

69TH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Senate Bill 2218 - “Relating to an appropriation to the insurance commissioner for a North Dakota firefighter’s association grant.”

Senate Industry and Business Committee

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The North Dakota Firefighters Association (NDFA) is a trusted partner and an essential resource for North Dakota Firefighters. Their mission “*To Promote the Safety and Welfare of the North Dakota Firefighters Association Members Through Uniform and Established Training Standards*” is helps protect lives and property of North Dakotans.

The North Dakota Forest Service partners with the NDFA annually to provide wildland fire training at State Fire School. The agency also coordinates and collaborates with NDFA’s leadership and their membership. The NDFA is a valued and trusted partner and together we help make North Dakota a better, safer place to live, work and recreate in.

A centrally located office and training facilities are essential for the NDFA to deliver their mission. We encourage the committee to providing funding through the Insurance Commissioner to the NDFA for the purchase a new firefighter’s association building. The facility will benefit firefighters statewide, as well as their many partners, and most importantly, the public.

We greatly appreciate the ability to share the importance of the NDFA highlight this opportunity to consider providing funding for the purchase of a new facility.

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