

Committee Members,

I was asked to take a look at HB 1105 and consider the wording of the bill and how it would impact law enforcement's ability to enforce any violations pertaining to 23-12-16, Right to Breastfeed.

After reviewing the First Engrossment, I believe that it is best to leave it as written in that version of the bill. Adding language about "discreet and modest manner" leaves a lot for interpretation. I have 82 sworn officers that work for me and I expect all would have a different idea of what that language would mean. I can't recall the Minot Police Department receiving any calls about a woman breastfeeding her child in recent years. I think this is generally an accepted function of life, which doesn't even receive a second glance by most in public.

I am open to any questions or concerns you may have for me regarding this bill. I don't have a strong stance on the bill overall, but I think it should be as written in the First Engrossment.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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