



BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SHERIFF

Testimony provided for: House Political Sub Divisions
By: Dustin Olson, Lieutenant
Date: January 15, 2025

Chairman Longmuir and members of the House Political Sub Divisions Committee;

My name is Dustin Olson and I am a Lieutenant with the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department. I oversee the Operations Division which involves the day to day operations at the Courthouse. In addition, I am the current President of the North Dakota Peace Officer Association (NDPOA).

I am submitting written testimony on behalf of the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department in support of House Bill (HB) 1171. HB 1171 aims to retain law enforcement professionals by providing Higher Education Scholarships to students who are dependents of law enforcement professionals. Retention of law enforcement professionals is a State wide concern. We at the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department believe HB 1171 will help assist in the retention good employees who seek a career in law enforcement.

I ask that the Committee give a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dustin Olson".

Dustin Olson, Lieutenant

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