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**SENATE STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
**SEN. KRISTIN ROERS, CHAIR**

**HOUSE BILL 1441**  
**MARCH 16, 2023**

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY**

**LEE ANN OLIVER, ELECTIONS – SECRETARY OF STATE**

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Chairman Roers and members of the committee, I am Lee Ann Oliver with the Elections Division at the Office of the Secretary of State.

Due to the numerous bills this session that seek to bring forth changes in campaign finance laws, we encourage the legislative assembly to amend this bill into House Bill 1529 which is before this committee tomorrow. House Bill 1529 now seeks an interim study to look at North Dakota's campaign finance laws.

We are seeking funding in Senate Bill 2002, the Secretary of State's budget, to fund a new campaign finance system. The Senate passed Senate Bill 2002 with that funding, and that proposal is now in front of House appropriations.

Our current campaign finance system is out of date and the functions are not easily changed. We are not certain that if 1441 is passed that it can be implemented as intended.

We urge the committee to amend House Bill 1441 into the interim study proposed in House Bill 1529.