

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1419

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Chairman Burckhard and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Todd Feland and I am the City Administrator for the City of Grand Forks. I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and express our support for HB 1419.

This bill allows a political subdivision to collect an infrastructure fee in lieu of special assessments.

As you are well aware the needed infrastructure cost of maintenance projects to some of our critical infrastructure is getting more challenging. Having another “tool in the toolbox” to help fund some of these critical projects would be a benefit for local government.

This bill also provides local political subdivisions the choice of using an infrastructure fee or special assessments. We feel this is a very important part of the bill because each local community deals with its own challenges with funding projects. Some communities may feel that special assessments work best for them while others may feel an infrastructure fee is the best funding option.

The City of Grand Forks asks for a DO PASS for HB 1419.