

Grand Forks Legislative Committee
Friday, February 1, 2019
City Hall, A102

Attendees:

Mark Nelson, LeahRae Amundson, Meredith Richards, Paul Houdek, Tami Lazur, Brad Gengler, Ryan Brooks, Candi Stjern, Maureen Storstad, Pete Haga, Al Grasser, Todd Feland, Tangee Bouvette, Gary Lorenz

The Grand Forks Legislative Committee participated in the weekly conference call with the North Dakota League of Cities.

The GF Legislative Committee addressed the following bills:

HB 1066 (Prairie Dog Bill)

This bill would provide funding for infrastructure needs. This bill is still in committee. The City of Grand Forks Supports this bill.

HB 1435 (SIRN Funding)

This bill provides funding for the State Interoperable Radio Network in North Dakota. The City of Grand Forks Supports this bill. This bill will be in the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at 8:00 am.

HB 1165 (Nonconforming Structures)

This bill would allow nonconforming structures after a structure has over 50% damage. The City of Grand Forks Opposes this bill. Testimony will be provided for his bill in the House Political Subdivisions Committee on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at 10:30 am.

HB 1379 (Adoption of Preliminary Budgets)

This bill would require a political subdivision to adopt a preliminary budget by early July. Residents could then protest the budget and the political subdivision would have to have an election to approve the budget by September. The City of Grand Forks Opposes this bill. Testimony will be provided for this bill in the House Political Subdivisions Committee on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at 8:30 am.

Testimony

Written or verbal testimony was provided for the following bills last week

Jan. 28 – Feb. 1

HB 1481 – Monday, Jan. 28, 2019

HB 1380 – Monday, Jan. 28, 2019

HB 1488 – Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019

HB 1307 – Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019

SB 2238 – Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019

HB 1375 – Friday, Feb. 1, 2019

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HB 1165 – Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019

HB 1379 – Friday, Feb. 8, 2019

All of the bills that the City of Grand Forks is tracking can be found online at www.grandforksgov.com. Click on the 2019 ND Legislature link.