

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1577
Senate Energy & Natural Resources
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Chairman Patten and members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Todd Feland and I'm the City Administrator for the City of Grand Forks. I'm writing this testimony in support of HB 1577.

Our role in city government is significantly made up of infrastructure development and renewal. Roads, water, and wastewater are three of the main infrastructure focus areas for the City of Grand Forks and cities throughout North Dakota.

Majority of the time when we look to fund these types of projects, we look for funding programs at a state and federal level in partnership with our local funding programs.

Related to wastewater projects and unlike roads and water infrastructure projects, there are no State of North Dakota wastewater grant funding programs to partner with cities.

This Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program created in HB 1577 will provide us with wastewater infrastructure grant funding much like the Flexible Transportation Fund for roads or Municipal Water Grants for water projects to help offset our local costs when we are installing and maintaining critical wastewater infrastructure for our citizens.

The City of Grand Forks supports a DO PASS on HB 1577.

Respectfully
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