

## Township bill gets green light

**SB 2178** which gives townships authority to increase their special road fund to \$500,000 was given a DO PASS by the House Political Subdivision Committee 12-0, and will be voted on by the full House on Monday, March 6. If passed, it will be sent to the Governor’s desk for consideration.

In addition to NDTOA testifying in support of the bill, Township Officer Wyatt Goettle; ND Farmer’s Union; and the ND Soybean Growers offered their support for the bill. [View the full hearing at this link.](#)

## Township Day at the Capitol shaping up

**Township Day 2023 will be Monday, March 6** and is a chance for township officers from around the State to participate in the legislative process first-hand. The Legislative Session happens for only 80 days every two years, and townships have a great opportunity to become informed and engaged in shaping policy that is positive to townships, particularly rural road funding.

If you plan on attending, please contact your legislators to schedule a visit with them and talk about our bills (see list in this Capitol Update). **Here’s the agenda for the day:**

**8:30 am**— Meet in Capitol Cafeteria side room  
There are 80 potential hearings to attend! A list of options will be provided when you arrive.

**11:00 am** – **SB 2183 the snow removal grant bill, will have a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. in the House Appropriations Committee, Brynhild Haugland Room.**

**11:30 am-12:30 pm**—Lunch on your own (Cafeteria side room); Speakers who will visit with attendees include: **NDDOT Director Ron Henke; ND Association of Counties Exec. Aaron Birst; and Gov. Burgum’s Transportation Policy Director, Mason Sisk.**

**1:00 pm** – **SB 2178 Township special road fund bill, will be voted in the House. The bill is at the top of the order (don’t be late!).**

House and Senate Floor Sessions. You may sit in WITH your legislator on the floor of the House or Senate during the session. Please be in the chamber 15 minutes prior to the start of floor session. If you choose not to sit with your legislator, you may watch the session from the gallery.

**2:30 pm**—Recap meeting (Cafeteria)

**3:00 pm**—Free time (Capitol Tour, Heritage Center visit, meet w/your legislators, etc)

**4:30 pm**—Social reception (optional, on your own) Stonehome Brewing Company, 1601 N 12th St., Bismarck

## NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

<a href="#">HB 1012</a>	NDDOT Budget; includes \$115M DOT “flex funding”	Support: <i>In Senate Appropriations Committee 3/7 8AM</i>
<a href="#">HB 1236</a>	<b>Township officers pay and annual meeting date</b>	<b>Passed House; now Senate State &amp; Local Government Committee Hearing: 3/10 10AM</b>
<a href="#">HB 1379</a>	Legacy Fund earnings; including \$100M for township and country bridge funding	Passed House; now sent to <i>Senate Approps Committee (No Date Set)</i>
<a href="#">SB 2113</a>	DOT Flexible Transportation Fund	Passed Senate; now sent to <i>House Trans. Committee</i>
<a href="#">SB 2178</a>	<b>Township special road fund increase to \$500K</b>	<b>Passed Senate; Now to be voted in the House March 6</b>
<a href="#">SB 2183</a>	Emergency snow removal grants	Passed Senate; sent to <i>House Approps Committee Hearing: 3/6 11AM</i>
<a href="#">SB 2329</a>	<b>Uses portion of motor vehicle excise taxes for township/county road funding</b>	<b>Passed Senate 24-23 Sent to House Finance &amp; Taxation (No Date Set)</b>
<a href="#">SB 2365</a>	Legislative study of township participation in national flood ins. program	Passed Senate 47-0 Passed House 85-0 next step: Governor

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The full NDTOA bill tracking list → [LINK](#)

**Special note on the weather for March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
The Capitol rarely shuts down during the legislative session. We have no way of canceling this event. We will most likely be there unless all of Bismarck is shut down. We will guide any Township Officers that do show up. **Call 701-430-1735**

The Board of Directors is looking into rescheduling another Township Day at the Capitol for later.  
Please watch for announcements.

