

Testimony to the House Human Services Committee on HB 1468
Testimony by Barbara Frydenlund Rolette County Public Health District Administrator

Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee. My name is Barbara Frydenlund, and I am the Nurse Administrator for Rolette County Public Health District. I am offering this testimony today in opposition of HB 1468.

Federal law requires that healthcare staff provide a Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) to a patient, parent, or legal representative before each dose of vaccines is consented. Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) are information sheets produced by the CDC that explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine to the recipients. VIS are available in multiple languages and are regularly updated with the latest information. Informed consent is part of the vaccination process in North Dakota.

The financial burden of additional printing costs and the expanded appointment time placed on health care providers will drive up medical costs and decrease the availability of appointment availability thus taxing an already over extended medical system. If the VIS is not deemed to provide enough information it should be the responsibility of the parent, guardian or individual to research additional literature from the vaccine company prior to the well child immunization visit or to make a separate appointment with their healthcare provider to specifically discuss immunizations. The request within HB 1468 to dictate to every healthcare provider that they must provide a multi-page legal document, known as a “package insert” designed for medical experts, to the parent, guardian or individual seeking a vaccine appears to undermine professional providers. It is the mission of the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners and the North Dakota Board of Nursing to monitor the practice of those who they license, please allow process to work.

Sincerely,

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