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House Human Services

Good Afternoon Chairman Ruby and Committee Members

For the record, my name is Representative Karen Rohr, and I represent District 31 which includes part of Morton County, all of Grant County and Sioux County and part of Hettinger County.

I stand before you today to introduce HB1511. This bill relates to physician continuing education requirements relating to limitations on the performance of abortions and to provide for an effective date.

First, prior to inviting the supporters of this bill to come forward and go over the need for the bill and the provisions of the bill, I want to inform the committee that prior to submitting this bill, meetings were held with the Attorney General, Governor's legal counsel, ND Board of Medicine, General Counsel for the ND Catholic Conference, Executive Director of the ND Right to Life, the Pro-Life caucus which includes 90 legislators, and a highly respected Obstetrician and Gynecologist with 33 years of clinical & hospital practice to go over the need for the bill, educational content and process for implementation, and the appropriation. Changes to the original bill were made based on these conversations.

Secondly, I have an amendment to the original bill.

I stand for questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Representative Karen Rohr

At this time, I would like to introduce Dr. Jerry Obritsch, OB/GYN physician, to come forward and go over the need for this bill.