

Written Testimony on engrossed House Bill 1424

Chairman Veda and Government and Veteran Affairs Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am a lifelong citizen of North Dakota and an hourly wage worker.

I opposed engrossed House Bill 1424. Representative Kempenich requested to House Government and Veteran Affairs committee to change the bill to a study which I still oppose.

As a hourly wage worker, I am helping paying for your Legislative salary when in session of \$186 a day, monthly salary of \$518, housing allowance during legislative session for most legislators, pay for interim committee hearings plus mileage and 100% taxpayer funded health insurance (which temporary or part-time workers just get a wage with no health insurance).

House Bill 1424 before the change to a study would have taxpayers pay for meals just because lobbyists cannot provide meals to influence your vote as in the past just because of the Ethics law. I feel the Ethics law does not go far enough. There were over 60 legislators in the 2020 election cycle who receive out of state PAC money. Where is the transparency? It is amazing how the word transparency is used depending on the legislator.

Again, I opposed engrossed House Bill 1424.

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