

Dear Members of the Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee,

HB1258 appears to mirror SB2208 which was recently defeated on the Senate Floor. Granted HB1258 has no monetary punishments, however the objective of this bill, is to quash the voice of local government.

Currently we have County Authority. Mix of Home Rule and Dillon's Rule: In North Dakota, **12 counties have adopted a home rule charter.**

In my opinion, HB1258 is unjustified, on so many levels and could cost ND tax payers, as parts of this bill could open the door to litigation. Certainly, we may not always agree with the development of projects that are being proposed, yet what is the benefit of this bill? This bill sets the tone to stifle local control. Where is the respect for those citizens who have lived and worked hard in this State? Removing the 'Discussions Element' from local government is clearly a repressing act.

More concerning is the Dissent letter from Randy Christmann. See attached. Please give HB1258 a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

Respectfully,  
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