

Testimony  
Senate Bill No. 2033  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Senator Lee, Chair  
March 7, 2025

Chairperson Lee, and members of the Senate Committee, we are representing Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc., a volunteer ambulance service, whose service area includes parts of LaMoure, Dickey, Logan, and McIntosh counties.

We are appearing before you in opposition of Senate Bill No. 2033, as currently written, which seeks to address the issue of distressed ambulance services in the state of North Dakota.

23-27.2-03 a.: There is no connection between 23-27.2-03 a. and current North Dakota Century Code 23-27-04, which defines standards for operators (licensure). We recommend, if we are licensed and in compliance with 23-27-04, then there should be no other trigger for being designated a distressed ambulance.

23-27.2-05 e.: This criterion is ambiguous. What and who determines substantial likelihood? We recommend removing this criterion and referring to North Dakota Century Code 23-27-04.

23-27.2-07: Monies have been appropriated under section 2, so why is the ambulance responsible for paying for the services provided? We recommend removal of this section.

Thank you for your time, consideration and service to the state of North Dakota. In conclusion, Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc., feels that this bill strengthens the EMS system in North Dakota but leaves gaps and unanswered questions. Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc. opposes Senate Bill No. 2033 as is currently written and recommends the above changes to the bill.

Sincerely,

The Board of Kulm Ambulance Corps, Inc.

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