
SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
SENATOR KRISTEN ROERS, CHAIR

TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY

ERIKA WHITE, STATE ELECTION DIRECTOR

Chair Roers and members of the committee, I'm Erika White, and serve as the state election director for the Office of the Secretary of State. I'm here to support the intention behind SB2156 but believe we can improve upon the language presented here. Transparency in campaign finance reporting is an important part of North Dakota's elections processes. We believe Senator Cleary's bill is a starting point for further conversations to improve the state's campaign finance laws and reporting requirements.

There are many bills this session that seek to provide greater reporting and/or greater transparency for campaign funds – HB1286, HB1377, HB1583. Chairman Roers and members of the committee, we would invite further conversation to improve upon this bill to ensure we are creating change that does three critical things for campaign finance reform – creates laws that are understandable by candidates and easy to administer, provides greater transparency to the public, and offers ease of reporting for candidates.

We offer our support in working collaboratively with the bill sponsor and this committee to bring amendment language to support improvements in this bill.