



Senate Judiciary Committee

HB 1511

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Chair Larson and Committee Members, I'm Courtney Koebele and I serve as executive director of the North Dakota Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students. NDMA opposes HB 1511 because it mandates education for physicians. NDMA has a long-standing policy opposing educational mandates for physicians, who are already required to maintain continuing education requirements.

The other issue that can't be ignored is that our current abortion law is not settled at this point in time. There seems to be little sense to create an educational module based on unsettled law, only to have to recreate it when the final decision comes out.

NDMA supports the amendments offered by the Board of Medicine. As noted in their testimony, this bill would add a new requirement for licensure and renewal not required in any other state. As further noted, the Board is part of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, and the Compact does not allow for additional requirements for licensure. North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-17.4 is a uniform compact law adopted (at this time) by 42 states that cannot be changed. Over 60% of physician licenses are issued through the compact.

NDMA urges a DO NOT PASS of HB 1511. Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. I would be happy to answer any questions.