

2023 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1242

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1242
1/26/2023

Relating to a line of credit authorized for the statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to declare an emergency
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10:00 AM Chairman Vigesaa- Hearing was called to order and roll call was taken:

Members present; Chairman Vigesaa, Representative Kempenich, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Bellew, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Kreidt, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Meier, Representative Mock, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative O'Brien, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Schatz, Representative Schobinger, Representative Strinden, Representative J. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

Members not Present: Representative Hanson

Discussion Topics:

- SIRN
- Public Safety Communications
- Project Timeline

Representative Bosch- Introduces the HB 1242 (Testimony #16869 and proposed amendment, Testimony # 16874)

Craig Fehle, Chief Technology Officer -Testifies in favor. (Testimony #16889)

Kelvin Hullet- Bank of ND- Further explains the bill, neutral testimony.

Additional written testimony: Ryan Johnson- Southeast Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (SE CRIB) (Testimony #16921)

Chairman Vigesaa Closed the meeting for HB 1242 10:43 AM

Risa Berube, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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HB 1242
2/8/2023

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4:25 PM Chairman Vigesaa- Meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

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Members not Present- Representative Strinden and Representative Monson

Discussion Topics:

- Proposed Amendment

Chairman Vigesaa Explains the purpose of the bill and the language of the amendment 23.0589.02002 (Testimony #20043)

Representative Mock Move to adopt the amendment 23.0589.02002

Representative J. Stemen- Seconds the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	A

Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	A
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 21-0-2

Representative J. Stemen0- Move for a Do Pass as Amended

Representative Kreidt- Seconds the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	A
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	A
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 21-0-2 Representative Bosch will carry the bill.

Chairman Vigesaa Closed the meeting for HB 1242 4:40PM

Risa Berube, Committee Clerk

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2-9-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

Page 1, line 1, remove "section 37-17.3-12 and"

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4. Consider input from the information technology department, department of emergency services division of state radio, statewide interoperability executive committee, emergency services communications coordinating committee, North Dakota association of counties, and local public safety entities.

The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Re-number accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1242: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1242 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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ReNUMBER accordingly

2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HB 1242

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1242
3/2/2023

Relating to a line of credit authorized for a statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; to declare an emergency.

9:30 AM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Payment mechanism
- Unspent funds
- Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN)

Rep Bosch, Dist 30, bill sponsor, testified in support #21608.

Blair Thorson, Motorola Solutions, testified in support with no written testimony.

Craig Felchle, ND Information Technology, testified in support #21605.

Kelvin Hullet, Bank of ND, explained what happened in 2019 session unspent funds.

Sen Lee moved a DO PASS and rerefer to Appropriations.

Sen Estenson seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Lee will carry the bill.

9:55 AM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1242, as engrossed: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1242 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2023 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1242

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1242
3/15/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the statewide interoperable radio network; relating to a line of credit authorized for the statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

11:16 AM Vice Chairman Krebsbach opened the hearing on HB 1242.

Members present: Senators Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, and Mathern.

Members absent: Senator Bekkedahl and Kreun.

Discussion Topics:

- Interoperable radio network
- Users of the 911 radio system
- Funding authority
- Implementation phase
- Line of credit at Bank of North Dakota

11:18 AM Representative Glen Bosch, introduced the bill, testified in favor, no written testimony for this hearing

11:30 AM Blair Thoreson, Motorola Solutions, testified in favor, no written testimony

11:32 AM Todd Steinwand, President Bank of North Dakota, testified in neutral, no written testimony

11:40 AM Levi Kinnischzke, Legislative Council, answered questions from the committee, no written testimony

11:52 AM Todd Kranda, Verizon Wireless lobbyist, testified neutral, no written testimony

Vice Chairman Krebsbach assigned this bill to the Human Resources Division.

11:54 AM Vice Chairman Krebsbach closed the hearing.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Human Resources Division Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1242
3/16/2023

A BILL for an Act relating to the statewide interoperable radio network.
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8:55 AM Chairman Dever opened the meeting. Members present: Senators Dever, Mathern, Davison, Burckhard, and Kreun.

Discussion Topics:

- Alert service
- 911
- Budget
- Infrastructure

Committee discussed.

9:07 AM Chairman Dever closed the meeting.

Susan Huntington, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations – Human Resources Division Rough Rider Room, State Capitol

HB 1242
3/17/2023

A bill for an act relating to the statewide interoperable radio network; relating to a line of credit authorized for the statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

9:17 AM Chairman Dever called the meeting to order.

Senators Dever, Davison, Burckhard, Mathern, and Kreun are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fifty-cent phone fee
- Ongoing maintenance costs
- Repayment of 2017 infrastructure loan
- Sustainability model for system

9:39 AM Senator Davison moved Do Pass on HB 1242 and send to Full Appropriations. Senator Kreun seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Dever	Y
Senator Davison	Y
Senator Burckhard	N
Senator Kreun	Y
Senator Mathern	Y

Motion Passed 4-1-0

Senator Davison will carry the bill.

9:41 AM Chairman Dever closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson for Susan Huntington, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1242
4/4/2023

A BILL for an relating to the statewide interoperable radio network; relating to a line of credit authorized for the statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

9:56 AM Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing on HB 1242.

Members present: Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, and Mathern.

Discussion Topics:

- Statewide interoperable radio network
- Committee action

9:57 AM Senator Davison introduced the bill verbally.

9:58 AM Senator Davison moved DO PASS.
Senator Schaible seconded.

Roll call vote.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion passed. 16-0-0

Senator Lee will carry the bill.

10:00 AM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

Justin Boone on behalf of Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1242, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1242 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

TESTIMONY

HB 1242

HB-1242 Introduction

Chairman Vigesaa and members of the House appropriations committee, for the record my name is Glenn Bosch and I represent Bismarck's District 30. Additionally, I serve on the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC).

Before I go through the bill, I'd like to provide a brief update on the status of the Statewide Interoperable Radio network (SIRN) project.

Currently, the project is over 50% completed with an expected completion date of June 2025. When completed the system will provide 95% mobile statewide coverage for our first responders. Early adopters are reporting that the system is working as or better than expected.

Two sessions ago we approved a funding framework for the purchase of the system. The total cost of the project is \$210M, with \$120M of that provided by the state. That \$120M was comprised of \$20M from SIF, \$20M from Bank of ND profits and \$80M from a Bank of ND loan paid back by a \$.50 monthly fee charged on cell phones. The funding framework did not provide a mechanism for the payment of ongoing operational costs of the system. These costs are currently requested as part of the ITD budget. Once completed the ongoing operational costs are estimated to be \$10M annually.

HB1242 asks that you consider two things, first re-appropriate the \$20M from the Bank of ND profits that were approved in 2019. Due to a clerical error at the end of the 2019 biennium the funds were not carried over to the next biennium and never spent on the project. Secondly, I'm asking you to consider using \$80M from unspent ARPA funds to retire the line of credit. This would allow one-time funds to provide the complete funding of the project. This would also allow the \$.50 currently being collected to make the loan payment to now cover a large portion of the ongoing operational costs.

Lastly, I'm asking your consideration of an amendment I've provided. On the original drafting of this bill, I thought it would be a good time to move the administration of the ongoing operational costs from ITD to Department of Emergency Services, but after consideration and discussion from a number of public safety providers it was determined that it would be better to wait for the project to be completed before any administrative changes be made. In the amendment I'm requesting a study be approved to look into the best structure for the future management of the system after completion.

With that Mr. Chairman, I'll stand for questions.

23.0589.02002

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

Introduced by

Representatives Bosch, Heinert, Nathe, Porter

Senators Axtman, Davison, Larson

1 | A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact ~~section 37-17.3-12 and~~ subsection 2 of section
 2 | 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the statewide interoperable radio
 3 | network; to repeal section 6 of chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to a line of credit
 4 | authorized for the statewide interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to
 5 | provide for a transfer; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an
 6 | emergency.

7 | **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

8 | ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 37-17.3-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
 9 | ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

10 | ~~37-17.3-12. Statewide interoperable radio network fund.~~

11 | ~~1. A fund known as the statewide interoperable radio network fund must be maintained in~~
 12 | ~~the state treasury. Subject to legislative approval and statewide interoperability~~
 13 | ~~executive committee department of emergency services approval, moneys in the fund~~
 14 | ~~must be used for providing the required state share of funding for expenses~~
 15 | ~~associated with the purchase, installation, operation, and maintenance of a statewide~~
 16 | ~~interoperable radio network. The fund consists of all moneys transferred into the fund,~~
 17 | ~~interest earned on moneys in the fund, payments to the fund, and other fund earnings.~~

18 | ~~2. The chief information officer of the information technology department director of the~~
 19 | ~~division of homeland security may apply for and accept funds, grants, gifts, or services~~
 20 | ~~made available for the statewide interoperable radio network by an agency or~~
 21 | ~~department of the federal government or any other person. Any funds, grants, or gifts,~~
 22 | ~~or moneys received from services received under this section must be deposited in the~~
 23 | ~~statewide interoperable radio network fund.~~

1 ~~3. Revenue received by a political subdivision in accordance with subsection 2 of section~~
2 ~~57-40.6-02 must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the statewide~~
3 ~~interoperable radio network fund.~~

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 6 2. A political subdivision shall add a fee of fifty cents to the fee imposed on assessed
7 communications services established under subsection 1. The additional fifty cents per
8 communication connection must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the
9 statewide interoperable radio network fund in accordance with section 37-17.3-12 for
10 implementing ongoing administrative and operational maintenance costs of the
11 statewide interoperable radio network. The funds collected under this subsection must
12 be expended in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the statewide
13 interoperability executive committee~~by the department of emergency services in~~
14 ~~accordance with legislative appropriations.~~

15 **SECTION 2. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO STATEWIDE**
16 **INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK FUND.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the
17 sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current
18 earnings and undivided profits to the statewide interoperable radio network fund during the
19 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT - LINE**
21 **OF CREDIT REPAYMENT - STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK FUND -**
22 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the statewide interoperable
23 radio network fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000, or
24 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
25 purpose of repaying the Bank of North Dakota line of credit authorized in section 6 of
26 chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
27 June 30, 2025. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

28 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT -**
29 **STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK PROJECT - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL**
30 **RECOVERY FUND - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated from federal funds derived
31 from the state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$80,000,000, or so

1 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
2 purpose of the statewide interoperable radio network project, for the biennium beginning July 1,
3 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

4 ~~SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION -- ADJUTANT GENERAL -- STATEWIDE~~

5 ~~INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK MAINTENANCE -- STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE~~

6 ~~RADIO NETWORK FUND. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the~~

7 ~~state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,858,240, or so much of the sum as~~

8 ~~may be necessary, and any moneys in the statewide interoperable radio network fund, not~~

9 ~~otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$12,335,556, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,~~

10 ~~to the adjutant general for the purpose of paying ongoing administrative and operational~~

11 ~~maintenance costs of the statewide interoperable radio network, for the biennium beginning~~

12 ~~July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.~~

13 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EMERGENCY AND**

14 **INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM GOVERNANCE.** During

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28 emergency services communications coordinating committee, North Dakota
29 association of counties, and local public safety entities.

30 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any

31 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

- 1 **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Section 6 of chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.
- 2 **SECTION 7. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

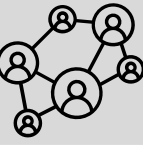
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House Appropriations

HB 1242
January 26, 2023
Brynhild Haugland

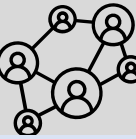


STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK (SIRN)



- **2011** Exploratory Study Focused on Land Mobile Radio Interoperability
- **2015** Legislature Authorizes Feasibility Study
- **2016** Televate Study Conducted; Recommendations Provided
- **2017** Legislature Authorizes and Governor Signs into Law - Execution of SIRN 20/20
- **2017** SIRN 20/20 Program Initiated
- **2018** Requests for Proposals
- **2019** January - Contract Awarded to Motorola
- **2019** April - Legislature Authorizes and Governor Signs SIRN Project Funding into Law
- **2019** May - Project Kick Off
- **2020** December – Backhaul and 10 PSAPs cutover
- **2021** December – 7 additional PSAPs cutover
- **2022** November – 5 additional PSAPs cutover along with approx. 65 sites completed

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN ND

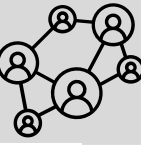


- What are Public Safety Communications?

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN ND

- 20,000 Users & Devices
- 900+ Public Safety
 - 114 Law Enforcement Agencies
 - 175 EMS Departments
 - 359 Fire Agencies
- Public Sector Entities
 - Public Works, Highway Depts, Public Health, Hospitals & School Transportation

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN ND



- Why SIRON?

SIRON HISTORY

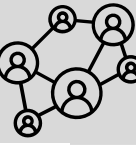
CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED



**NORTH DAKOTA
STATEWIDE
INTEROPERABLE
RADIO NETWORK**

- Lack of Coverage
- “End of Support” for 40% of communications equipment in 2018-2020
- Dozens of fragmented systems
- Lack of features required by public safety community
- Cumbersome Interoperability
 - Limited communication capabilities between jurisdictions & disciplines
- Interference
- Unreliable “In-Building” Service

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN ND



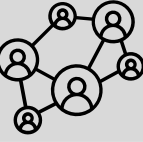
- What are we building?

SIRN SOLUTION



- Shared Infrastructure Utilized by All Public Safety Users
- 800 MHZ Frequency Band
- Project 25 Technology
- 99.999 Reliable is the national standard for public safety communications hardware
- Hardware Meeting Standards Usable on SIRN System
- Guaranteed Coverage
 - 95% Mobile Coverage / 95% Reliability
 - 85% Portable Coverage / 95% Reliability
- Addresses End of Life & End of support of Equipment
- Future Integration with LTE & Wi-Fi Technology
- Guaranteed System Support for 25 years

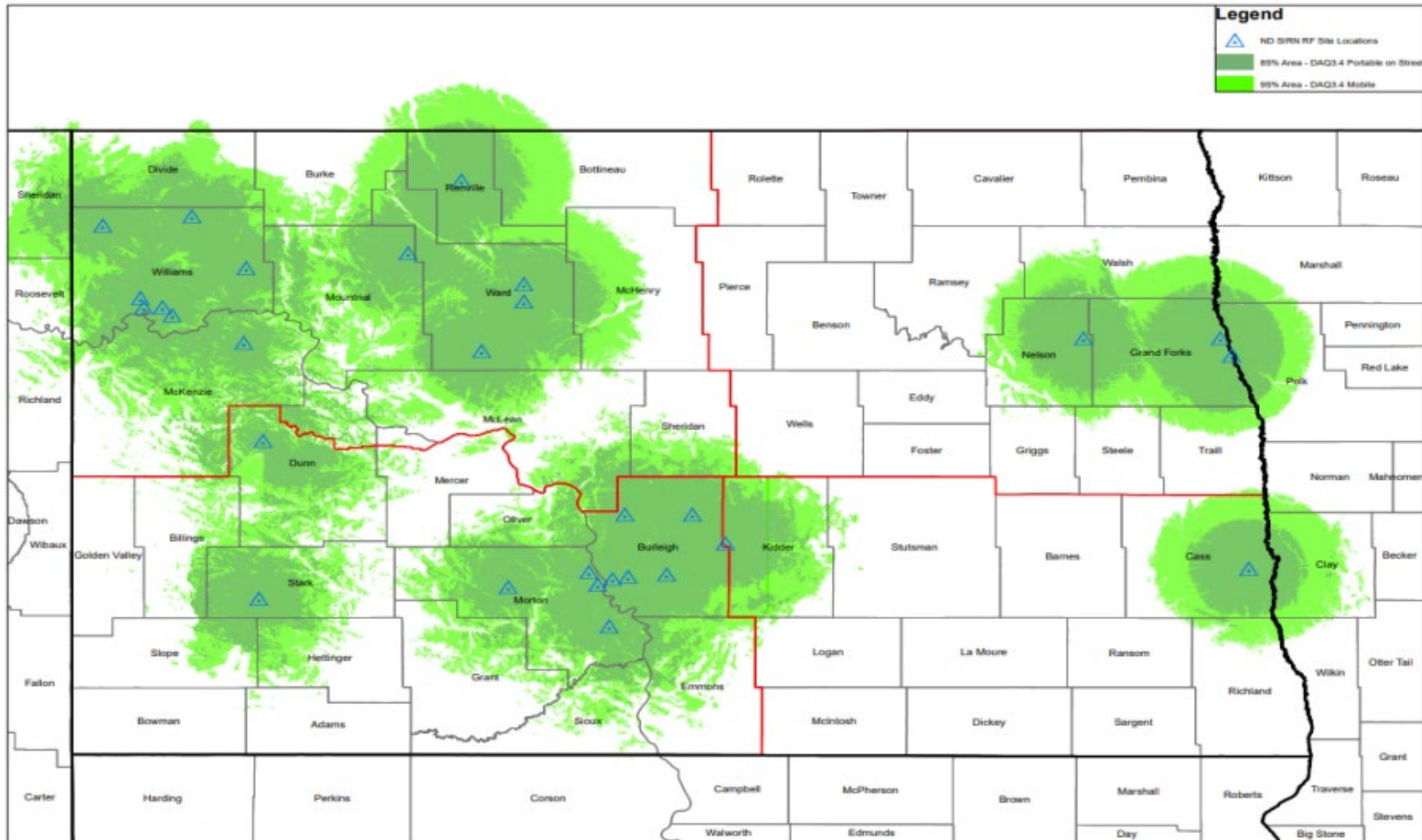
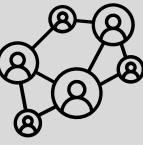
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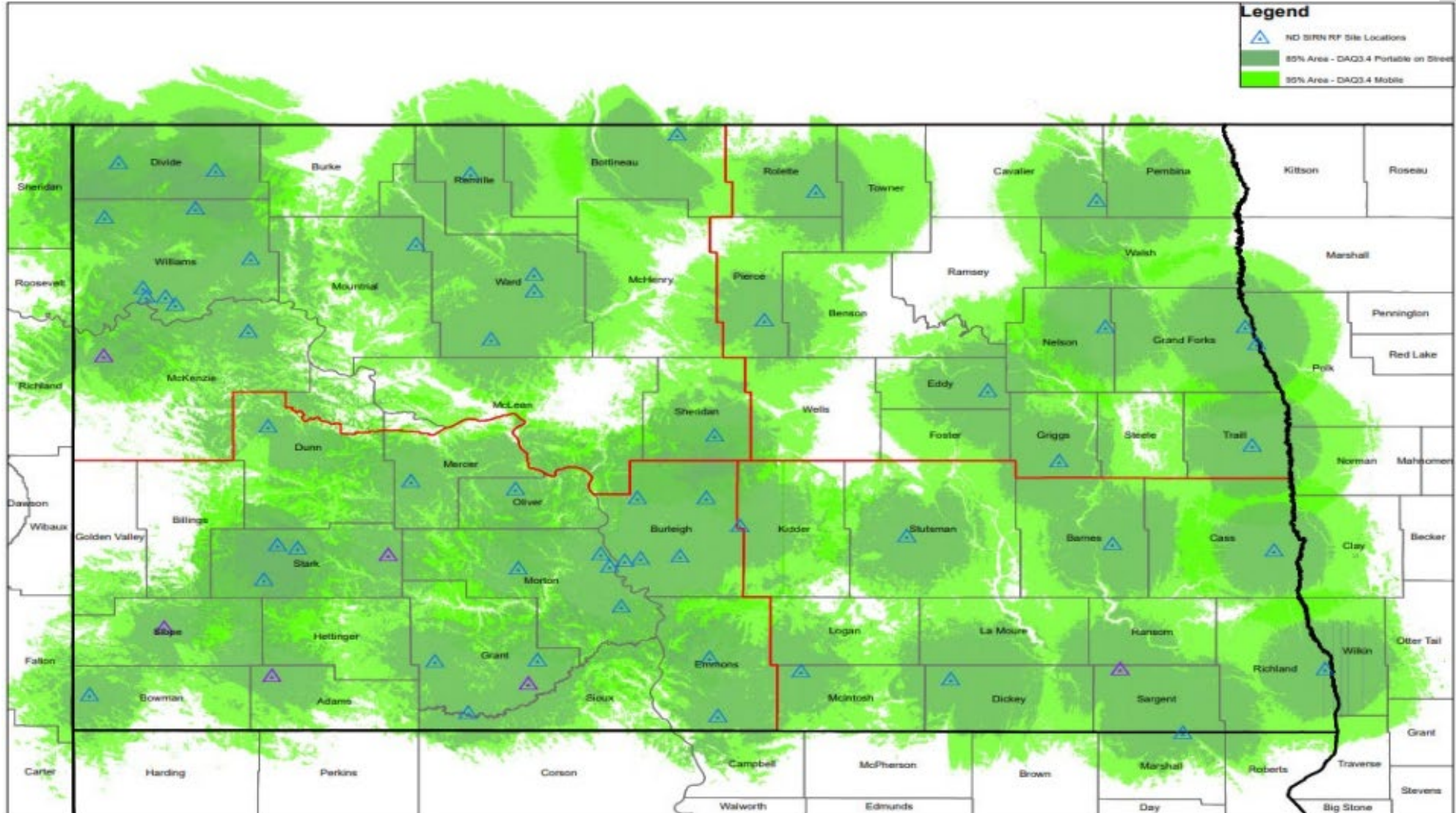
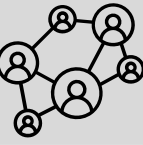
➤ **SIRN Project Has 3 Main Phases**

- **Phase 1: Backhaul and PSAP Console Replacement**
- **Phase 2 – Group 1: Radio Frequency (RF) Buildout for Mobile (In-Car Radio) Coverage to include Simulcast Early Adopter Locations**
- **Phase 2 – Group 2: Radio Frequency (RF) Buildout for Portable (Handheld Radio)**

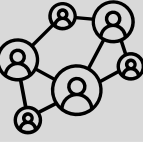
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Southeast Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board

**TESTIMONY OF
Southeast Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board (SE CRIB)
NORTH DAKOTA 911 ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE 68th LEGISLATIVE SESSION
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2023
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 1242**

Chairman Vigesaa, members of the House Appropriations Committee, my name is Ryan Johnson and I am the chair of the Southeast Coordinated Regional Interoperability Board. (SE CRIB). On behalf of the SE CRIB, I am submitting written testimony in opposition to HB 1242 (As drafted).

The SE CRIB and its membership strongly support the current role and responsibility SIEC governance structure provides in support of North Dakota Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN). The SE CRIB also supports the current role North Dakota Information Technology Department (ITD) has accepting funding, grants, gifts, or services made available for the support, security and sustainability of statewide interoperable radio network.

A motion of support for above was voted on by the SE CRIB membership on January 25th, 2023 and passed without dissent.

Your consideration of this testimony is appreciated.

Respectfully
Ryan Johnson-Sargent County
Chair-SE CRIB

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Barnes County-Sarah Miller, Cass County-Brian Zastoupil, Dickey County-Curt Halmrast, LaMoure County-Jeff Fleck, Ransom County-Rob Waletzko, Richland County-Jill Breuer, Stutsman County-Frank Balak

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Bosch
January 16, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

Page 1, line 1, remove "section 37-17.3-12 and"

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"

Page 1, remove lines 7 through 22

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 3

Page 2, line 12, remove the overstrike over "~~in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the statewide~~"

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Page 2, line 13, remove "by the department of emergency services in"

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Page 3, replace lines 4 through 12 with:

"SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EMERGENCY AND INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM GOVERNANCE.

During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying emergency and interoperable public safety communications system governance needs and options. The study must:

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4. Consider input from the information technology department, department of emergency services division of state radio, statewide interoperability executive committee, emergency services communications coordinating committee, North Dakota association of counties, and local public safety entities.

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Renumber accordingly

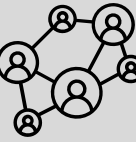
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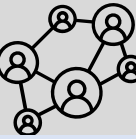
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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK (SIRN)



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- **2016** Televate Study Conducted; Recommendations Provided
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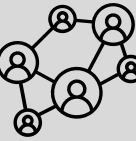


- What are Public Safety Communications?

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN ND

- 20,000 Users & Devices
- 900+ Public Safety
 - 114 Law Enforcement Agencies
 - 175 EMS Departments
 - 359 Fire Agencies
- Public Sector Entities
 - Public Works, Highway Depts, Public Health, Hospitals & School Transportation

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- Why SIRON?

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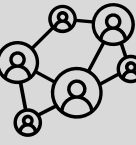
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- Unreliable “In-Building” Service

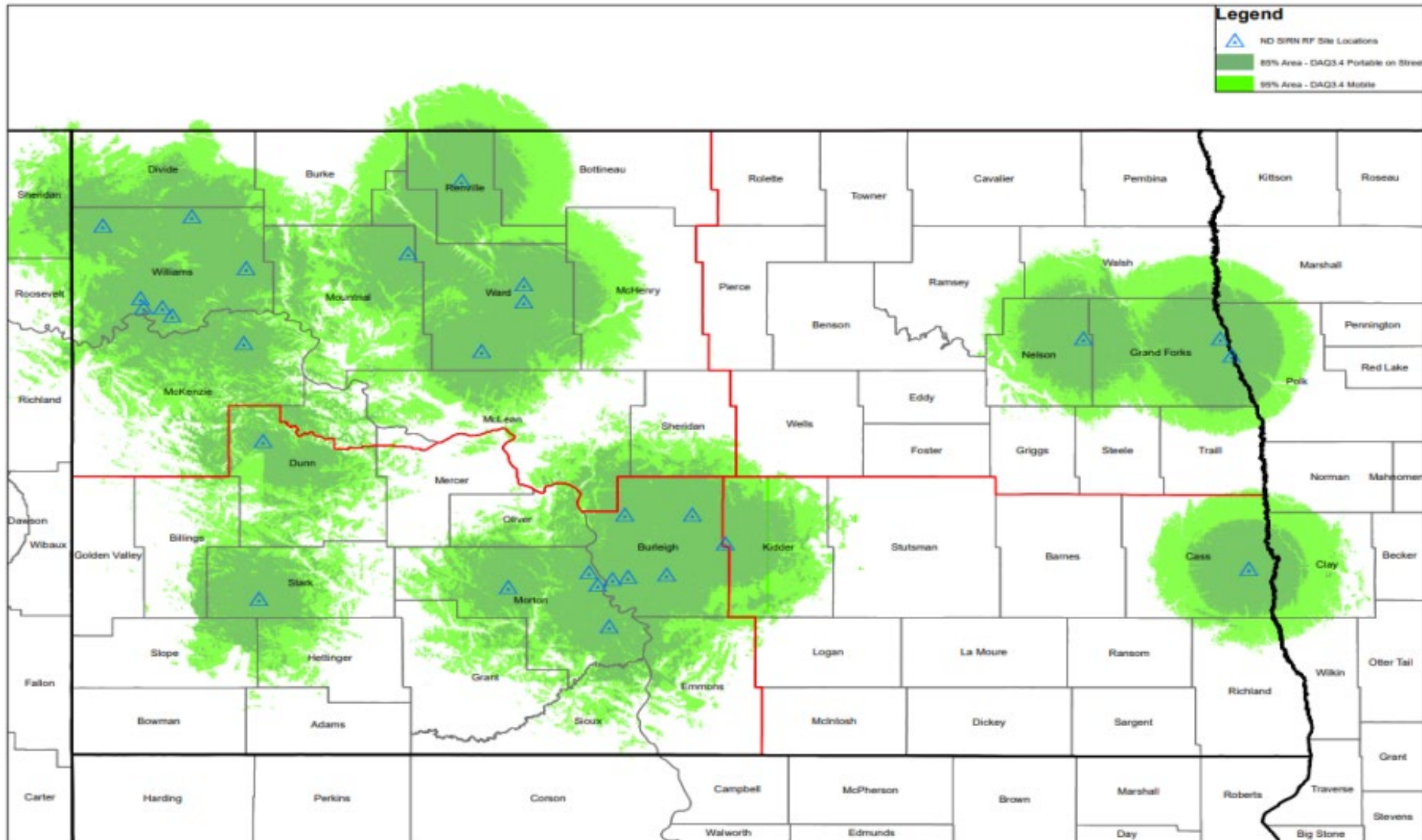
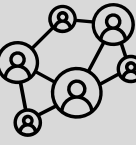
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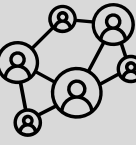
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HB-1242 Introduction

Chair Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government committee, for the record my name is Glenn Bosch and I represent Bismarck's District 30. Additionally, I serve on the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC).

Before I go through the bill before you, I'd like to provide a brief update on the status of the Statewide Interoperable Radio network (SIRN) project.

Currently, the project is over 50% completed with an expected completion date of June 2025. When fully implemented the system will provide 95% mobile statewide radio coverage for our first responders. Early adopters are reporting that the system is working as or better than expected.

Two sessions ago we approved a funding framework for the purchase of the system. The total cost of the project is \$210M, with \$120M of that provided by the state. That \$120M was comprised of \$20M from SIF, \$20M from Bank of ND profits and \$80M from a Bank of ND loan paid back by a \$.50 monthly fee charged on cell phones. The funding framework did not provide a mechanism for the payment of ongoing operational costs of the system. These costs are currently requested as part of the ITD budget. Once completed the ongoing operational costs are estimated to be \$10M annually.

HB1242 asks that you consider three things, first Section 2 re-appropriates the \$20M from the Bank of ND profits that were approved in 2019. Due to a clerical error at the end of the 2019 biennium the funds were not carried over to the next biennium and never spent on the project. Secondly, Section 4 asks you to consider using \$80M from unspent ARPA funds to retire the line of credit. This would allow one-time funds to provide the complete funding of the project. This would also allow the \$.50 currently being collected to make the loan payment to now cover a large portion of the ongoing operational costs.

Lastly, Section 5 asks your consideration of an Legislative Management study that looks into the ongoing operational governance of state and local public safety. The study also would review who should be responsible for the administration of the maintenance costs of the SIRN system as the project moves from the implementation phase and into the operational phase.

With that Madam Chair, I'll stand for questions.