

House Human Services
Senate Bill 2112
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Chairman Ruby and Members of the Committee:

I'm Angela Dinius, the executive director of the North Dakota Association of Community Providers (NDACP). NDACP represents organizations across the state that provide essential services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). I am here to express our opposition to Senate Bill 2112.

Section 25-04-02 outlines that the purpose of the Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) is to serve as a specialty care and support resource for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities who are experiencing crisis or who would benefit from stabilization. We understand there is a need for services for individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria for developmental disability (DD) services. However, we strongly believe that LSTC is not the appropriate setting to address the needs of these individuals.

Our primary concern is the potential impact on the quality and availability of DD services currently provided by LSTC. Providers across the state, including LSTC, are experiencing significant staffing shortages. We worry that diverting their limited resources, including staff, funding, and physical space, to serve these individuals could undermine the critical services available to individuals currently served within the DD system.

We ask you to oppose this bill and encourage the Department of Health and Human Services to explore other options that ensure both populations receive the appropriate care without compromising the services provided to individuals with IDD. Thank you for your time. I'm happy to answer any questions.

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