

### NDTOA Bills Move Forward

Now that both township bills **Senate Bill 2178**, and **House Bill 1236**, have made it through to the next step, NDTOA turns their attention to other significant legislation that could impact townships and township operations. We'll attempt to keep members informed as to the most pertinent issues without getting too much into "the weeds."

**HB 1423** relates to the model ordinance zoning for animal feeding operations and the ND Insurance Reserve Fund. The bill would prohibit townships from utilizing the NDIRF if they are sued after denying a permit for an animal feeding operation. It also provides a financial incentive to the township if they approve the development and stay within the model ordinance. **The public hearing is set for Feb 2 @ 8:30am.**

### NDTOA Board Members Testify, Township Bills continue to move forward



NDTOA Executive Secretary Larry Syverson was supported at the SB 2275 and SB 2329 hearings by **NDTOA Directors Tim Geinert, Gerald Miller, and Tom Wheeler** as they presented specific testimony in support of

the bills in the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee.



**NDTOA Vice President Todd Weber presented data in support of SB 2329.** This bill takes a portion of Motor Vehicle Excise tax and creates a "township highway aid fund." Executive Secretary Larry Syverson also testified on behalf of NDTOA. The League of Cities and the ND Association of Counties supported the bill, with a potential of offering future amendments.

### NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

<a href="#">HB 1012</a>	NDDOT Budget	Monitor/Support
<a href="#">HB 1147</a>	Establish county & township bridge fund	Support
<a href="#">HB 1236</a>	<b>Township officers</b>	<b>Passes House 88-4</b>
<a href="#">SB 2113</a>	DOT Flexible Transp. Fund	Support; Passes Senate 46-0
<a href="#">SB 2178</a>	<b>Township special road fund</b>	<b>Passed Senate 47-0</b>
<a href="#">SB 2183</a>	Emergency snow removal grants	Hearing held; amendments forthcoming
<a href="#">SB 2275</a>	Moves municipal infrastructure "Prairie Dog bucket" up in priority	Hearing held; no Cmte action

**SB 2183** is a \$35 million appropriation for emergency snow removal grants to political subdivisions. To support an amendment, NDTOA has been asked for snow expense data for the months OCT, NOV, & DEC for the years 2017 through 2022. The 12-month numbers from the annual report will not be used, only the 3-month period from each year.

**SB 2350** relates to traffic signs and penalty signs, which may be affixed to the traffic sign.

**SB 2365** provide for a legislative management study regarding township participation in the national flood insurance program. **Public hearing is Jan 31 @ 9:00am.**

**SB 2329** requires a portion of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenue be designated for township road funding. There are many legislators working on exactly how to do this, so it is a fluid situation at the moment.

You can view any Committee hearing or Floor Session via the Legislative website video link here: <https://video.ndlegis.gov/>

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