

**2023 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1334**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1334  
2/8/2023

Relating to domestic terrorism and the statute of limitations for domestic terrorism; to amend and reenact section 29-04-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the statute of limitations for felonies except murder or domestic terrorism; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

10:15 AM Chairman Klemin opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Klemin, Vice Chairman Karls, Rep. Bahl, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Henderson, Rep. S. Olson, Rep. Rios, Rep. S. Roers Jones, Rep. Satrom, Rep. Schneider, Rep. VanWinkle, and Rep. Vetter. Absent: Rep. Cory.

## **Discussion Topics:**

- Domestic terrorism definition.
- Law enforcement guidelines
- Parents weaponized as domestic terrorist
- International organization.

Rep. Christensen: Introduced the bill. Testimony #19831

## **Additional written testimony:**

Amber Vibeto, District 3: Testimony #19713

Hearing closed at 10:27 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

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4:04 PM Chairman Klemin opened the meeting. Members present: Chairman Klemin, Vice Chairman Karls, Rep. Bahl, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Henderson, Rep. S. Olson, Rep. Rios, Rep. S. Roers Jones, Rep. Satrom, Rep. Schneider, Rep. VanWinkle, and Rep. Vetter. Absent: Rep. Cory.

## Discussion Topics:

- Amendment

Rep. Shannon Roers Jones moved a Do Not Pass;  
Seconded by Rep. Bahl

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	N
Representative Claire Cory	A
Representative Donna Henderson	N
Representative SuAnn Olson	N
Representative Nico Rios	N
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	N
Representative Steve Vetter	N

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 6 No 1 Absent Failed.

Meeting closed at 4:07 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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2/13/2023

Relating to domestic terrorism and the statute of limitations for domestic terrorism; to amend and reenact section 29-04-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the statute of limitations for felonies except murder or domestic terrorism; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.

9:24 AM Chairman Klemin opened the meeting. Members present: Chairman Klemin, Vice Chairman Karls, Rep. Bahl, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Henderson, Rep. S. Olson, Rep. Rios, Rep. S. Roers Jones, Rep. Satrom, Rep. Schneider, Rep. VanWinkle, and Rep. Vetter. Absent: Rep. Cory.

## Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Committee Action.

Rep. Christensen moved to amend page 1, line 13, remove international.  
Seconded by Rep. Vetter

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Roll call vote: 13 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Rep. VanWinkle moved a Do Pass as Amended;  
Seconded by Rep. Rios

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Landon Bahl	N
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	N
Representative Bernie Satrom	N
Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Roll Call Vote: 9 Yes 4 No 0 Absent

Motion carried.

Carrier: Rep. Cory

Meeting closed at 9:29 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

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Adopted by the House Judiciary Committee

February 13, 2023

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

Page 1, line 13, remove "international"

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1334: Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1334 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, remove "international"

Renumber accordingly

**2023 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1334**



# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1334  
3/29/2023

A bill relating to domestic terrorism and the statute of limitations for domestic terrorism; relating to the statute of limitations for felonies except murder or domestic terrorism; to provide a penalty; and to declare an emergency.
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2:47 PM Chairman Larson opened the meeting.

Chairman Larson and Senators Luick, Estenson, Sickler, and Braunberger were present. Senator Myrdal was absent but joined the meeting at 2:51 PM. Senator Paulson was absent but joined the meeting at 3:03 PM.

## **Discussion Topics:**

- Weaponizing government
- Enemies of the state
- Terrorism list
- Statute of limitations

2:47 PM Representative Cole Christensen introduced the bill and provided written testimony #27020.

2:57 PM Chairman Larson closed the public hearing.

2:57 PM Senator Luick moved to Do Pass the bill. Motion seconded Senator Myrdal.

3:08 PM Senator Luick withdrew his motion and Senator Myrdal withdrew her second to the motion.

3:08 PM Senator Sickler moved to adopt amendment "remove section 2 of the bill". Motion seconded by Senator Braunberger.

3:11 PM Senator Sickler withdraws his motion and Senator Braunberger withdraws his second to the motion.

3:11 PM Senator Sickler moved to adopt amendment "remove sections 2 and 3 of the bill".

3:11 PM Senator Luick seconded the motion.

3:16 PM Roll call vote was taken.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion passed 7-0-0.

3:17 PM Senator Luick moves to Do Pass the bill as amended. Motion is seconded by Senator Estenson.

3:17 PM Roll call vote is taken.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion passed 7-0-0.

Senator Luick will carry the bill.

This bill does not affect workforce development.

3:16 PM Chairman Larson closed the meeting.

*Rick Schuchard, Committee Clerk*

March 29, 2023

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3-29-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 1, remove "and 29-04-01.1"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and the statute of limitations for domestic"

Page 1, remove line 3

Page 1, line 4, remove "the statute of limitations for felonies except murder or domestic terrorism"

Page 2, remove lines 17 through 30

Page 3, remove lines 1 and 2

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1334, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1334 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

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Page 3, remove lines 1 and 2

Renumber accordingly

**TESTIMONY**

**HB 1334**

Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Amber Vibeto and I reside in District 3. I respectfully urge a 'do pass' recommendation on HB 1334.

- This bill clarifies and sets needed guidelines for our law enforcement officers at every level as to the difference between a domestic terrorist and a criminal.
- The passage of this bill will clear up public confusion from incidents in the recent past regarding what a domestic terrorist actually is. Ambiguous definitions of domestic terrorism at the federal level make it very difficult to understand who is an enemy of the state and who is a criminal. The passage of this bill will ensure due process is guaranteed for all North Dakotans.
- In September of 2021, the National School Board Association sent a letter to the Biden administration asking them to use the Patriot Act to look into "acts of malice, violence and threats against public school officials," which the association said "could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes." The NSBA eventually apologized for threatening and labeling concerned parents as domestic terrorists, but this incident clearly underscores the need to protect citizens from the weaponization of federal agencies.
- Depending on the issue, it seems as if we are applying labels and definitions differently for similar offenses. Why is there a difference in the burning down of American cities in 2020 and the breaking of windows at the US Capital in 2021? This is an unequal application of our laws.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.



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## COMMITTEES:

Judiciary  
Transportation

2/8/2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.  
For the record, my name is Cole Christensen Representative from District 24.  
I am here to testify in support of HB 1334.

- 1) This bill clarifies and sets guidelines for our law enforcement officers at every level as to the difference between a domestic terrorist (enemy of the state) and a criminal.
- 2) The passage of this bill will clear up any public confusion from incidents in the past few months regarding what a domestic terrorist actually is.

The thing that prompted this bill was a letter sent out from the National School Boards association asking the FBI and DOJ to investigate parents as Domestic terrorists. These parents were raising questions and concerns at their local school board meetings. We see this in the media, terms like this being weaponized for merely participating in the political process. This deadly label lynching has led to the weaponization of government against Americans. This gives us a solid definition, and says if you want to claim or prosecute someone as a domestic terrorist, you have to meet the 3 requirements laid out in this bill.

- (1) It is done in cooperation with any federally designated international terrorist organization that threatens or appears to threaten the sovereignty of the state or the United States of America;
- (2) Is a violation of criminal law; and
- (3) Either:
  - Involves violent acts or threats specifically intended to physically harm human life and:
  - Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activity within the state; or
  - Influence the policy of the state or any political subdivision of the state; or
  - Involves the use of weapons of mass destruction.

We need this bill for clarification for our law enforcement. The passage of this bill will protect parents, the citizens in our state, and will ensure due process is applied.

This concludes my testimony, and I will stand for questions.



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## COMMITTEES:

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3/29/2023

Madam Chair and members of the committee,  
for the record my name is Cole Christensen Representative from District 24.  
I am here to testify in support of HB 1334.

This bill's goal is to define the term "Domestic Terrorism" This creates a definition and gives guidelines on how one could be prosecuted as an enemy of the state. This raises it to a very serious threshold.

- 1.) You are working in cooperation with a federally designated terrorist organization that threatens or appears to threaten the sovereignty of the State or the United States of America
- 2.) Is a violation of criminal law
- 3.)
  - a. Involves violent acts or threats specifically intended to physically harm human life, or:
  - b. Intimidate, coerce, influence, or disrupt other lawful activity within the state; or
  - c. Influence the policy of the state or any political subdivision of the state
  - d. Involves the use of weapons of mass destruction.

There have been letters sent out from the National School Boards Association asking the FBI and DOJ to investigate parents as Domestic terrorists. These parents were raising questions and concerns at their local school board meetings.

We see this in the media, terms like this being weaponized against average Americans for merely participating in the political process. The deadly label lynching from the Media has led to the government being weaponized against the American people. Our federal delegation has a select subcommittee on the weaponization of the Federal Government that is looking into this very issue.

Parents are not domestic terrorists, and neither are average American citizens. Being an enemy of the state is a serious offense, and this definition raises it to that high benchmark. Let's stand by the citizens in our state, and push back against the weaponization of our federal government.

I would ask for a do-pass, and I will stand for questions.