

# NDTOA Legislative Update

February 10, 2025

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Bill No.	Description (NDTOA) Indicates NDTOA Bill	Status	Position
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND AGENCY BUDGETS</b>			
<a href="#">HB1065</a>	Changes Prairie Dog funding to per mile basis Senate Transportation, Ft Totten, 2/14 9:30 AM	H Passed 90-3	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">HB1235</a>	Makes cities eligible for Ag Infrastructure grant program	Hearing 10:30 2/6	MONITOR
<a href="#">HB1382</a>	Increases gas tax 3 cents, one cent directed for townships = \$7.5M/YR	Hearing 10:00 2/5	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2012</a>	NDDOT budget	S. Approps/GO	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2020</a>	Upper Great Plains Technical Institute (and others)Budget	S. Approps/GO	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2142</a>	Directs Motor Vehicle Exise Tax for Twp & NDDOT Flex funding, S Trans amended - 100% MVET to Flexible Trans Fund <a href="#">Link TO SEE AMENDMENT to SB2142</a> <a href="#">Link TO SEE THE AMENDED SB2142</a> SB2142 now goes to the S.Approps Government Operations Div for work	S Trans DoPass&RR 6-0	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<b>Senate Bill 2142.</b> The sponsors of the bill, along with the Senate Transportation Committee were directed by Senate Appropriations leadership to simplify the bill by placing 100% of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax into the bill and into the NDDOT Flex Fund Program. Township, county, city and bridge funding (SB 2151) (through the MVET) will have to be determined by the Appropriations Committee.			
<a href="#">SB2151</a>	Legacy infrastructure fund, \$100M for bridge funding Will be combined with SB2142	S. Approps	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2177</a>	Sales taxes from animal ag development used to support infrastructure in county, Requested an amendment to include townships Amendment to exempt the fund from township fund limits	S.FinTax	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2372</a>	Legacy Earnings Fund - Increases earnings fund usage from 7% to 8% 1% to go to LE Highway Distribution Fund (currently\$100M), 10% to Twps	S. Approps/GO 2/11 2:00 PM	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2397</a>	Changes definition of oil producing county to 10M barrels/year	S Passed 46-0-1	<b>SUPPORT</b>

<b>LOCAL CONTROL, ZONING, AND INSURANCE</b>			
<a href="#">HB1026</a>	Will allow townships to secure appropriate bonding	H passed 89-0	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">HB1239</a>	Restritcts Local Government regulation of data processing centers	H IBL	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">HB1258</a>	PSC oversees all siting processes for energy facilities	H Passed 86-7	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<a href="#">HB1374</a>	Exempts twp officers from open meetings when acting as staff (NDTOA)	H Passed 90-0	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">HB1500</a>	Nonconforming structures	Hearing 9:00 2/7	MONITOR
<a href="#">SB2027</a>	Twps may regain floodplain mgmt. from counties	S Passed 47-0	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2174</a>	Regulation of animal feed operations Continues to not address excessive road use cost Returned to S.Ag committee for amendment	Do Not Pass 6-0	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">SB2208</a>	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.Enrg&Nat Res	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">SB2317</a>	Provides process for township to regain zoning authority (NDTOA) Facing amendments that may limit usefulness	Hearing 9:30 2/6	<b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">SB2329</a>	Allows counties and townships to vacate streets in dissolved cites (NDTOA)	S Passed 44-0	<b>SUPPORT</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAX</b>			
NDTOA supports property tax relief and reform, however caps are problematic for all local governments. These proposals do not give relief for taxes on agricultural or commercial properties.			
<a href="#">HB1168</a>	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H. Fin Tax	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">HB1176</a>	Caps poli-sub mill levy increases at 3% - Governor's plan Amended - no caps for townships up to 18 mills	H. Fin Tax DoPass(A)12-2-0	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">HB1353</a>	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H. Fin Tax	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">SB2378</a>	Requires voter approval of levy increase	S. Fin Tax	<b>OPPOSE</b>

ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND DRAINAGE			
<b>HB1346</b>	Off-road vehicle use - penalties	H Trans	MONITOR
<b>HB1444</b>	Allows counties to take township roads House Transportation, J327E, 2/13 9:30 AM	H Trans	<b>OPPOSE</b>

HEARINGS THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025			
<b>SB2020</b>	UGPTI Budget - Senate Appropriations- Harvest Rm -	10-Feb	9:00 AM
<b>SB2372</b>	Legacy Earnings Fund - S. Approps/GO - Red River Rm	11-Feb	2:00 PM
<b>HB1444</b>	Allows counties to take township roads - H. Transportation - J327E	13-Feb	10:00 AM
<b>SB2208</b>	Prairie Dog funding - Senate Energy & Nat Res - Peace Garden Rm	13-Feb	2:30 PM
<b>HB1065</b>	Prairie Dog funding - per mile basis - S. Transportation - Ft Totten	13-Feb	2:30 PM

FAILED OR REMOVED FROM WATCH LIST			
<b>HB1202</b>	Directs \$3M from Flex Fund to specific project	H Failed 17-74	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>HB1396</b>	Maintenance of drainage projects	H Failed 5-86	MONITOR
<b>HB1407</b>	Increase load limit on non-interstate roads to 113,000 lbs.	H Failed 7-86	<b>OPPOSE</b>
<b>HB1436</b>	Prorated scale of MVET for used vehicles	H Failed 27-64	MONITOR
<b>SB2069</b>	No longer any possible impact for townships	Do Pass 6-0	MONITOR

LEGISLATIVE SCOREBOARD: TOTAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS 1,072				
	Total	Defeated	Passed	Remaining
House Bills & Resolutions	648	62	139	447
Senate Bills & Resolutions	424	40	150	234
Withdrawn	29			
<b>DAYS REMAINING IN 69<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 58</b>				
<b>DAYS REMAINING UNTIL CROSSOVER: 15</b>				

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Together we will remind them that Local Government matters!**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPITOL CONNECTION**

February 18th and 19th

**Check out Local Government Capitol Connection on [NDTOA.COM](http://NDTOA.COM)**

**Or, just come for the day, February 19th  
Township Officers at the Capitol Day  
Let's make it TOWNSHIP DAY!**

There is no registration fee for this option.

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