HB 1399.

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