



Office of the State's Attorney

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House Judiciary Committee
North Dakota State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: SB 2168 – Relating to UND Police Department Jurisdiction
March 15, 2021 Testimony before the House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing today in support of SB 2168. SB 2168 serves to correct and clarify problems we have encountered with the current law.

SB 2168 replaces the term “hot pursuit” with the term “fresh pursuit.” These terms have very distinct definitions under the law, which impacts the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer may complete a traffic stop if the suspect crosses the jurisdictional boundary. By amending this term to “fresh pursuit” this law would be consistent with the term used for other law enforcement agencies.

Additionally, SB 2168 provides for a one thousand five hundred feet buffer zone to the jurisdictional limits outlined in the current law. This would allow university law enforcement to be more responsive to emergency situations that may occur near the campus community.

Therefore, I respectfully request the committee consider a “do pass” recommendation on SB 2168. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to our office.

Sincerely,

Haley L. Wamstad
Grand Forks County State's Attorney