

**2025 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**SB 2326**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2326  
2/3/2025

Relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

10:00 a.m. Chair Larson opened the meeting.

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

### **Discussion Topics:**

- Enhance Victim Protections
- Clarify Legal Procedures
- Victim Safety
- Protection Orders

10:04 a.m. Senator Josh Boschee, District 44, introduced the bill and submitted testimony in favor #33685.

10:09 a.m. Seth O'Neill, Executive Director of ND Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition, testified in favor and submitted testimony #33277.

### **Additional written testimony:**

Barbara A. Dunn submitted testimony in favor #33529.

Jennifer Bailey submitted testimony in favor #33603.

Kristie Wolff, Communications Coordinator of Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners, submitted testimony in favor #33668.

10:18 a.m. Committee discussion.

10:20 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

*Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk*



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**Senate Bill No. 2326**  
**Senate Judiciary Committee**  
**Testimony Presented Seth O'Neill, JD, MSW**  
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**February 3, 2025**

Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Seth O'Neill and I am representing the North Dakota Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition in support of SB 2326.

This bill would close domestic violence protection order and sexual assault restraining order hearings to the public. These hearings contain private information about domestic and sexual violence where a victim testifies in graphic detail regarding the abuse they are experienced. Presently, the court records associated with these cases are confidential under North Dakota Supreme Court Administrative Rule 41(3)(b)(6)(F):

(F) A record maintained in relation to a matter involving:

(i) an application for a domestic violence protection order under N.D.C.C.

§ 14-07.1-02;

(ii) a petition for a disorderly conduct restraining order under N.D.C.C.

Ch. 12.1-31.2 sought on the basis of alleged domestic violence; or

(iii) a petition for a sexual assault restraining order under N.D.C.C. § 12.1-31-01.2.

Orders of the court in these proceedings are confidential only in matters in which the initial petition was dismissed summarily by the court without a contested hearing.

As such, the court records are not accessible to the public besides the final order. However, the hearings themselves are not closed to the public which contain more sensitive information than the court records. We believe it is in the best interests of both parties that the public be excluded from these hearings.

This bill would also clarify that the final order which is presently accessible to the public would not contain the name of the victim. Presently, a final domestic violence protection order or a disorderly conduct restraining order is a public record and contains the name of the victim as well as their personal information. The primary purpose of the document being public is so that members of the public can see if an individual has a



protection order issued against them. It is not necessary for the victim's name to be included in order to serve this purpose.

In addition, federal law prohibits a state from making a protection order publicly available if the publication would be likely to publicly reveal the identity or location of the protected party:

**(3) LIMITS ON INTERNET PUBLICATION OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**-A State, Indian tribe, or territory shall not make available publicly on the Internet any information regarding the registration, filing of a petition for, or issuance of a protection order, restraining order, or injunction in either the issuing or enforcing State, tribal or territorial jurisdiction, if such publication would be likely to publicly reveal the identity or location of the party protected under such order. A State, Indian tribe, or territory may share court-generated and law enforcement-generated information contained in secure, governmental registries for protection order enforcement purposes. The prohibition under this paragraph applies to all protection orders for the protection of a person residing within a State, territorial, or Tribal jurisdiction, whether or not the protection order was issued by that State, territory, or Tribe. 18 U.S.C. § 2265(d)(3).

As such, it is important for the State of North Dakota to remain compliant with this federal law. Due to these reasons, we encourage the committee to give SB 2326 a Do-Pass Recommendation. I appreciate your time and I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank You.



I'm writing to support SB 2326. I think having a way to keep physically or verbally abusive people away from their objects of obsession, their victims, is a very good idea and can ultimately keep everyone in the community safer. Preventing violence not only saves trauma, misery, and possibly death, but also financial costs of medical treatment. When a person is behaving in an unsafe way toward anyone in his community, the rest of the community also feels unsafe. I see SB 2326 as a way to give our communities tools to deal with that behavior and hopefully prevent the worst of outcomes. Thank you.

Jenn Bailey - Minot, ND  
SB2326

Good Morning Senators,

I am writing in support of SB2326. I was shocked to learn that a simple search on the ND Courts website for a restraining order led to me being able to see a victim's name. I was under the assumption that Marsy's Law protected a victim's name from being released. Once I looked into the law and some court documents a bit more, I came to the conclusion that Marsy's Law is effective on the criminal side of ND Courts, but not the civil side. The criminal offense and the civil orders are separate things, so I can see how this could be missed and need to be corrected. It can feel shameful and embarrassing to be put in a situation that would warrant a restraining order or an order of protection. The process of filing for a restraining order and an order of protection is already complicated and generally doesn't get granted unless a situation has become violent and/or life threatening. To have the ND Courts website expose victims is a violation of their privacy and could potentially put them in danger. I would urge this committee to pass this bill. In order to protect victims of violence, we must actually have laws in place that do that.

Thank you for your time

Jenn Bailey



**Kristie Wolff – Communications Coordinator  
Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners**

**Support SB 2326  
North Dakota Senate Judiciary Committee**

February 3, 2025

Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Kristie Wolff, I am the Communications Coordinator for Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners (CDFNE).

I am providing testimony today in support of SB 2326.

CDFNE is a North Dakota based non-profit organization providing forensic medical services to children and adult survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, physical abuse and neglect in western North Dakota. Our organization serves 23 counties, with our headquarters in Bismarck. Our team of 23 Forensic Nurses work with a variety of partners to ensure that victims receive comprehensive, coordinated care while supporting the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

Every day, our staff witnesses the profound challenges survivors face as they work to reclaim safety and dignity after experiencing violence. These survivors often rely on legal protections, such as domestic violence and sexual assault protection orders, as critical tools for safeguarding their well-being.

A protective order serves as a legal barrier against ongoing threats, harassment, or violence. It is a crucial measure that can mean the difference between safety and further victimization. However, current loopholes regarding these orders can leave survivors vulnerable. When information about protection orders is made publicly accessible, it can inadvertently expose a survivor's identity or location, increasing the risk of harm.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) recognizes this danger and mandates that states, tribal jurisdictions, and territories protect survivors' privacy by prohibiting the public release of information that could reveal their identity or location.

SB 2326 is essential to closing these existing loopholes, ensuring compliance with federal law, and giving survivors greater confidence in the system designed to protect them. Therefore, today I am asking you to give a DO PASS recommendation on SB 2326.

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# North Dakota Senate

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## COMMITTEES:

Education  
Workforce Development

### SB 2326 Testimony - Senate Judiciary Committee - February 3, 2025

Chair Larson and fellow Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I bring to you SB 2326, which adds the same new language in two important sections of Century Code. Section 1 of 2326 has to do with sexual assault restraining order hearings and records and Section 2 has to do with domestic violence protection order hearings and records.

The origins of this legislation came about from someone who has worked in the juvenile justice system and is familiar with our state's online court records reaching out to me about the ability to see victim's records of a protection order on the [publicsearch.ndcourts.gov](http://publicsearch.ndcourts.gov) page. I reached out to the ND Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition to see if they were aware of this and any knowledge, they may have of legislation to address the issue. They shared that they were seeking to have legislation proposed to formally close the hearings on a petition for a sexual assault restraining order and domestic violence protection order, since this is already the current practice of the Court. So I combined the two solutions into what is SB 2326 in front of you today.

Madam Chair and members of the committee, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) states that "A State, Indian tribe, or territory shall not make available publicly on the Internet any information regarding the registration, filing of a petition for, or issuance of a protection order, restraining order, or injunction in either the issuing or enforcing State, tribal or territorial jurisdiction, if such publication would be likely to publicly reveal the identity or location of the party protected under such order."<sup>1</sup> It's important to note that VAWA applies to both criminal and civil protection orders.

I believe the Courts have been good partners with those who have provided support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as evidenced in their current practice of having hearings closed. It's my desire that we close these loopholes by giving victims assurances that closed hearings continue and ensure we are in compliance with VAWA by not having the filings of petitions for domestic violence protection orders and sexual assault protection orders accessible to the public.

Finally, an amendment may be appropriate to further align with VAWA. This would entail replacing the word "victim" with "protected party" which is used in VAWA to be encompassing of when the victim entails more than just one person, such as a parent and their children who are collectively seeking the appropriate protection order. This would occur on page three lines 18 and 21, as well as on page seven, lines one and three.

I hope you'll provide SB 2326 your support and I'm happy to stand for any questions or comments you may have.

<sup>1</sup> USC Ch. 11A: Domestic Violence and Stalking 2265.d.3  
<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title18/part1/chapter110A>

# Overview

## What is the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)?

Enacted in 1994, and amended in 2000 and 2005, VAWA recognizes the severity of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence to women, families, and society as a whole and provides federal funding to help communities address the needs of survivors and hold offenders accountable.

## What is the Full Faith and Credit Provision of VAWA?

The Full Faith and Credit provision of VAWA requires every jurisdiction in the United States to recognize and enforce valid protection orders issued in any jurisdiction in the United States (see 18 U.S.C. § 2265(a) on the Back Cover).

## What is a Protection Order under VAWA?

Under VAWA, a protection order is broadly defined to include “any injunction, restraining order, or any other order issued by a civil or criminal court” for the purpose of preventing violence and includes “any support, child custody or visitation provisions, orders, remedies, or relief issued as part of a protection order pursuant to state, tribal, territorial, or local law” (see 18 U.S.C. § 2266(5) on the Back Cover for the full definition).

Please Note: The terms “protection order” and “order” are used interchangeably on these bench cards to refer to orders issued by civil and criminal courts.

## What is the Intent of Full Faith and Credit?

### For Judges

- Requires interstate recognition and enforcement of the valid protection orders they enter.
- Requires enforcement of valid protection orders they may encounter from other jurisdictions.

### For Victims

- Provides cross-jurisdictional protection afforded by valid protection orders.

### For Abusers

- Provides cross-jurisdictional accountability for violation of valid protection orders. For Law Enforcement

to domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and sexual assault (42 U.S.C. § 3796 hh(c)(4)). Charging any of these costs will render a jurisdiction ineligible for certain VAWA funds. For more information on no-cost provisions, see Frequently Asked Questions on STOP Formula Grants available at [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/FAQ\\_FINAL\\_nov\\_21\\_07.pdf](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/FAQ_FINAL_nov_21_07.pdf).

## How can I Create a Safe Climate in the Judicial System?

- Provide leadership to ensure the establishment of clearly defined, user-friendly procedures for processing requests for issuance and enforcement of protection orders and incorporate the procedures into regular training.
- Provide protected parties with the National Domestic Violence Hotline number ((800) 799-SAFE, TTY (800) 787-3224) and information on local victim services.
- Participate in your local community coordinated response to develop user-friendly forms for issuance and enforcement of protection orders.
- Provide information on the face of protection orders about how the court can be contacted (including the court's telephone number and address) and be willing to contact courts of other jurisdictions to clarify issues and questions if they arise.

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2326  
2/12/2025

Relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

9:32 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

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

### Discussion Topics:

- Terminology consistency
- Definition of protected persons
- Violence Against Women Act implications

9:32 a.m. Chair Larson reintroduced amendment and referenced testimony #33685 submitted on 2/3/25.

9:35 a.m. Senator Braunberger moved amendment to replace the word "victim" with "protected party" on page 3, lines 18 and 21 and on page 7 lines 1 and 3.

Motion failed for lack of second.

9:36 Senator Braunberger moved a Do Pass.

Motion failed for lack of second.

9:36 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved a Do Not Pass.

9:37 a.m. Senator Paulson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Passed 5-2-0.

9:37 a.m. Senator Luick will carry the bill.

9:38 a.m. Committee discussion on upcoming schedule.

9:42 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

*Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk*

Reconsidered SB 2326 on 2/19/2025.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2326 ([25.1239.02000](#))**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (5 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2326 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2326  
2/19/2025

Relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

10:54 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

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

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:56 a.m. Senator Luick moved to reconsider.

10:56 a.m. Senator Myrdal seconded.

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

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

10:58 a.m. Senator Luick moved a Do Pass.

10:58 a.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

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

Motion Passed 7-0-0.

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10:59 a.m. Senator Braunberger will carry the bill.

10:59 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

*Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2326 ([25.1239.02000](#))**

**Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2326 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**SB 2326**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2326  
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-01.2 and 14-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

9:48 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

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

Members Absent: Representative Henderson

**Discussion Topics:**

- Violence Against Women Act
- Closed hearings for domestic violence cases

9:53 a.m. Senator Josh Boschee, North Dakota Senator for District 44, introduced the bill and provided testimony #42082.

**Additional written testimony:**

Kristie Wolff, Communications Coordinator for Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners, submitted testimony in favor #42045.

9:57 a.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

*Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk*



**Kristie Wolff – Communications Coordinator  
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**Support SB 2326  
North Dakota House Judiciary Committee**

March 17, 2025

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Kristie Wolff, I am the Communications Coordinator for Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners (CDFNE).

I am providing testimony in support of SB 2326.

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## COMMITTEES:

Education  
Workforce Development

### SB 2326 Testimony - House Judiciary Committee - March 16, 2025

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Mister Chair and members of the committee, the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#) states that "*A State, Indian tribe, or territory shall not make available publicly on the Internet any information regarding the registration, filing of a petition for, or issuance of a protection order, restraining order, or injunction in either the issuing or enforcing State, tribal or territorial jurisdiction, if such publication would be likely to publicly reveal the identity or location of the party protected under such order.*"<sup>1</sup> It's important to note that VAWA applies to both criminal and civil protection orders.

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<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title18/part1/chapter110A>

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2326  
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-01.2 and 14-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

3:01 p.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, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative Tveit

**Discussion Topics:**

- Legal definition of protected party
- Violence Against Women Act
- Disclosure of abuse victim addresses

3:13 a.m. Representative Wolff moved to Amend and replace "victim" with "protected party" throughout the bill.

3:13 a.m. Representative Schneider seconded the motion.

3:16 p.m. Representative Wolff withdrew her motion.

3:17 p.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

*Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk*

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2326  
3/24/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-01.2 and 14-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

3:08 p.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

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

Members Absent: Representative Hoverson

## Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

3:11 p.m. Representative Wolff moved to Amend and replace "victim" with "protected party" on page 3 lines 19 and 21, and page 7 lines 1 and 3.

3:11 p.m. Representative Schneider 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	A
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

3:12 p.m. Motion passed 13-0-1

3:12 p.m. Representative Wolff moved a Do Pass as Amended.

3:12 p.m. Representative Vetter seconded the motion.



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

3:13 p.m. Motion passed 13-0-1

3:13 p.m. Representative Schneider will carry the bill.

Amendments held due to conflicts with HB 1489, the bill was reconsidered on April 9, 2025.

3:16 p.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

*Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk*

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2326  
4/9/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 12.1-31-01.2 and 14-07.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to sexual assault restraining orders and domestic violence protection orders; and to provide for application.

10:13 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

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

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Johnston, VanWinkle

## **Discussion Topics:**

- Committee action

10:14 a.m. Representative Schneider moved to reconsider.

10:14 a.m. Representative Karls seconded the motion.

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

10:15 a.m. Motion passed 11-0-3

10:15 a.m. Representative Schneider moved a Do Not Pass.

10:15 a.m. Representative Satrom seconded the motion.

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

10:16 a.m. Motion passed 11-0-3

10:16 a.m. Chairman Klemin will carry the bill.

10:17 a.m. Chairman Klemin adjourned the meeting.

*Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2326 ([25.1239.02000](#))**

**Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2326 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.