

HB 1176

Senate Finance and Taxation

Chairman Weber and Committee Members

I strongly urge a Do Not Pass on HB 1176. This bill wasn't very good from the beginning, but since this bill has been hijacked by Nathe and Hogue, it has been turned into "crap." It looks like they are throwing that "crap" against the wall to see if will stick.

This is why there was a Constitutional Amendment to ELIMINATE PROPERTY TAXES in North Dakota. We The People are tired of the "BS" that is in HB 1176. We were told by many of the North Dakota Legislators that we would get REAL REFORM and REAL RELIEF, and these same legislators told us that they heard us LOUD and CLEAR.

Article X Section of the North Dakota Constitution says: The legislative assembly shall be prohibited from raising revenue to defray the expenses of the state through the levying of a tax on the assessed value of real or personal property.

It is time to rework HB 1168 to its original form and to follow Article 8 Section 2 of the North Dakota Constitution. "The legislative assembly shall provide for a uniform system of free public schools throughout the state, beginning with the primary and extending through all grades up to and including schools of higher education, except that the legislative assembly may authorize tuition, fees and service charges to assist in the financing of public schools of higher education." It is time for the Legislature to follow the North Dakota Constitution and uphold your oath to the United States and North Dakota Constitutions or resign.

Thank You, Gordon Greenstein

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