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Testimony

House Bill 1307

House Political Subdivisions

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Good morning, Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee. I am Javayne Oyloe, Executive Officer of Upper Missouri District Health Unit (UMDHU). I have worked in public health for nearly 29 years. UMDHU provides local public health services to Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail and Williams Counties.

Local public health works with residents, city commissioners and others to establish ordinances that benefit the health of our community. Ordinances may include measures, programs and training that facilitate understanding and provide tools to assist with public safety.

Programs like the responsible beverage server training has been adopted by many municipalities in the state. This is a great example of local business owners' requests to help educate servers who want to avoid over serving alcohol or serving to minors. Another example are the rules used to assure pools are safe for our friends and family. The summer and recreational trips to a hotel or community pool are far more fun because we know there are safety measures in place.

When these types of ordinances are written they are created with community input. This local input is essential in knowing what best serves the community. For these reasons, I request a do not pass on HB 1307.