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2005 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1375

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1375
House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-25-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
3		x	5.7-21.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jody Reinke</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on HB 1375. All committee members were present.

Representative M. Ekstrom: Appeared in support of HB 1375 and also was a sponsor.

Ekstrom provided a written statement (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Dave Straley, ND Chamber of Commerce: Appeared in support of bill and provided a written statement (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Representative Kasper: Would the business community consider contributing some money to help fund the cost?

Dave Straley: That is a good question, and I don't know if I can answer that.

Bob Humann, BND: Appeared Neutral on HB 1375. The Bank of North Dakota is mentioned in the bill, we are really here to figure out how this will effect us.

We really haven't made any decisions whether we are for or against the bill.

Chairman Keiser: I think this is an interesting concept, and one that from a policy standpoint the committee should give some reasonable discussion too, it makes me nervous that we are going to do so much, so fast I would rather limit it to one town, and see whether we can design the strategy for doing this.

Representative Froseth: When I signed on to this bill I thought it was an interesting concept, there is some obviously usable information that the smaller communities can use in the efforts to spur some economic development, at the time we didn't know what the cost was going to be we didn't have any idea, in the back of my mind, I was hoping there would be some grant money available through NDSU RESEARCH I don't know if that is possible or not, I would like to see this bill move forward, either in it's present form or not, just so the concept is there.

Representative Keiser: Why wouldn't the vision fund, be willing to put some money into it, if it was a community in our region, they would have to apply for it, I wouldn't make any commitments, but certainly there might be some alternative, maybe a dollar match.

Representative Ekstrom: When I checked with the Bank of North Dakota, they do in fact have a \$25,000.00 loan that would be available to the business, we both agree that the community should participate, there are some dollars out there that can plug into this, and come up with a very interesting prospect, I would love to hang onto 3, because I would love to see what small communities would do with this.

Chairman Keiser: You might have to scale it down to 2 communities, because of the fiscal note being relatively large.

Hearing closed.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1375

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
4	xx		21.5--27.8
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Dever</i>			

Minutes: **Chair Keiser:** Let's take up HB 1375. We have an amendment going around.

Rep. Ekstrom: What we did was changed the number of communities from three to two. We changed the size of the town from 1500 to 3500 and from 0 to 1500. We could put a bottom level higher than zero. I don't see any reason to do that. On page 2, line 11, after securities we insert "the department may charge as fee for the services provided to the community. This fee may not exceed 25% of the value of the services offered."

Chair Keiser: I would have preferred one, but will work with two. There is technology that has to be developed here. How do you go through a community and assess the assets. How do you define the assets. There may be some preexisting things to help with that. For ND, it's a problem.

Rep. Ekstrom: After discussing this with Rep. Froseth, there is already a resume builder with Job Service. It would have to be expanded. In some towns, our feeling is that we could start with that base and develop the questions. The community themselves can do this. It would not have to cost more money.

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House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1375

Hearing Date 1-26-05

Rep. Dosch: I move a DO PASS on AMENDMENTS. **Rep. Boe:** I second.

VOICE VOTE: ALL YES Amendments passed.

Rep. Dietrich: I move a DO PASS and Re-referred to approps

Rep. Vigasaa: I second

VOTE: 13 - YES, 0 - NO, 1 - Absent. PASSED **Rep. Clark** will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/31/2005

Amendment to: HB 1375

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$67,500			
Appropriations			\$67,500			

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Development and implementation of the Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expiration date for the pilot program is July 31, 2009. Therefore, because of the limited tenure of the program, it is implied that contracting for the service would be more economical and efficient than hiring an FTE.

The primary expenditures associated with this bill would consist of gathering data for the communities. Most data would be collected from secondary sources to minimize costs. The use of detailed community workforce skills assessment audits are not anticipated since they would entail significant additional costs. It is assumed that strategic plans for the communities will then be completed incorporating the asset data.

The estimated cost of the strategic plans has been incorporated into this fiscal note.

The estimated expenditures associated with the pilot program are as follows:

Assemble and compile asset information: \$30,000 (\$15,000 per community)
 Develop two strategic plans: \$60,000 (\$30,000 per community)
 Report to the Legislature: No additional expenditures
 Biennium Total: \$90,000

Assuming the communities provide the 25% match of \$22,500 the remaining cost to the state would be at a minimum \$67,500.

*It is estimated that the data for the communities could be compiled and the corresponding strategic plans could be completed within the next biennium. Therefore, the preceding expenditures only pertain to the 2005-2007 biennium.

*In addition, it is assumed that an electronic data base would not be developed during the pilot period due to the fact that data from only two communities would be involved in the program. If the program became successful and additional communities were added, it would be economical to appropriate funds for the development of a specific data base. If the pilot program expanded to cover additional communities, expenditures would increase to cover the expanded scope of the program.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

No appropriations have been attached to this bill. However, it is estimated that to implement the program \$67,500 will need to be appropriated to cover the 75% of the costs not covered by the community's 25% match.

Name:	Paul T. Govig	Agency:	Dept. of Commerce
Phone Number:	328-4499	Date Prepared:	02/01/2005

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/14/2005

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1375

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$135,000			
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Development and implementation of the Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program.

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A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expiration date for the pilot program is July 31, 2009. Therefore, because of the limited tenure of the program, it is implied that contracting for the service would be more economical and efficient than hiring an FTE.

The primary expenditures associated with this bill would consist of gathering data for the three communities. It is assumed that strategic plans for the three communities will then be completed incorporating the asset data. The estimated cost of the three strategic plans has been incorporated into this fiscal note.

The estimated expenditures associated with the pilot program are as follows:

Assemble and compile asset information: \$45,000 (\$15,000 per community)
 Develop three strategic plans: \$90,000 (\$30,000 per community)
 Report to the Legislature: No additional expenditures
 Biennium Total: \$135,000

*It is estimated that the data for the three communities could be compiled and the corresponding strategic plans could be completed within the next biennium. Therefore, the preceding expenditures only pertain to the 2005-2007 biennium.

*In addition, it is assumed that an electronic data base would not be developed during the pilot period due to the fact that data from only three communities would be involved in the program. If the program became successful and additional communities were added, it would be economical to appropriate funds for the development of a specific data base. If the pilot program expanded to cover additional communities, expenditures would increase to cover the expanded scope of the program.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

No appropriations have been attached to this bill. It is estimated that to implement the program, \$135,000 will need to be appropriated for the next biennium.

Name:	Paul Govig	Agency:	North Dakota Department of Commerce
Phone Number:	328-4499	Date Prepared:	01/18/2005

January 26, 2005

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1/27/05

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1375 IBL 1--27-05

Page 1, line 3, replace "three" with "two"

Page 1, line 15, after the first "than" insert "one thousand", replace the comma with "and", and after the second "than" insert "one thousand"

Page 1, line 16, replace the first "one" with "three" and remove ", and one city with a population of more than"

Page 1, line 17, remove "one thousand five hundred and not more than three thousand"

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HB 1375 IBL 1-27-05

Page 2, line 11, after the period insert "The department may charge a fee for the services provided to the community. This fee may not exceed twenty-five percent of the value of the services offered."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1-26-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1375

House INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Adopt Amendments as presented by Ekstrom

Motion Made By Rep. Dosch Seconded By Rep. Boe

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
G. Keiser-Chairman			Rep. B. Amerman		
N. Johnson-Vice Chairman			Rep. T. Boe		
Rep. D. Clark			Rep. M. Ekstrom		
Rep. D. Dietrich			Rep. E. Thorpe		
Rep. M. Dosch					
Rep. G. Froseth					
Rep. J. Kasper					
Rep. D. Nottestad					
Rep. D. Ruby					
Rep. D. Vigesaa					

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Date: 1-26-05

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1375

House INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended & Referred to Approps

Motion Made By Rep. Dietrich Seconded By Rep. Vigesaa

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
G. Keiser-Chairman	/		Rep. B. Amerman	/	
N. Johnson-Vice Chairman	/		Rep. T. Boe	/	
Rep. D. Clark	/		Rep. M. Ekstrom	/	
Rep. D. Dietrich	/		Rep. E. Thorpe	/	
Rep. M. Dosch	/				
Rep. G. Froseth	/				
Rep. J. Kasper	AB				
Rep. D. Nottestad	/				
Rep. D. Ruby	/				
Rep. D. Vigesaa	/				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent - 1 -

Floor Assignment Rep. Clark

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1375: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1375 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, replace "three" with "two"

Page 1, line 15, after the first "than" insert "one thousand", replace the comma with "and", and after the second "than" insert "one thousand"

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Renumber accordingly

2005 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1375

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1375
Beginning Again ND Pilot Program

House Appropriations Full Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 8, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		#6.0 - #31.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chris Alexander</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman opened the discussion on HB1375 and the clerk read the title.

Rep George Keiser introduced the bill as a concept from an NCSL meeting where they has a session on economic development in the small communities in various states. This is a pilot program that will be undertaken by the department of Commerce with the purpose being to develop a database for the facilities, assets, strengths and weaknesses in our small communities and to use the data to develop an economic strategy for that community. The pilot program will contain two communities, one being less than 1500 people and one community being 1501 to 3500 people. We added up to a 25% match from the local community from any source that could be found, and that the communities would report their findings during the biennium to the Legislative Council and we added a sunset on this bill effective until July 1, 2009. The fiscal note is to hire the consultant to conduct this study and put together the audit. Rep Keiser

commented that they try this program on a trial basis and use the model for implementation rather than reinventing the wheel.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman clarified that the fiscal note was the \$67,500.00 and asked why this type of arrangement was not already available to small communities.

Rep George Keiser answered that every good idea brought up when discussing economic development for small communities the agencies responded that they do not have the staff to carry out these programs.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman asked about the money requested.

Rep George Keiser answered that the money was needed to hire additional staff or to hire a consultant.

Rep. Al Carlson asked if anyone had looked for any private donations in order for the program to move forward instead of using the general fund moneys.

Rep George Keiser answered that they were asking for up to a 25% match from the community for this project. Many communities are not collecting sales tax and do not have economic development, and do not have resources like a Bismarck has so they are hard pressed to come up with 10%. This program has worked in other states and we thought it was worth while trying here.

Rep. Al Carlson commented that the concept is a good one but wondered why if it was a priority for the legislature that we should do something in these small communities then it should be a priority for the department of Commerce. Since now not only does the department not have this is their budget but they have it set that any work they do accomplish in small committees

they get fees for their efforts. It is hard to set something like this when we don't know what the rest of their budget looks like.

Rep. Eliot Glassheim asked what the support for this bill was in the standing committee

Rep. George Keiser answered that the support was unanimous from economic developers, the Department of Commerce, the bill sponsors and from some small communities.. The only opposition was from the department of Commerce who said that they agreed with the concept but said that they did not have the funding available to carry it out.

Rep. Bob Skarphol asked what the vote was from the standing committee.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman answered it was 13 yeas, 0 neas, with 1 absent. (meter Tape #1, side A, #12.9)

Rep. Pam Gulleon moved a Do Pass motion on HB1375.

Rep. Joe Kroeber seconded.

Rep. David Monson commented that everyone in his district would fit into this size community and they can already do this work so he questioned why the money was needed.

Rep. Pam Gulleon answered that the resources are the barrier for why more communities are not doing this already. Rep Gulleon suggested that this pilot program be tried and then a analysis made as whether the program would need to continue.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman called for a roll call vote of the Do Pass Motion on HB1375.

The motion failed with a vote of 7 yeas, 13 neas, and 3 absences.

Rep. Al Carlson moved a Do Pass with removing the fiscal note.

Mr. Alan Knutson explained that there was no appropriation in the bill so the fiscal note could not be removed. If the Do pass motion would have passed and then no moneys were appropriated

to the budget for the department of Commerce then they would be required to do this within the limits of their existing appropriations.

Rep. David Monson added that if this were a law then the agency would need to find the money to accomplish this.

Rep. Keith Kempenich commented that since this budget was coming to us in the second half that we would be able to find \$67,500.00 and earmark it for this and go from there.

Rep. Bob Skarphol commented that there were better uses for the budget in the department of Commerce than this. Any community in North Dakota that wants to survive should take it upon themselves to accomplish this and report their findings to the department of Commerce and let them use the agency's resources to do something more constructive and more beneficial than to do these surveys. (meter Tape #1, side A, #18.6)

Rep. Bob Skarphol moved a Do Not Pass motion.

Rep. Ron Carlisle seconded.

Rep. Eliot Glassheim commented that this is a small amount to give to small communities that do not have the staff or skills to do this on their own. To vote for this we should hear what the outcome might be and see the benefit. Assessing the strengths in small communities would not be done without outside help. If this were to work and we become a model for other small towns to use then this would become a helpful tool.

Rep. Ron Carlisle commented that we should not add code for this but instead add it as a line item to their budget once we get it, that's why he supports the Do Not Pass motion.

Rep. David Monson stated that he would resist this Do Not Pass motion and suggested that we should pass this bill and find money within the department of Commerce budget when we get it after crossover.

Rep. Bob Skarphol commented that the small communities can work at collecting this data and that the money would be better used to support the economic developer position. What good the data serves is questionable because it is uncertain how they will use it once it is collected.

Rep. Alon C. Wieland commented that in Cass County this was done collaboratively and the community raised their own money. It is important that the community take an investment in the data collection and then have the agency help them when they start doing the economic development.

Rep. Al Carlson asked why the appropriations committee was hearing this bill when there was no appropriation in the bill. (meter Tape #1, side A, #23.6)

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman answered that the bill was before this committee because it has a fiscal impact of \$67,500.00 on the department of Commerce. Chairman Svedjan continued by saying that the committee needed to give this bill an appropriation or add an appropriation to the budget for the department of Commerce.

Mr. Alan Knutson from Legislative Council added that the appropriation would not have to be added but that if it wasn't the department of Commerce would have to fund the program with their already existing funds.

Rep. Chet Pollert commented that the department of Commerce doesn't put much money into the small communities and they are frustrated with this. This is why I would not support the Do Not Pass motion.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman called for a roll call vote on the Do Not Pass motion on

HB1375. The motion passed with a vote of 11 yeas, 9 neas, and 3 absences and Rep Skarphol will carry the bill to the house floor..

Rep. Bob Martinson commented that this decision was based on the policy of the bill and not the appropriation. This committee just voted down a bill that the IBL committee voted to accept unanimously. We have 5 education bills coming that have no appropriations in them and we did not ask about the policy in sub committee, we only discussed the money. We have to resolve this issue about what to do with these types of bills.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman responded by saying that this is an issue that comes up biennially and I am one that believes this needs to be handled in rule or that an appropriation has to actually be put in the bill. But we have to subscribe to the rules we have right now.

Rep. Bob Martinson commented that we were the ones who make the rules so we should make this a better system. (meter Tape #1, side A, #28.6)

Rep. Bob Skarphol mentioned that he saw no reason why this bill could not go to the floor and let the IBL Committee make their case.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman clarified that the rules for carrying a bill to the floor require us to carry the bill if we make a change to the bill.

Rep. Jeff Delzer commented that the policy drives the fiscal impact in this bill so maybe we voted on policy to some degree but we voted that there might be a better way to spend the money.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman mentioned that the floor calendar will show both sides of this issue.

Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman closed the discussion on HB1375.

Date: February 8, 2005
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1375

House Appropriations - Full Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken **DO NOT PASS**

Motion Made By **Rep Skarphol** Seconded By **Rep Carlisle**

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Ken Svedjan, Chairman	X		Rep. Bob Skarphol	X	
Rep. Mike Timm, Vice Chairman	X		Rep. David Monson		X
Rep. Bob Martinson	X		Rep. Eliot Glassheim		X
Rep. Tom Brusegaard	AB		Rep. Jeff Delzer	X	
Rep. Earl Rennerfeldt	X		Rep. Chet Pollert		X
Rep. Francis J. Wald	AB		Rep. Larry Bellew	X	
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	AB		Rep. Alon C. Wieland	X	
Rep. Pam Gulleeson		X	Rep. James Kerzman		X
Rep. Ron Carlisle	X		Rep. Ralph Metcalf		X
Rep. Keith Kempenich		X			
Rep. Blair Thoreson	X				
Rep. Joe Kroeber		X			
Rep. Clark Williams		X			
Rep. Al Carlson	X				

Total Yes **11** No **9**

Absent **3**

Floor Assignment **Rep Skarphol**

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 8, 2005 2:46 p.m.

Module No: HR-25-2171
Carrier: Skarphol
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1375, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1375 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

HB 1375



**Testimony of David Straley
Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
Presented to the
House Industry, Business and Labor Committee
January 25, 2005**

HB 1375

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee, my name is David Straley. I am here today representing the Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce and urge you to **support** House Bill 1375.

The business community believes that passing this bill will open the door for opportunity in rural North Dakota. We support the concept of giving these smaller communities another tool to use in the recruitment, retention and expansion of businesses. We believe that this could be something that works out very well and could have substantial benefits in the long run and is at least worth an attempt.

Thank you, Chairman Keiser and members of the House Industry Business and Labor Committee, for this opportunity to discuss the business community's position on HB 1375. We urge a **DO PASS** for HB 1375. Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

HOUSE IBL COMMITTEE

January 25, 2005

George Keiser, Chairman

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee.

My name for the record, is Mary Ekstrom. I represent District 11 in Fargo.

Since my first election in 1999, I have been thinking about the future of North Dakota. I have looked at the problems we face with regard to the Urban-Rural split, our low population and the need for good paying jobs.

My thoughts have changed over the years tempered by my education in this committee, and for that, I thank you.

I don't need to tell you that there is a crisis. Fargo and the other larger cities grow at the expense of the rest of the state. Historically, we know that this is nothing new.

Marv Duncan, an economist at the USDA wrote a paper entitled, *'Planning for a Sustainable Future: The Case for the Upper Great Plains.'* He says that our problems go back to the beginning.

“Those who live in the North American Great Plains have exhibited, since settlement, an ambivalence toward two fundamental elements of their environment. Those who promoted settlement in the region encouraged an initial endowment of people, infrastructure, and institutions that far exceed the need for, or the capacity of, the region to support sustainable patterns of life and work.”

Okay, we overbuilt and spread out too much. Now what do we do?

While attending a population conference in Dickinson, I came upon an interesting idea called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). It takes needs based assessments and turns them around 180 degrees focusing on what we **have** instead of solely on what we **need**.

The program I am proposing is called Beginning Again North Dakota (BAND). It calls upon communities to invest in themselves with the one thing that doesn't cost anything: the skills, education and talents they already possess. Suddenly, an old empty building is not a liability. It is an asset and an opportunity.

During the Interim, the Economic Development Committee met in Fargo and heard a presentation from Lee Peterson of the Commerce Department. I asked him a question. "How can we locate small business ideas and small entrepreneurs? He explained how difficult it is. I think that the Beginning Again North Dakota idea might help us locate those people and businesses within the borders of our state.

This bill proposes a pilot program for three communities. I purposely set the ranges of population low to reduce the fiscal impact. The fiscal note indicates that this idea would cost \$135,000. One town selected would have a population between 1500 and 3000; the second would have between 500 and 1500 and the third would have a population under 500. The League of Cities provided me with the 2000 census data. I have included both a numerical and alphabetic list showing the largest to the smallest of our cities: from Fargo with 90,599 to Ruso, ND with a population of 6. The alphabetic list will allow you to easily find your town. **Only 14 cities would not qualify to apply for this program because their population is over 3,000.**

Once the three communities are selected, the education, talents and skills of everyone over 15 years of age would be gathered. We want to know *not* just how fast you type and what was your college major but also - do you sing? Do you dance? Do you do fine embroidery, work leather or fix watches? The list is as varied as the people of North Dakota. And, I suspect, that we will find more than a few surprises.

I hope to accomplish three things with this program.

- The first would be a business or businesses that would create jobs and encourage entrepreneurship.
- The second is tell the town and region more about itself and its talents. "*Attitude*" is what we know and believe about ourselves.
- And the third goal is to tell the rest of the nation and the world about North Dakota. "*Image*" is how the rest of the world sees us.

Several years ago, my firm, created a master plan for downtown Jamestown. I discovered a history of opera in that city. At the turn of the century, three citizens from Jamestown performed at LaScala in Italy. That's not something we associate with North Dakota - it's not something we are known for. I am a proud member of the Baby Boom generation. I watch the trends. What are my fellow boomers looking for in terms of goods and services? Some, like me collect fountain pens and old watches. There has to be a market for the repair of these items. I tried to buy hand embroidered Easter dresses for my granddaughters, the cost was staggering. But it proves that there is a market for such things.

Glen Froseth told me how difficult it is to find a business machine repairman in his part of the state. There are a variety of opportunities.

In your packets I have included a list of publications and books that I have used in my research. I can provide copies of these, if you are interested.

In closing, I would like to share a poem I wrote that to me, epitomizes the reality of rural North Dakota. I call it "Buffalo Alice's Theory on Bars".

BUFFALO ALICE'S THEORY ON BARS

THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN THREE BARS IN THIS TOWN.
YOU CAN DRINK ALONE IN ONE
OR YOU CAN MEET YOUR FRIENDS DOWN THE STREET.

THE ONE ON THE CORNER, WE KEEP
JUST AS A SPARE
IN CASE THE OTHER TWO CLOSE.

NOW THERE'S NOTHING FANCY ABOUT THIS TOWN'S TAVERNS.
BUT LIKE I ALWAYS SAY,
DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH
AND YOU'LL ALWAYS BE SATISFIED.

SAD THING IS -
ONE'S CLOSING NEXT SPRING
AND IT KINDA' GIVES YOU THE SHAKES.
'CUZ WHEN THE LAST ONE GOES UNDER
THAT'S IT FOR THIS TOWN.

MARY EKSTROM
NOVEMBER 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1375 *EKstrom 1-26-05*

Page 1, line 3, replace "three" with "two"

Page 1, line 15, after the first "than" insert "one thousand", replace the comma with "and", and after the second "than" insert "one thousand"

Page 1, line 16, replace "one" with "three" and remove ", and one city with a population of more than"

Page 1, line 17, remove "one thousand five hundred and not more than three thousand"

Page 2, after line 11, after the period insert "The department may charge a fee for the services provided to the community. This fee may not exceed twenty-five percent of the value of the services offered."

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1 Fargo, ND	90599
2 Bismarck, ND	55532
3 Grand Forks, ND	49321
4 Minot, ND	36567
5 Mandan, ND	16718
6 Dickinson, ND	16010
7 Jamestown, ND	15527
8 West Fargo, ND	14940
9 Williston, ND	12512
10 Wahpeton, ND	8586
11 Devils Lake, ND	7222
12 Valley City, ND	6826
13 Grafton, ND	4516
14 Beulah, ND	3152
15 Rugby, ND	2939
16 Hazen, ND	2457
17 Bottineau, ND	2336
18 Lisbon, ND	2292
19 Carrington, ND	2268
20 Langdon, ND	2101
21 Harvey, ND	1989
22 Oakes, ND	1979
23 Mayville, ND	1953
24 Casselton, ND	1855
25 Lincoln, ND	1730
26 Bowman, ND	1600
27 Hillsboro, ND	1563
28 Ellendale, ND	1559
29 Cavalier, ND	1537
30 Park River, ND	1535
31 New Rockford, ND	1463
32 Watford City, ND	1435
33 Larimore, ND	1433
34 Rolla, ND	1417
35 Washburn, ND	1389
36 New Town, ND	1367
37 Cando, ND	1342
38 Linton, ND	1321
39 Garrison, ND	1318
40 Hettinger, ND	1307
41 Stanley, ND	1279
42 Tioga, ND	1125

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43 Wishek, ND	1122
44 Beach, ND	1116
45 Burlington, ND	1096
46 Crosby, ND	1089
47 Kenmare	1081
48 Hankinson, ND	1058
49 Walhalla, ND	1057
50 Cooperstown, ND	1053
51 Velva, ND	1049
52 Thompson, ND	1006
53 Parshall, ND	981
54 Northwood, ND	959
55 Enderlin, ND	947
56 LaMoure, ND	944
57 New Salem, ND	938
58 Surrey, ND	917
59 Horace, ND	915
60 Drayton, ND	913
61 Ashley, ND	882
62 Belfield, ND	866
63 Glen Ullin, ND	865
64 Napoleon, ND	857
65 Mohall, ND	812
66 Underwood, ND	812
67 Mott, ND	808
68 Wilton, ND	807
69 Hebron, ND	803
70 Lakota, ND	781
71 Steele, ND	761
72 Dunseith, ND	739
73 Lidgerwood, ND	738
74 Gwinner, ND	717
75 Killdeer, ND	713
76 Milnor, ND	711
77 Hatton, ND	707
78 Center, ND	678
79 Elgin, ND	659
80 Minto, ND	657
81 Pembina, ND	642
82 Edgeley, ND	637
83 Fessenden, ND	625
84 Richardton, ND	619
85 Kindred, ND	614

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86 Harwood, ND	607
87 Mapleton, ND	606
88 Portland, ND	604
89 Turtle Lake, ND	580
90 Towner, ND	574
91 New England, ND	555
92 Strasburg, ND	549
93 Rolette, ND	538
94 Ray, ND	534
95 Westhope, ND	533
96 Wyndmere, ND	533
97 Finley, ND	515
98 Emerado, ND	510
99 Forman, ND	506
100 Maddock, ND	498
101 McVille, ND	470
102 Berthold, ND	466
103 Leeds, ND	464
104 St. Thomas, ND	447
105 Nече, ND	437
106 Kulm, ND	422
107 McClusky, ND	415
108 Bowbells, ND	406
109 Fairmount, ND	406
110 Arthur, ND	402
111 Sawyer, ND	377
112 Glenburn, ND	374
113 Manvel, ND	370
114 St. John, ND	358
115 Buxton, ND	350
116 Reynolds, ND	350
117 Stanton, ND	345
118 Michigan, ND	345
119 Medina, ND	335
120 Gackle, ND	335
121 Hunter, ND	326
122 Drake, ND	322
123 Carson, ND	319
124 Minnewaukan, ND	318
125 Sheyenne, ND	318
126 Powers Lake, ND	309
127 South Heart, ND	307
128 Scranton, ND	304

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129 Hope, ND	303
130 Abercrombie, ND	296
131 Hoople, ND	292
132 Granville, ND	286
133 Flasher, ND	285
134 Aneta, ND	284
135 Anamoose, ND	282
136 Max, ND	278
137 New Leipzig, ND	274
138 Frontier, ND	273
139 Riverdale, ND	273
140 Munich, ND	268
141 Fordville, ND	266
142 Davenport, ND	261
143 Edmore, ND	256
144 Sherwood, ND	255
145 Leonard, ND	255
146 Reiles Acres, ND	254
147 Lansford, ND	253
148 Tower City, ND	252
149 Edinburg, ND	252
150 Gladstone, ND	248
151 Oxbow, ND	248
152 Gilby, ND	243
153 Wimbledon, ND	237
154 Hazelton, ND	237
155 Zap, ND	231
156 Fort Yates, ND	228
157 Halliday, ND	227
158 Page, ND	225
159 Selfridge, ND	223
160 Willow City, ND	221
161 Rutland, ND	220
162 Alexander, ND	217
163 Regent, ND	211
164 Tappen, ND	210
165 Des Lacs, ND	209
166 Buffalo, ND	209
167 Mooreton, ND	204
168 Adams, ND	203
169 Tolna, ND	202
170 Grenora, ND	202
171 Binford, ND	201

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172 Petersburg, ND	195
173 Sanborn, ND	194
174 Rock Lake, ND	194
175 Litchville, ND	191
176 Walcott, ND	189
177 Rhame, ND	189
178 Golden Valley, ND	183
179 Reeder, ND	181
180 Hannaford, ND	181
181 Grandin, ND	181
182 Osnaabrock, ND	174
183 Lignite, ND	174
184 Streeter, ND	172
185 Plaza, ND	167
186 Bisbee, ND	167
187 Crystal, ND	167
188 Pick City, ND	166
189 Cogswell, ND	165
190 Goodrich, ND	163
191 Kensal, ND	161
192 Esmond, ND	159
193 Galesburg, ND	157
194 Starkweather, ND	157
195 Upham, ND	155
196 Forest River, ND	154
197 Noonan, ND	154
198 Sykeston, ND	153
199 Christine, ND	153
200 Columbus, ND	151
201 Taylor, ND	150
202 Crary, ND	149
203 Carpio, ND	148
204 Argusville, ND	147
205 Marion, ND	146
206 Makoti, ND	145
207 Zeeland, ND	141
208 Marmarth, ND	140
209 Bowdon, ND	139
210 Sheldon, ND	135
211 Glenfield, ND	134
212 Fingal, ND	133
213 Mountain, ND	133
214 Portal, ND	131

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215 Lankin, ND	131
216 Wildrose, ND	129
217 Oriska, ND	128
218 Dodge, ND	125
219 Wing, ND	124
220 Dunn Center, ND	122
221 Karlsruhe, ND	119
222 Great Bend, ND	118
223 Deering, ND	118
224 Lehr, ND	114
225 Cleveland, ND	112
226 Sharon, ND	109
227 Verona, ND	108
228 Coleharbor, ND	106
229 Golve, ND	106
230 Tuttle, ND	106
231 Arnegard, ND	105
232 Montpelier, ND	103
233 Inkster, ND	102
234 Medora, ND	100
235 Pisek, ND	96
236 Martin, ND	96
237 Havana, ND	94
238 Ryder, ND	92
239 Butte, ND	92
240 Hurdsfield, ND	91
241 Colfax, ND	91
242 Maxbass, ND	91
243 Dazey, ND	91
244 Hague, ND	91
245 Donnybrook, ND	90
246 Almont, ND	89
247 Amenia, ND	89
248 Newburg, ND	88
249 Pettibone, ND	88
250 Mercer, ND	86
251 Solen, ND	86
252 Fullerton, ND	85
253 Milton, ND	85
254 Souris, ND	83
255 Oberon, ND	81
256 Pekin, ND	80
257 Gardner, ND	80

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259 Epping, ND	79
260 Briarwood, ND	78
261 Churchs Ferry, ND	77
262 Buchanan, ND	77
263 Palermo, ND	77
264 Jud, ND	76
265 Warwick, ND	75
266 Dwight, ND	75
267 Dawson, ND	75
268 Hamilton, ND	73
269 Balta, ND	73
270 Flaxton, ND	73
271 Spiritwood Lake, ND	72
272 Grace City, ND	71
273 McHenry, ND	71
274 Robinson, ND	71
275 Mantador, ND	71
276 Nome, ND	70
277 Fort Ransom, ND	70
278 Barney, ND	69
279 Prairie Rose, ND	68
280 Alsen, ND	68
281 Bathgate, ND	66
282 Pingree, ND	66
283 Bocket, ND	65
284 North River, ND	65
285 Douglas, ND	64
286 Forbes, ND	64
287 White Earth, ND	63
288 Tolley, ND	63
289 Kathryn, ND	63
290 Sentinel Butte, ND	62
291 Cayuga, ND	61
292 Rogers, ND	61
293 Ardoch, ND	61
294 Hampden, ND	60
295 Knox, ND	59
296 Niagara, ND	57
297 Dickey, ND	57
298 Alice, ND	56
299 Cathay, ND	56
300 Benedict, ND	53

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301 Courtenay, ND	53
302 Alamo, ND	51
303 Fairdale, ND	51
304 Clifford, ND	51
305 Voltaire, ND	51
306 Nekoma, ND	51
307 Fredonia, ND	51
308 Wolford, ND	50
309 Egeland, ND	49
310 Ross, ND	48
311 Antler, ND	47
312 Sibley, ND	46
313 Elliott, ND	44
314 Luverne, ND	44
315 Kramer, ND	44
316 Regan, ND	43
317 Braddock, ND	43
318 Hensel, ND	42
319 Lawton, ND	42
320 Gardena, ND	38
321 Leal, ND	36
322 Berlin, ND	35
323 Fortuna, ND	31
324 Wales, ND	30
325 Brinsmade, ND	29
326 Ludden, ND	29
327 Leith, ND	28
328 Hamberg, ND	28
329 Landa, ND	28
330 Monango, ND	28
331 York, ND	26
332 Calvin, ND	26
333 Bucyrus, ND	26
334 Amidon, ND	26
335 Spring Brook, ND	26
336 Sarles, ND	25
337 Calio, ND	24
338 Pillsbury, ND	24
339 Conway, ND	23
340 Venturia, ND	23
341 Ambrose, ND	23
342 Gascoyne, ND	23
343 Ayr, ND	23

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344 Loma, ND	21
345 Balfour, ND	20
346 Hannah, ND	20
347 Overly, ND	19
348 Mylo, ND	19
349 Bantry, ND	19
350 Haynes, ND	19
351 Loraine, ND	19
352 Kief, ND	13
353 Perth, ND	13
354 Bergen, ND	11
355 Grano, ND	9
356 Hansboro, ND	8
357 Ruso, ND	6

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168 Adams, ND	203
302 Alamo, ND	51
162 Alexander, ND	217
298 Alice, ND	56
246 Almont, ND	89
280 Alsen, ND	68
341 Ambrose, ND	23
247 Amenia, ND	89
334 Amidon, ND	26
135 Anamoose, ND	282
134 Aneta, ND	284
311 Antler, ND	47
293 Ardoch, ND	61
204 Argusville, ND	147
231 Arnegard, ND	105
110 Arthur, ND	402
61 Ashley, ND	882
343 Ayr, ND	23
345 Balfour, ND	20
269 Balta, ND	73
349 Bantry, ND	19
278 Barney, ND	69
281 Bathgate, ND	66
44 Beach, ND	1116
62 Belfield, ND	866
300 Benedict, ND	53
354 Bergen, ND	11
322 Berlin, ND	35
102 Berthold, ND	466
14 Beulah, ND	3152
171 Binford, ND	201
186 Bisbee, ND	167
2 Bismarck, ND	55532
17 Bottineau, ND	2336
108 Bowbells, ND	406
209 Bowdon, ND	139
26 Bowman, ND	1600
317 Braddock, ND	43
260 Briarwood, ND	78
325 Brinsmade, ND	29
283 Brocket, ND	65

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262 Buchanan, ND	77
333 Bucyrus, ND	26
166 Buffalo, ND	209
45 Burlington, ND	1096
239 Butte, ND	92
115 Buxton, ND	350
337 Calio, ND	24
332 Calvin, ND	26
37 Cando, ND	1342
203 Carpio, ND	148
19 Carrington, ND	2268
123 Carson, ND	319
24 Casselton, ND	1855
299 Cathay, ND	56
29 Cavalier, ND	1537
291 Cayuga, ND	61
78 Center, ND	678
199 Christine, ND	153
261 Churchs Ferry, ND	77
225 Cleveland, ND	112
304 Clifford, ND	51
189 Cogswell, ND	165
228 Coleharbor, ND	106
241 Colfax, ND	91
200 Columbus, ND	151
339 Conway, ND	23
50 Cooperstown, ND	1053
301 Courtenay, ND	53
202 Crary, ND	149
46 Crosby, ND	1089
187 Crystal, ND	167
142 Davenport, ND	261
267 Dawson, ND	75
243 Dazey, ND	91
223 Deering, ND	118
165 Des Lacs, ND	209
11 Devils Lake, ND	7222
297 Dickey, ND	57
6 Dickinson, ND	16010
218 Dodge, ND	125
245 Donnybrook, ND	90
285 Douglas, ND	64
122 Drake, ND	322

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60 Drayton, ND	913
220 Dunn Center, ND	122
72 Dunseith, ND	739
266 Dwight, ND	75
82 Edgeley, ND	637
149 Edinburg, ND	252
143 Edmore, ND	256
309 Egeland, ND	49
79 Elgin, ND	659
28 Ellendale, ND	1559
313 Elliott, ND	44
98 Emerado, ND	510
55 Enderlin, ND	947
259 Epping, ND	79
192 Esmond, ND	159
303 Fairdale, ND	51
109 Fairmount, ND	406
1 Fargo, ND	90599
83 Fessenden, ND	625
212 Fingal, ND	133
97 Finley, ND	515
133 Flasher, ND	285
270 Flaxton, ND	73
286 Forbes, ND	64
141 Fordville, ND	266
196 Forest River, ND	154
99 Forman, ND	506
277 Fort Ransom, ND	70
156 Fort Yates, ND	228
323 Fortuna, ND	31
307 Fredonia, ND	51
138 Frontier, ND	273
252 Fullerton, ND	85
120 Gackle, ND	335
193 Galesburg, ND	157
320 Gardena, ND	38
257 Gardner, ND	80
39 Garrison, ND	1318
342 Gascoyne, ND	23
152 Gilby, ND	243
150 Gladstone, ND	248
63 Glen Ullin, ND	865
112 Glenburn, ND	374

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211 Glenfield, ND	134
178 Golden Valley, ND	183
229 Golva, ND	106
190 Goodrich, ND	163
272 Grace City, ND	71
13 Grafton, ND	4516
3 Grand Forks, ND	49321
181 Grandin, ND	181
355 Grano, ND	9
132 Granville, ND	286
222 Great Bend, ND	118
170 Grenora, ND	202
74 Gwinner, ND	717
244 Hague, ND	91
157 Halliday, ND	227
328 Hamberg, ND	28
268 Hamilton, ND	73
294 Hampden, ND	60
48 Hankinson, ND	1058
180 Hannaford, ND	181
346 Hannah, ND	20
356 Hansboro, ND	8
21 Harvey, ND	1989
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129 Hope, ND	303
59 Horace, ND	915
121 Hunter, ND	326
240 Hurdsfield, ND	91
233 Inkster, ND	102
7 Jamestown, ND	15527
264 Jud, ND	76
221 Karlsruhe, ND	119
289 Kathryn, ND	63

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295 Knox, ND	59
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106 Kulm, ND	422
70 Lakota, ND	781
56 LaMoure, ND	944
329 Landa, ND	28
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215 Lankin, ND	131
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33 Larimore, ND	1433
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321 Leal, ND	36
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224 Lehr, ND	114
327 Leith, ND	28
145 Leonard, ND	255
73 Lidgerwood, ND	738
183 Lignite, ND	174
25 Lincoln, ND	1730
38 Linton, ND	1321
18 Lisbon, ND	2292
175 Litchville, ND	191
344 Loma, ND	21
351 Loraine, ND	19
326 Ludden, ND	29
314 Luverne, ND	44
100 Maddock, ND	498
206 Makoti, ND	145
5 Mandan, ND	16718
275 Mantador, ND	71
113 Marvel, ND	370
87 Mapleton, ND	606
205 Marion, ND	146
208 Marmarth, ND	140
236 Martin, ND	96
136 Max, ND	278
242 Maxbass, ND	91
23 Mayville, ND	1953

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273 McHenry, ND	71
101 McVile, ND	470
119 Medina, ND	335
234 Medora, ND	100
250 Mercer, ND	86
118 Michigan, ND	345
76 Milnor, ND	711
253 Milton, ND	85
124 Minnewaukan, ND	318
4 Minot, ND	36567
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57 New Salem, ND	938
36 New Town, ND	1367
248 Newburg, ND	88
296 Niagara, ND	57
276 Nome, ND	70
197 Noonan, ND	154
284 North River, ND	65
54 Northwood, ND	959
22 Oakes, ND	1979
255 Oberon, ND	81
217 Oriska, ND	128
182 Osnabrock, ND	174
347 Overly, ND	19
151 Oxbow, ND	248
158 Page, ND	225
263 Palermo, ND	77
30 Park River, ND	1535

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172 Petersburg, ND	195
249 Pettibone, ND	88
188 Pick City, ND	166
338 Pillsbury, ND	24
282 Pingree, ND	66
235 Pisek, ND	96
185 Plaza, ND	167
214 Portal, ND	131
88 Portland, ND	604
126 Powers Lake, ND	309
279 Prairie Rose, ND	68
94 Ray, ND	534
179 Reeder, ND	181
316 Regan, ND	43
163 Regent, ND	211
146 Reiles Acres, ND	254
116 Reynolds, ND	350
177 Rhame, ND	189
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139 Riverdale, ND	273
274 Robinson, ND	71
174 Rock Lake, ND	194
292 Rogers, ND	61
93 Rolette, ND	538
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310 Ross, ND	48
15 Rugby, ND	2939
357 Ruso, ND	6
161 Rutland, ND	220
238 Ryder, ND	92
173 Sanborn, ND	194
336 Sarles, ND	25
111 Sawyer, ND	377
128 Scranton, ND	304
159 Selfridge, ND	223
290 Sentinel Butte, ND	62
226 Sharon, ND	109
210 Sheldon, ND	135
144 Sherwood, ND	255

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254 Souris, ND	83
127 South Heart, ND	307
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114 St. John, ND	358
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198 Sykeston, ND	153
164 Tappen, ND	210
201 Taylor, ND	150
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42 Tioga, ND	1125
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169 Tolna, ND	202
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230 Tuttle, ND	106
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51 Velva, ND	1049
340 Venturia, ND	23
227 Verona, ND	108
305 Voltaire, ND	51
10 Wahpeton, ND	8586
176 Walcott, ND	189
324 Wales, ND	30
49 Walhalla, ND	1057
265 Warwick, ND	75
35 Washburn, ND	1389
32 Watford City, ND	1435
8 West Fargo, ND	14940
95 Westhope, ND	533

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160 Willow City, ND	221
68 Wilton, ND	807
153 Wimbledon, ND	237
219 Wing, ND	124
43 Wishek, ND	1122
308 Wolford, ND	50
258 Woodworth, ND	80
96 Wyndmere, ND	533
331 York, ND	26
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14. Current Demographic Realities and a New Concept of Community, Dr. James Satterlee, Retired Director of the SD Census Data Center (New ideas on consolidation and sharing of resources and services)
15. Changing Work-Family Cultures in the Context of Rural Depopulation, Dr. Tom Fricke, University of Michigan, Center for Ethnography of Everyday Life
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18. Economics of Diversity and Immigration, Fernando Quijano, Asst. Professor of Economics, Dickinson State University

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