

Written testimony on House Bill 1479

Chairman Headland and Finance and Taxation Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am a lifelong citizen of North Dakota.

I support House Bill 1479 in changing the North Dakota state income rate that is certain in the 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code. In the 2013 63rd and 2015 64th Legislative sessions was Senate Bill 2237 (63rd) and House Bill 1296 (64th) were flat tax bills but failed.

The current state income rate was passed in the 2015 64th Legislative session which was Senate Bill 2349.

In the past, I have testified in opposition of the proposed state income tax rate bills because the single individuals in this state keep on getting screw in going to a higher tax rate faster based on a person income in order to subsidize the married couples filing jointly and head of household. I said at that time it is unfair for single individuals have to pay more state income tax just to subsidized but I was told by the chairman of Finance and Taxation that it is North Dakota policy.

House Bill 1479 will finally make the state income rate fair to all citizens of North Dakota. A flat tax will make it easier to know what your state income tax at end of year. Also, flat tax is fair to all citizens of North Dakota.

Please give House Bill 1479 a DO PASS recommendation to make the state income tax rate fair for all citizens of North Dakota.

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