



North Dakota Library Association

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SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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Contact the Legislative Assembly in opposition of HB 1168

HB 1168 has been introduced by several Representatives to “create and enact a new section to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to restricting compensation and travel reimbursement for public employees for attendance at legislative meetings.”

The bill reads that public employees are prohibited from compensation unless the employees have been requested by a member of the legislative assembly to testify at the meeting. This is very restrictive and will surely result in decreased participation from public employees for legislative actions that affect them, including librarians working in public institutions. Furthermore, the decision regarding compensating employees should rest with the organizations that are employing the individuals; not the state legislators.

Full text of HB 1168: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/documents/17-0189-02000.pdf>

CALL TO ACTION

A hearing will be held on HB 1168 THIS Thursday, January 19 at 9am. We are reaching out to NDLA members to request that you contact both the legislators who sponsored this bill and your local legislators via email.

Please send your emails in opposition of HB 1168 by the end of the day Wednesday, January 18.

Bill sponsors and email addresses

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Find your local legislators and contact information: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/65-2017/members/members-by-district>

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your NDLA Legislative Committee Co-Chairs Janet Anderson at janet.anderson@minotnd.org or Christine Kujawa at ckujawa@bismarcklibrary.org.