

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

SB 2308

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Chairperson Schauer and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee:

I am Erin Ourada, the administrator of Western Plains Public Health (formerly Custer Health), a five-county public health unit based in Mandan. WPPH provides local public health services to Grant, Mercer, Morton, Oliver and Sioux Counties.

I am providing neutral testimony on SB 2308 regarding Section 4 on page 4 and Section 38 on page 28. Section 4 relates to an amendment of NDCC 23-35-02.2 and moves the creation of a statewide technical guide for onsite wastewater recycling treatment technologies and sewage distribution technologies from the onsite wastewater recycling technical committee to the ND Department of Environmental Quality. Section 38 repeals NDCC 23-35-02.3 which relates to the onsite wastewater recycling technical committee. If the authority to create a statewide technical guide is given to DEQ in Section 4, I agree with the repeal of this portion of code.

I had the privilege of serving on this committee from December 2021-June 2023. I feel the committee has accomplished what it is able to accomplish, and the work can be moved to a state agency at this time.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted by,

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