

NDTOA Bills Clear First Hurdles

Two bills introduced at the request of NDTOA have passed the first steps to becoming law. **Senate Bill 2178**, which raises the township special road fund limit from \$100K to \$500K passed the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee 6-0, and the full Senate by a vote of 47-0. The bill must also pass the full House after the crossover.

House Bill 1236, which raises the allowable daily pay rate for township officers to \$100 and the annual limit to \$4,000 passed the House Political Subdivisions Committee by a vote of 13-0. The bill also allows townships to meet any day in March. The full House will vote on the bill early next week.

NDTOA Board Members Testify, meet with Legislators



NDTOA Executive Secretary Larry Syverson was supported at the HB 1236 hearing by **NDTOA District 2 Director Richard Lynne, and District 5 Director Gerald Miller** as they presented specific testimony in

support of the bill. With so many new legislators, it's important to have "real world" information and testimony to support the township issues.



District 1 Director Tom Wheeler and Wyatt Goettle from Stave Township testified in support of SB 2178 earlier in the week to the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee in addition to Larry Syverson providing an overview of the bill. (The bill passed 6-0 out of Committee).

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

NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

HB 1012	NDDOT Budget	Monitor/Support
HB 1147	Establish county & township bridge fund	Support
HB 1236	Township officers	Support
SB 2113	DOT Flexible Transp. Fund	Support; Passes Senate 46-0
SB 2178	Township special road fund	Passed Senate 47-0
SB 2183	Emergency snow removal grants	Support
SB 2275	Moves municipal infrastructure "Prairie Dog bucket" up in priority	Support

HB 1147 establishes a distinct "bridge fund" to address the county and township bridge needs. NDTOA stood up in support of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Paul Thomas.

HB 1148 establishes an "agriculture infrastructure fund" to assist political subdivisions with ag-related road needs when a new major facility is proposed, such as a soybean crushing plant. ND Farmers Union has asked for NDTOA Support.

SB 2183 is a \$30 million appropriation for emergency snow removal grants to political subdivisions. This bill attempts to help political subs that have already exceeded their snow removal budgets. **The public hearing will be Jan 25 @ 10:30am.**

SB 2275 is aimed at prioritizing the municipal infrastructure "Prairie Dog" bucket, which is filled with oil and gas revenues in the funding stream. **The public hearing will be Jan 24 @ 9:00 am.**

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. **The public hearing will be Jan 24 @ 9:30 am.**

If you would like more information or have a question about any legislative issue, contact Larry Syverson. Email: larry.ndtoa@gmail.com

