

2025 HOUSE JUDICIARY

HB 1582

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1582
2/11/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a review of state laws relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime.

11:30 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Henderson, Hoverson, Johnston, McLeod, S. Olson, Satrom, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff

Members Absent: Representative Schneider

Discussion Topics:

- Investigation of false reports
- Penalties for false reporting

11:30 a.m. Representative Steve Vetter, North Dakota Representative for District 18, introduced the bill.

11:34 a.m. Travis Finck, Director at North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, testified in favor.

11:36 a.m. Representative Tveit moved to Amend and add "and defense attorney" to line 7.

11:36 a.m. Representative McLeod seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	A
Representative Bill Tveit	Y

Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

11:38 a.m. Motion passed 13-0-1

11:38 a.m. Representative Hoverson moved a Do Pass as Amended.

11:38 a.m. Representative VanWinkle seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	A
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	N

11:40 a.m. Motion passed 12-1-1

11:41 a.m. Representative McLeod will carry the bill.

11:42 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

February 11, 2025

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1582

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Christianson, S. Olson, Schauer, D. Johnston

Senators Clemens, Sickler, Castaneda, Cory

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a review of state laws
2 relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

- 4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FALSE REPORTING.** During the
5 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying state laws relating to false
6 accusations or false reports of a crime. The study must include input from the state's attorney's
7 association and defense attorneys. The legislative management shall report its findings and
8 recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations,
9 to the seventieth legislative assembly.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1582**

Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** **(25.1313.01001)** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1582 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1582
4/9/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a review of state laws relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime.

10:01 a.m. Chair Larson opened the meeting.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Consequences of false accusations
- Impact on legal proceedings
- Role of law enforcement

10:01 a.m. Representative Steve Vetter, District 18, introduced the bill and testified in favor.

10:14 a.m. Travis Finck, Executive Director, ND Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, testified in favor.

10:20 a.m. Jaclyn Hall, Executive Director, ND Association for Justice, testified in favor.

10:23 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

10:24 a.m. Committee discussed narrowing the proposed study's scope.

10:27 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved verbal amendment, line 5 after the word laws insert 'in' 12.1-11.

10:27 a.m. Senator Paulson seconded.

Voice Vote - Motion Passed.

10:28 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved a Do Pass as amended.

10:28 a.m. Senator Luick seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Casteneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:28 a.m. Senator Cory will carry the bill.

10:29 a.m. Chair Larson Closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

April 9, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

1 of 1
VC 4/9/25

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1582

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Christianson, S. Olson, Schauer, D. Johnston

Senators Clemens, Sickler, Castaneda, Cory

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding a review of state laws
2 relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

- 4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FALSE REPORTING.** During the
5 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying ~~state laws~~ chapter 12.1-11
6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to false accusations or false reports of a crime. The
7 study must include input from the state's attorney's association and defense attorneys. The
8 legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
9 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1582**

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.1313.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1582 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.