

Testimony
House Bill No. 1069
House Human Services Committee
Representative Matthew Ruby, Chairman
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Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Susan Mormann, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Unit Director with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1069 which was introduced at the request of the Department.

North Dakota Century Code Section 23-01-40 requires the Department, Indian affairs commission, and public employees retirement system to collaborate to identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the state, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes.

The Department's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, funded by a grant through the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), operates in alignment with CDC guidelines, enabling us to collaborate effectively, implement impactful interventions, and conduct ongoing evaluations. This continuous assessment allows us to identify gaps, trends, and specific needs related to diabetes in North Dakota.

Repealing Section 23-01-40 of the North Dakota Century Code will streamline our efforts by eliminating unnecessary duplication of work and reduce red tape. Our Diabetes Prevention and Control Program will maintain its commitment to data collection, prevention, and evidence-based interventions that significantly enhance public health.

Importantly, we will continue to collaborate with the partners outlined in the Century Code, along with other key stakeholders.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.