

NDTOA Legislative Update

March 17, 2025

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Bill No.	Description (NDTOA) Indicates NDTOA Bill	Status	Position
INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND AGENCY BUDGETS			
<u>HB1015</u>	OMB Budget Bill Amendment to add \$50M to offset adding 5 counties to Prairie Dog Senate Appropriations, Gov. Operations - 3/12	H Passed 83-6	SUPPORT
<u>HB1065</u>	Changes Prairie Dog funding to per mile basis Sent to Governor 3/13	H Passed 90-3 S Passed 47-0 Governor ?	SUPPORT
<u>HB1235</u>	Makes cities eligible for Ag Infrastructure grant program	H Passed 89-3 S Passed 47-0 Governor ?	MONITOR
<u>HB1382</u>	Increases gas tax 3 cents, one cent directed for townships = \$7.5M/YR Senate Finance & Taxation - Not yet scheduled	H Passed 58-35	SUPPORT
<u>SB2012</u>	NDDOT budget - (Scroll Down for a Graphic Description) SB2142, SB2151, SB2372 Have been rolled into the DOT Budget House Appropriations, GO - Brynhild Haugland - 3/18, 2:30 PM CDT	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2020</u>	Upper Great Plains Technical Institute (and others) Budget House Appropriations/GO - Brynhild Haugland - 3/19, 8:30 AM & 2:30 PM	S Passed 46-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2177</u>	Sales taxes from animal ag development used to support infrastructure in county, Requested an amendment to include townships Amended placed on calendar 3/13	S Passed 47-0 H Passed 71-21 Governor ?	SUPPORT
<u>SB2397</u>	Changes definition of oil producing county to 10M barrels/year Adds 5 lesser oil producing counties to Prairie Dog and other funding House Finance & Taxation - 3/11	S Passed 46-0-1	SUPPORT
LOCAL CONTROL, ZONING, AND INSURANCE			
<u>HB1026</u>	Will allow townships to secure appropriate bonding Senate I & B	H passed 89-0	SUPPORT
<u>HB1027</u>	Fire & Tornado Fund Senate I & B - 2/18	H Passed 87-5	SUPPORT
<u>HB1142</u>	Statutory Liability Caps	H Passed 86-1 S Passed 46-1 Governor ?	SUPPORT
<u>HB1258</u>	PSC oversees all siting processes for energy facilities Senate Energy & Natural Resources, Peace Garden, 3/21, 10:00 AM	H Passed 86-7	OPPOSE
<u>HB1374</u>	Exempts twp officers from open meetings when acting as staff (NDTOA) Senate State & Local Government - J216, 3/20, 9:45 AM	H Passed 90-0	SUPPORT
<u>HB1500</u>	Nonconforming structures - 03/11-	H Passed 81-10	MONITOR
<u>HB1579</u>	Study of large energy consumer effect on state electrical grid (Hoghouse Amendment) S. Energy & Nat Resources - Peace Garden, 3/21, 9:30 AM	H Passed 89-3	SUPPORT
<u>SB2027</u>	Twps may regain floodplain mgmt. from counties House Energy & Nat Resources - 03/13	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT

SB2174	Regulation of animal feed operations Continues to not address excessive road use cost House Ag - March 7th	S Passed 42-5	OPPOSE
SB2180	Public Comments at Meetings House Political Subdivisions - J327B, 3/20, 3:00 PM	S Passed 41-6	MONITOR
SB2317	Provides process for township to regain zoning authority (NDTOA) Senate State & Local Government - Do Not Pass 3-2-1 House Energy & Nat Resources - 3/13	S Passed 27-20	SUPPORT
SB2329	Allows counties and townships to vacate streets in dissolved cites (NDTOA) House Political Subdivisions - Do Pass 13-0 - On House Consent Calendar Sent to Governor 3/14	S Passed 44-0 H Passed 91-1 Governor ?	SUPPORT

PROPERTY TAX

NDTOA supports property tax relief and reform, however caps are problematic for all local governments.

Most proposals do not give relief for taxes on agricultural or commercial properties.

HB1168	Requires voter approval of levy increase -State pays 10 mils on school levy Senate Finance & Tax - 3/11	H Passed 88-3	SUPPORT
HB1176	Caps poli-sub mill levy increases at 3% - Governor's plan -\$1450 Amended - no caps for townships up to 18 mills Senate Finance & Tax - Do Pass 7-0 - Rerefered to S. Approps	H Passed 81-10	SUPPORT
HB1474	Study of Alternative Taxing Method	H Passed 86-3 S Failed 5-42	SUPPORT
HB1534	Value increase limited to 3% Senate Finance & Tax - 3/5	H Passed 75-16	
HB1572	Uniform reporting Senate Finance & Tax, Ft Totten - 9:00 AM on 03/18	H Passed 76-10	MONITOR
HB1575	State replaces 2.75% of residential tax rate, 1.5% of ag & comm -3% val increase limit Senate Finance & Tax, Ft Totten - 9:00 on 03/18	H Passed 86-5	SUPPORT

ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND DRAINAGE

HB1346	Off-road vehicle use - penalties - H Trans Senate Transportation - 3/13	H Passed 83-6	MONITOR
HB1444	Allows counties to take township roads Senate Transportation - Ft Totten, 3/20, 9:30 AM	H Passed 74-16	OPPOSE

HEARINGS THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2025

HB1176	Property Tax Bill - Senate Finance & Taxation - Ft Totten	3/17	9:00 AM
HB1572	Property Tax Bill - Senate Finance & Taxation - Ft Totten	3/18	9:00 AM
SB2012	NDDOT Budget - House Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/18	2:30 PM
SB2020	UGPTI (and others) Budget - H. Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/19	8:30 AM
HB1015	OMB Budget - S. Approps/GO - Red River - Committee Work	3/19	2:00 PM
SB2020	UGPTI (and others) Budget - H. Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/19	2:30 PM
HB1444	Counties take township roads - S. Transportation - Ft Totten	3/20	9:30 AM
HB1374	Open Meetings Exemption - Senate State & Local Government - J216	3/20	9:45 AM
SB2180	Public Comments - House Political Subdivisions - J327B	3/20	3:00 PM
HB1579	Electric Grid Study - Senate Energy & Nat Resources - Peace Garden	3/21	9:30 AM
HB1258	PSC Siting - Senate Energy & Nat Resources - Peace Garden	3/21	10:00 AM

PROPERTY TAX BILLS – ELEMENTS FOR COMPARISON

	HB 1176	HB 1575	HB 1168
RELIEF:	<p>\$503m</p> <p>\$1450 Primary Residence Credit</p> <p>Homestead Credit: Lowered income threshold by \$10k. \$50,000 income or less = 100% \$80,000-\$50,001 = 50% reductions</p> <p>Renters Credit: Increase from \$400 to \$600</p>	<p>\$703m</p> <p>PRC for 2025 only.</p> <p>Reduces tax rates. Residential reduced by 2.75%, Ag & Commercial reduced by 1.5%</p> <p>Homestead Credit: Lowered income threshold by \$10k. \$50,000 income or less = 100% \$80,000-\$50,001 = 50% reductions</p> <p>Renters Credit: Increase from \$400 to \$600</p>	<p>\$120m</p> <p>10 mill buydown on school mill levy – relief for all property taxpayers</p> <p>Amendment pending to increase bydown on school levy to 30 mills.</p>
LIMITATIONS:	<p>Greater of: 3% on dollars levied preceding year plus new growth OR 3% on base year (highest of last 3 years)</p> <p>Home rule may not supersede cap.</p>	<p>3% cap on taxable valuation growth from the previous year. Cap limitation applies regardless of sale.</p> <p>Home rule may not supersede cap.</p>	<p>3% cap on dollars levied preceding year plus new growth.</p> <p>Home rule may not supersede cap.</p>
EXEMPTIONS:	<p>Emergency levies, new levy authority approved by voters, bonded debt payments, special assessments.</p> <p>Unused cap allowed to be carried over once within 5 years.</p> <p>Vote (majority) to exceed cap in general election for 4 years.</p>	<p>Vote (majority) to increase maximum mill levy authority above levy limit in general or primary for up to 6 years. Ballot must specify # of mills, intended purpose, years.</p>	<p>New levy authority approved by voters, bonded debt payments, special assessments.</p> <p>Unused cap allowed to be carried over 1 year.</p> <p>Vote (60% approval) to increase cap percentage for 5 years max at primary or general election.</p> <p>Schools exempt from caps.</p>
OTHER:	<p>Assessment Notice to all property owners in March with info on local board of equalization meeting.</p> <p>New - Budget Hearing Notice mailed or emailed in August. Replaces Estimated Property Tax Notice.</p>		<p>Amendment would exempt those with population under 1,000 or budgets under \$2 million</p>

FAILED OR REMOVED FROM WATCH LIST			
<u>HB1202</u>	Directs \$3M from Flex Fund to specific project	H Failed 17-74	OPPOSE
<u>HB1239</u>	Restricts Local Government regulation of data processing centers - H IBL	H Failed 14-75	OPPOSE
<u>HB1353</u>	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H Failed 25-63	OPPOSE
<u>HB1396</u>	Maintenance of drainage projects	H Failed 5-86	MONITOR
<u>HB1407</u>	Increase load limit on non-interstate roads to 113,000 lbs.	H Failed 7-86	OPPOSE
<u>HB1436</u>	Prorated scale of MVET for used vehicles	H Failed 27-64	MONITOR
<u>SB2069</u>	No longer any possible impact for townships	S Passed 25-22	MONITOR
<u>SB2142</u>	Directs Motor Vehicle Exise Tax for Twp & NDDOT Flex funding, SB2142 was rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT Budget - Now redundant	S Failed 0-47	SUPPORT
<u>SB2151</u>	Legacy infrastructure fund, \$100M for bridge funding SB2151 was rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT budget - now redundant	S Failed 1-46	SUPPORT
<u>SB2208</u>	Strips County and Township Infrastructure Fund (Prairie Dog) from Counties and Townships that "interfere" with energy projects Senate Energy & Natural Resources, Peace Garden, 2/13 2:30 PM	S Failed 19-27	OPPOSE
<u>SB2372</u>	Legacy Earnings Fund - Increases earnings fund usage from 7% to 8% 1% to go to LE Highway Distribution Fund (currently \$87M), 10% to Twps SB2372 was rolled into SB2012 the DOT Budget Bill - Now redundant	S Failed 0-47	SUPPORT
<u>SB2378</u>	Requires voter approval of levy increase	S Failed 16-31	OPPOSE