

NDTOA Legislative Update

March 10, 2025

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Bill No.	Description (NDTOA) Indicates NDTOA Bill	Status	Position
INFRASTRUCTURE, FUNDING, AND AGENCY BUDGETS			
<u>HB1015</u>	OMB Budget Bill Amendment to add \$50M to offset adding 5 counties to Prairie Dog Senate Appropriations, Gov. Operations - Red River , 3/12, 2:00 PM	H Passed 83-6	SUPPORT
<u>HB1065</u>	Changes Prairie Dog funding to per mile basis	H Passed 90-3 S Passed 47-0 Governor ?	SUPPORT
<u>HB1235</u>	Makes cities eligible for Ag Infrastructure grant program Senate Ag & Vets -3/6	H Passed 89-3	MONITOR
<u>HB1382</u>	Increases gas tax 3 cents, one cent directed for townships = \$7.5M/YR Senate Finance & Taxation - Not yet scheduled	H Passed 58-35	SUPPORT
<u>SB2012</u>	NDDOT budget - (Scroll Down for a Graphic Description) SB2142, SB2151, SB2372 Have been rolled into the DOTBudget House Appropriations,GO - 3/10	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2020</u>	Upper Great Plains Technical Institute (and others)Budget House Appropriations - 3/11	S Passed 46-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2177</u>	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 House Finance & Taxation - 3/10	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2397</u>	Changes definition of oil producing county to 10M barrels/year Adds 5 lesser oil producing counties to Prairie Dog and other funding House Finance & Taxation - 10:30 on 03/11	S Passed 46-0-1	SUPPORT
LOCAL CONTROL, ZONING, AND INSURANCE			
<u>HB1026</u>	Will allow townships to secure appropriate bonding Senate I & B	H passed 89-0	SUPPORT
<u>HB1027</u>	Fire & Tornado Fund Senate I & B - 2/18	H Passed 87-5	SUPPORT
<u>HB1142</u>	Statutory Liability Caps S. Judiciary - Peace Garden - 2:30 on 03/12	H Passed 86-1	SUPPORT
<u>HB1258</u>	PSC oversees all siting processes for energy facilities Senate Energy & Natural Resources, Not Scheduled	H Passed 86-7	OPPOSE
<u>HB1374</u>	Exempts twp officers from open meetings when acting as staff (NDTOA) Senate State & Local Government - not yet scheduled	H Passed 90-0	SUPPORT
<u>HB1500</u>	Nonconforming structures - Ft Union, 02:30 on 03/11-	H Passed 81-10	MONITOR
<u>HB1579</u>	Requires data centers to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity S.Energy & Nat Resources - not scheduled	H Passed 89-3	SUPPORT
<u>SB2027</u>	Twps may regain floodplain mgmt. from counties House Energy & Nat Resources - Coteau - 09:00 on 03/13	S Passed 47-0	SUPPORT
<u>SB2174</u>	Regulation of animal feed operations Continues to not address excessive road use cost	S Passed 42-5	OPPOSE

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SB2317	Provides process for township to regain zoning authority (NDTOA) Senate State & Local Government - Do Not Pass 3-2-1 House Energy & Nat Resources - Coteau-3/13, 9:00 AM	S Passed 27-20	SUPPORT
SB2329	Allows counties and townships to vacate streets in dissolved cites (NDTOA) House Political Subdivisions - Do Pass 13-0 - On House Consent Calendar	S Passed 44-0 H Passed 91-1 Governor ?	SUPPORT

PROPERTY TAX

NDTOA supports property tax relief and reform, however caps are problematic for all local governments.

Most proposals do not give relief for taxes on agricultural or commercial properties.

HB1168	Requires voter approval of levy increase -State pays 10 mils on school levy	H Passed 88-3	OPPOSE
HB1176	Caps poli-sub mill levy increases at 3% - Governor's plan -\$1450 Amended - no caps for townships up to 18 mills	H Passed 81-10	OPPOSE
HB1474	Study of Alternative Taxing Method	H Passed 86-3	
HB1534	Value increase limited to 3% Senate Finance & Tax - 3/5	H Passed 75-16	
HB1575	State replaces 2.75% of residential tax rate, 1.5% of ag & comm -3% val increase limit Senate Finance & Tax, Ft Totten - 9:00 on 03/11	H Passed 86-5	

ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND DRAINAGE

HB1346	Off-road vehicle use - penalties - H Trans Senate Transportation - Ft Totten - 11:00 on 03/13	H Passed 83-6	MONITOR
HB1444	Allows counties to take township roads Senate Transportation - not yet scheduled	H Passed 74-16	OPPOSE

HEARINGS THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2025

SB2012	NDDOT Budget - House Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/10	8:30 AM
SB2012	NDDOT Budget - House Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/10	2:30 PM
SB2177	Animal Ag Facility Infrastructure Fund - J327E	3/10	9:30 AM
SB2020	UGPTI (and others) Budget - H. Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/11	8:30 AM
SB2020	UGPTI (and others) Budget - H. Approps/GO - Brynhild Haugland	3/11	2:30 PM
SB2397	Def Oil Prod Counties - H. Fin & Tax - J327E	3/11	10:30 AM
HB1168	Property Tax Bill - S. Fin & Tax - Ft Totten	3/11	2:30 PM
HB1500	Non Conf Structurees - S. I & B - Ft Union	3/11	2:30 PM
HB1142	Liability Caps - S. Judiciary - Peace Garden	3/12	2:30 PM
HB1015	OMB Budget - S. Approps/GO - Red River	3/12	2:00 PM
SB2027	Flood Plain - H. Energy & Nat Resc - Coteau	3/13	9:00 AM
SB2317	Recover Twp Zoning - H. Energy & Nat Resc - Coteau	3/13	9:00 AM
HB1346	Off-Road Vehicles - S.Trans. - Ft Totten	3/13	11:00 AM

Active Property Tax Relief and Reform Bills
(At Crossover)

Bill Number	Bill Progress	Relief	Reform	Other
HB1168	Passed House	State pays for 10 mills on school mill levy	3% cap on dollars levied by political subdivisions allows carryover of unused cap to next year & for vote (60%) to exceed cap - except schools	
HB1176	Passed House	\$1,450 Primary Residence Credit	3% cap on dollars levied by political subdivisions, allows for vote to exceed or opt out of cap for up to 4 years at general election	Yearly assessment notice Only hearing dates mailed to property owners
HB1474	Passed House	None	None	Study of alternative taxation methods
HB1534	Passed House	None	Limits taxable valuation of any parcel from exceeding more than 3% year over year	
HB1575	Passed House	Reduces tax rates (state pays difference) Residential reduced by 2.75% Ag and Commercial reduced by 1.5%	Limits taxable valuation of any parcel from exceeding more than 3% year over year	

FAILED OR REMOVED FROM WATCH LIST			
HB1202	Directs \$3M from Flex Fund to specific project	H Failed 17-74	OPPOSE
HB1239	Restricts Local Government regulation of data processing centers - H IBL	H Failed 14-75	OPPOSE
HB1353	Requires voter approval of levy increase	H Failed 25-63	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	S Passed 25-22	MONITOR
SB2142	Directs Motor Vehicle Exise Tax for Twp & NDDOT Flex funding, SB2142 was rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT Budget - Now redundant	S Failed 0-47	SUPPORT
SB2151	Legacy infrastructure fund, \$100M for bridge funding SB2151 was rolled into SB2012 the NDDOT budget - now redundant	S Failed 1-46	SUPPORT
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 Failed 19-27	OPPOSE

SB2372	Legacy Earnings Fund - Increases earnings fund usage from 7% to 8% 1% to go to LE Highway Distribution Fund (currently\$87M), 10% to Twps SB2372 was rolled into SB2012 the DOT Budget Bill - Now redundant	S Failed 0-47	SUPPORT
SB2378	Requires voter approval of levy increase	S Failed 16-31	OPPOSE