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House Transportation

HB 1484

Representative Dan Ruby, Chair

For the record, my name is Kory Peterson. I am appearing before you today on behalf of the North Dakota League of Cities, in opposition to HB 1484. Prior to working with the North Dakota League of Cities, I was the Mayor of Horace for 8 years, from June 2016 to July 2024.

The League of Cities is concerned about the possible loss of highway funding if this bill were to be approved. Reviewing the fiscal reporting on this bill, the state is projected to not collect roughly 84 million dollars. This will translate into less money being distributed from the Flexible Transportation Fund to local subs.

While no one wants to pay taxes, removing these types of collections will reduce the amount of dollars to help maintain roads. During a time when cities are trying to understand how their budget could be affected by possible caps, this bill adds another layer of uncertainty in funding road work within a city.

The League would like to see consistency in road funding during this upcoming biennium and would appreciate Do Not Pass on this bill.

Thank you.

Kory Peterson