

Grand Forks Legislative Committee  
Friday, February 8, 2019  
City Hall, A102

**Attendees:**

LeahRae Amundson, Meredith Richards, Tami Lazur, Brad Gengler, Ryan Brooks, Candi Stjern, Maureen Storstad, Pete Haga, Al Grasser, Todd Feland, Tangee Bouvette, Becky Ault

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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.

**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 was provided for his bill in the House Political Subdivisions Committee on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

**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 was provided for this bill in the House Political Subdivisions Committee on Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 at 8:30 am.

**SB 2306** (Occupational Licensure of Military Members and Spouses)

This bill would make it easier for military members and their spouses to become licensed for their occupation while being stationed in North Dakota. The City of Grand Forks Supports this bill. Testimony was provided for this bill in the Senate Government and Veteran Affairs Committee on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

**HB 1380** (Tax Levy Limitation)

This bill would put a cap on taxes levied by a political subdivision. This City of Grand Forks Opposes this bill. Testimony was provided for this bill at committee.

**HB 1481** (Property Valuation)

This bill would allow a property owner to use an appraisal within the passed 3 years to determine their property's assessed value. This bill came out of committee with a Do Not Pass. This City of Grand Forks Opposes this bill. Testimony was provided for this bill at committee.

**SB 2020** (Water Funding)

This bill contains funding for water projects in the state. The City of Grand Forks Supports this bill. On Monday, February 11, 2019, this bill will be in a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations.

**Testimony**

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

Feb. 4 – Feb. 8

HB 1165 – Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019

SB 2306 – 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](http://www.grandforksgov.com). Click on the 2019 ND Legislature link.