

I would like to voice my opposition to this proposed legislation. Doubling the the cost 2 licensees is an unnecessary burden. This would make North Dakota fees for private investigators and security guards and security companies among the highest in the country. I was previously licensed as a private investigator in North Dakota, California and Florida before retiring.

The private investigator and security board has become nothing more than an unelected, unregulated Code enforcement agency. In fact, there isn't a single person on the 5 member board, in addition to the executive director that has any standalone private investigation experience. Not one.

With absolute no oversight whatsoever and the financial straits they find themselves in, due to poor choices, namely the multiple 6 figure legal fees they incurred litigating against tiger swan are the reason they need more money.

They have offered no indication what they plan to use double the money for, how it's going to make their operation more efficient, how it's going to serve the licensees in a more efficient or better manner. What are we getting for our money? More litigation is likely the answer, tiger swan didn't turn out to be the payday they expected, so they're looking for some other deep pockets.

My suggestion is strong financial management and an audit of the board's books period.