

Hello Senator Lee,

Thank you for all that you are doing in Bismarck, it has to be a very strange session for all of you.

We talked about SB 2303, as a SACCHO, last Friday and again today. There are several reasons that public health is concerned and I know you will hear from many of us. Of course we want everyone to receive access to public health services, which we believe is currently the case. LPH Units in the counties with tribal lands, have tried hard to assure that the tribal areas have equal access to services. As a county which does not have any tribal land, I can't speak specifically to that, but trust that my colleagues are doing all that they can. This bill changes the wording from "shall to may" where it refers to collaboration with LPH which is definitely a concern as we surely don't need two public health units vying for the same funds or duplicating current services.

Of course there is concern related to funding and quality, would requirements be put in place to assure that every health unit is providing a minimal level of services for their citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Theresa