



Testimony Prepared for the
House Industry Business and Labor Committee

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RE: House Bill 1314 – Cybersecurity Reporting

Mr. Chairman and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to briefly address you regarding this important statutory provision.

North Dakota Association of Counties Resources Group, (NRG) has been providing technical support to counties for 29 years and understands the challenges counties are facing.

NRG along with County and State officials are seeing growing numbers of cyber incidents occurring. Even though all County and State offices are behind separate firewalls they still have a common backbone, StageNet, with some shared applications tied back to State servers.

In the past NRG has seen one Counties cyber issues affect other Counties. I am sure these types of cyber issues have been reported but having NDIT provide “*consultation services and other resources*”, NRG believes is a good idea. NRG has been working with NDIT for several years, the skill and expertise NDIT has in cyber security is much appreciated by the Counties.

NRG does not see this as a burdensome mandate and urge a Do Pass recommendation on House Bill 1314.