

HB 1259 – Senate committee hearing March 27, 2025

In opposition

I wish to provide testimony in opposition to HB 1259. My testimony is as a private resident, living in a border city. I know the chaos this will cause if passed. I live in ND and have family in MN, across the river. My daughter and her husband have worked in ND for years. It's already a challenge for these two adults to coordinate doctor and dental appointments, along with school drop-off/school pick-up and school activities while currently living and working in the same time zone. Being on different time zones is just not workable. Also, I can't imagine a work place accommodating to make this time zone change work for their employees. Will these adults then need to find new jobs in MN (they have good jobs in ND) or move to the bordering state? I don't believe there are realistic options if this passes and other bordering ND states don't change as well.

I'm also concerned how we will schedule family visits and back-up child care needs while living in different time zones. Again, already difficult to do while living in the same time zone.

I do agree that switching time zones every year is hard on people. I've been saying this for years. But, when your city is so intertwined with a border city, either they both need to make this change, or leave the time zone change as is until the federal government decides time zones should be either standard or daylight saving time for all states. This would be the cleanest and easiest enactment.

Please don't pass this bill.

Thank you.