

NDTOA Legislative Update

February 17, 2025

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Bill No.	Description (NDTOA) Indicates NDTOA Bill	Status	Position
INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND AGENCY BUDGETS			
HB1065	Changes Prairie Dog funding to per mile basis Senate Transportation, Ft Totten, 2/14 9:30 AM	H Passed 90-3	SUPPORT
HB1235	Makes cities eligible for Ag Infrastructure grant program	H Passed 89-3	MONITOR
HB1382	Increases gas tax 3 cents, one cent directed for townships = \$7.5M/YR	H Passed 53-32 RR H Approps	SUPPORT
SB2012	NDDOT budget SB2142 and SB2151 will be rolled into the DOTBudget	S. Approps/GO	SUPPORT
SB2020	Upper Great Plains Technical Institute (and others)Budget	S Passed 46-0	SUPPORT
SB2142	Directs Motor Vehicle Exise Tax for Twp & NDDOT Flex funding, S Trans amended - 100% MVET to Flexible Trans Fund Link TO SEE AMENDMENT to SB2142 Link TO SEE THE AMENDED SB2142 SB2142 now goes to the S.Approps Government Operations Div for work SB2142 will be rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT Budget	S Trans DoPass&RR 6-0	SUPPORT
SB2151	Legacy infrastructure fund, \$100M for bridge funding Will be combined with SB2142 SB2151 will be rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT budget	S. Approps	SUPPORT
SB2177	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 Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
SB2372	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	SUPPORT
SB2397	Changes definition of oil producing county to 10M barrels/year	S Passed 46-0-1	SUPPORT
LOCAL CONTROL, ZONING, AND INSURANCE			
HB1026	Will allow townships to secure appropriate bonding	H passed 89-0	SUPPORT
HB1239	Restritcts Local Government regulation of data processing centers - H IBL	Do Not Pass 10-2	OPPOSE
HB1258	PSC oversees all siting processes for energy facilities Senate Energy & Natural Resources, Not Scheduled	H Passed 86-7	NEUTRAL
HB1374	Exempts twp officers from open meetings when acting as staff (NDTOA)	H Passed 90-0	SUPPORT
HB1500	Nonconforming structures	Do Not pass 7-3-3	MONITOR
HB1579	Requires data centers toobtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity	Hearing 1/31	
SB2027	Twps may regain floodplain mgmt. from counties	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
SB2174	Regulation of animal feed operations Continues to not address excessive road use cost Returned to S.Ag committee for amendment Amended Do Pass 5-1, on Senate Calendar	Do Not Pass 6-0 Do Pass 5-1	OPPOSE
SB2208	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	OPPOSE
SB2317	Provides process for township to regain zoning authority (NDTOA) Facing amendments that may limit usefulness Do Not Pass 4-2	Hearing 9:30 2/6	SUPPORT
SB2329	Allows counties and townships to vacate streets in dissolved cites (NDTOA)	S Passed 44-0	SUPPORT
PROPERTY TAX			
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.			
HB1168	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H. Fin Tax	OPPOSE
HB1176	Caps poli-sub mill levy increases at 3% - Governor's plan	H. Fin Tax	OPPOSE

	Amended - no caps for townships up to 18 mills	DoPass(A)12-2-0	OPPOSE
HB1353	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H Failed 25-63	OPPOSE
SB2378	Requires voter approval of levy increase	S. Fin Tax	OPPOSE
ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND DRAINAGE			
HB1346	Off-road vehicle use - penalties - H Trans	Do Pass 14-0	MONITOR
HB1444	Allows counties to take township roads House Transportation, 10-3 Do Pass , on House Calendar	H Trans	OPPOSE

HEARINGS THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17, 2025			
SB2372	Senate Appropriations, GO - Red River Rm	17-Feb	10:30 AM
HB1176	House Appropriations, Roughrider Rm	17-Feb	3:00 PM
HB1579	House Energy & Natural Resources, Coteau AB	20-Feb	10:30 AM

FAILED OR REMOVED FROM WATCH LIST			
HB1202	Directs \$3M from Flex Fund to specific project	H Failed 17-74	OPPOSE
HB1396	Maintenance of drainage projects	H Failed 5-86	MONITOR
HB1407	Increase load limit on non-interstate roads to 113,000 lbs.	H Failed 7-86	OPPOSE
HB1436	Prorated scale of MVET for used vehicles	H Failed 27-64	MONITOR
SB2069	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	121	51	476
Senate Bills & Resolutions	424	64	136	244
Withdrawn	30			
DAYS REMAINING IN 69TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 53				
DAYS REMAINING UNTIL CROSSOVER: 10				

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February 18th and 19th

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Township Officers at the Capitol Day
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