

2025 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 2258

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2258
2/14/2025

Relating to the enforcement of agency rules; and to provide a report.

9:30 a.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Apply rules and law
- Citizen complaint
- Require investigation

9:30 a.m. Senator Beard, District 23, introduced the bill and submitted testimony #37695.

10:03 a.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

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Chair Roers and members of the committee. My name is Todd Beard. I am the Senator from District 23 serving the Williston and Trenton area.

SB2258 would create a new section of code that would ensure state government agencies are applying rules and law specified under North Dakota century code or administrative rules. This bill would require a state agency to specifically reference any rule or law they are enforcing upon a citizen or entity. The premise of this bill is simple in that just like any citizen within the state is accountable to our rules and laws so must the state agencies follow rules and laws.

Subsection one of the bill would declare a state agency to specify the rule or law they are enforcing.

Subsection 2 of the bill would declare that if an agent of an agency or the agency exceeds its authority, the governor's office would need to be notified.

Subsection 3 of the bill would allow a citizen to file a complaint with the governor's office.

Subsection 4 of the bill would require the governor's office to investigate the matter, determine any disciplinary action required and make a record of the violation. Also, in subpart C the Governor's office would report the number of violations and agencies involved to the Administrative Rules Committee.

Subsection 5 would allow the Administrative Rules Committee to request any records pertaining to violations on record with the governor's office.

I would also ask the committee to consider an amendment to this bill and simply add a subsection 6 that would exempt state agencies which are overseen by elected officials. Since the elected officials are already directly accountable to the public, they should be exempted. This bill therefore would only pertain to state agencies under the direct control and authority of the governor's office.

Thank you for your consideration and ask for a DO PASS recommendation on SB2258. I stand for any questions.

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State and Local Government Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2258
2/20/2025

Relating to the enforcement of agency rules; and to provide a report.

4:21 p.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- First elected official
- Office of the elected official
- Administrative Rules Committee

4:21 p.m. Senator Castaneda discussed the language of a possible amendment.

4:29 p.m. Senator Lee moved a Do Not Pass.

4:29 p.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Chuck Walen	N

Motion Passed 5-1-0

Senator Lee will carry the bill.

4:34 p.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2258 ([25.0826.04000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2258 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2258
3/13/2024

Relating to the enforcement of agency rules.
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8:36 a.m. Chairman Schauer opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Schauer, Vice Chairman Satrom, Representatives Bahl, C. Brown, T.J. Brown, Grindberg, Karls, McLeod, Rohr, Schneider, Steiner, VanWinkle, Vetter, Wolff

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

8:37 a.m. Senator Beard, District 23, introduced the bill.

8:58 a.m. Chairman Schauer closed the hearing.

8:59 a.m. VanWinkle moved a Do Pass.

8:59 a.m. McLeod seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Collette Brown	Y
Representative Timothy Brown	Y
Representative Karen Grindberg	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

9:00 a.m. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Representative VanWinkle will carry the bill.

9:01 Chairman Schauer closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2258 ([25.0826.05000](#))**

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2258 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.