

**2026 JOINT POLICY**

**HB 1626**

# 2026 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Policy Committee**  
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1626  
1/21/2026

Relating to application of the primary residence credit and discount for early payment of tax; and to provide an effective date.

3:49 p.m. Co-Chairman Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Co-Chairman Senator Lee, Senators Boschee, Clemens, Cory, Gerhardt, Hogan, Kessel, Myrdal, Powers, Roers, Rummel, Van Oosting, Walen, Weston, Co-Chairman Ruby, Representatives Beltz, Davis, Dobervich, Dressler, Frelich, Heinert, Jonas, Klemin, Novak, Porter, Rohr, Vollmer, Weisz

**Discussion Topics:**

- Counties discount application
- Timeline for applications
- Mobile home application process
- County Auditors

3:49 p.m. Representative Headland introduced the bill.

4:25 p.m. Brian Kroshus, Tax Commissioner for ND Office of State Tax Commissioner, testified in neutral.

4:56 p.m. Donnell Preskey, Government and Public Affairs Specialist for North Dakota Association of Counties, testified in favor.

4:59 p.m. Senator Myrdal moved Do Pass.

4:59 p.m. Senator Walen seconded the motion.

<b>Representatives</b>	
Representative Matt Ruby	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Pat Heinert	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence Klemin	Y
Representative Anna Novak	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y
Representative Dan Vollmer	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion passed 14-0-0.

<b>Senators</b>	
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Joshua Boschee	Y
Senator David Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Michelle Powers	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	N
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y
Senator Chuck Walen	Y
Senator Kenton Weston	Y

Motion passed 13-1-0.

5:03 p.m. Representative Heinert will carry the bill.

5:03 p.m. Senator Walen will carry the bill.

5:03 p.m. Co-Chairman Ruby closed the hearing.

*Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HB 1626 ([25.1400.01000](#))**

**Joint Policy Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Co-Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1626 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1626 ([25.1400.01000](#))**

**Joint Policy Committee (Sen. Lee, Co-Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1626 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.