

HB 1209 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SPONSOR: Morse

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, political subdivisions that fail to submit the required annual financial statement to the State Auditor are fined \$500 a day.

This bill reduces the fine to an amount of not more than 10% of the total sales and use tax revenue of the fiscal year for which the annual financial statement was not filed for municipalities with fewer than 3,500 inhabitants.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the city employee responsible for filing this report quit and no one else knew that it was due, so it didn't get filed and the city incurred a huge fine through no real fault.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Morse.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that all political subdivisions should know their duties under the law.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they were curious about the information being discussed.

Testifying on the bill was Kelli Zug.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.