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Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Metcalf, Svedjan

Senators J. Lee, Mathern, Potter

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an interim select committee on the status of health care; and to  
2 provide for a report to the legislative council.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF HEALTH CARE - REPORT**  
5 **TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

- 6 1. During the 2009-10 interim, the state department of health may establish and  
7 provide administrative services for the select committee on the status of health  
8 care. If established, the committee shall hold meetings across the state and shall  
9 prepare a final report and recommendations that must be presented to the  
10 governor and must be presented to the legislative council at the 2010 biennial  
11 meeting at which interim committees present final reports.
- 12 2. The committee shall study the statewide health care delivery infrastructure in this  
13 state, including the following health care provider network:
- 14 a. Hospitals:
- 15 (1) Classifications; and  
16 (2) Geographical access.
- 17 b. Practitioners and clinics:
- 18 (1) Classifications:
- 19 (a) Physicians;  
20 (b) Physician's assistants and advanced practice registered nurses;  
21 (c) Mid-level professionals, including registered nurses, licensed  
22 practical nurses, and technicians; and  
23 (d) Support level professionals, including certified nursing assistants  
24 and specialty assistants; and

- 1 (2) Geographical and demographic distribution.
- 2 c. Other providers:
- 3 (1) Public health units;
- 4 (2) Public clinics; and
- 5 (3) Home health services.
- 6 d. Related health care provider services:
- 7 (1) Dentists;
- 8 (2) Chiropractors;
- 9 (3) Optometrists; and
- 10 (4) Others.
- 11 e. Health care providers dependent upon health care services:
- 12 (1) Basic care and long-term care facilities; and
- 13 (2) Facilities and providers for developmentally disabled.
- 14 f. Financial reimbursement sources:
- 15 (1) Blue cross blue shield of North Dakota and other private insurers;
- 16 (2) North Dakota public employees retirement system;
- 17 (3) Medicare;
- 18 (4) Medicaid;
- 19 (5) Indian health service;
- 20 (6) United States department of veterans' affairs;
- 21 (7) Direct pay;
- 22 (8) Charitable services;
- 23 (9) Workforce safety and insurance; and
- 24 (10) North Dakota national guard.
- 25 3. The state health officer shall serve as chairman of the committee.
- 26 a. The following entities shall designate an individual to serve on the committee
- 27 and represent the entity:
- 28 (1) Governor;
- 29 (2) Department of human services;
- 30 (3) Workforce safety and insurance;
- 31 (4) Office of management and budget;

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- 1 (5) University of North Dakota school of medicine and health sciences;
- 2 (6) University of North Dakota center for rural health;
- 3 (7) Insurance commissioner;
- 4 (8) Department of commerce;
- 5 (9) Indian affairs commission;
- 6 (10) Two members of the senate, one of whom must be from the majority
- 7 party and one of whom must be from the minority party, selected by the
- 8 chairman of the legislative council; and
- 9 (11) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom must be
- 10 from the majority party and one of whom must be from the minority
- 11 party, selected by the chairman of the legislative council.
- 12 b. The state health officer shall invite the following private entities each to
- 13 designate an individual to serve on the committee and represent the entity:
- 14 (1) North Dakota medical association;
- 15 (2) North Dakota healthcare association;
- 16 (3) Blue cross blue shield of North Dakota;
- 17 (4) North Dakota long-term care association;
- 18 (5) North Dakota state council on developmental disabilities;
- 19 (6) North Dakota dental association;
- 20 (7) North Dakota chiropractic association;
- 21 (8) North Dakota optometric association;
- 22 (9) North Dakota emergency medical services association;
- 23 (10) North Dakota public employee association;
- 24 (11) AARP North Dakota;
- 25 (12) North Dakota association of counties;
- 26 (13) North Dakota league of cities;
- 27 (14) North Dakota chamber of commerce;
- 28 (15) North Dakota farmers union;
- 29 (16) North Dakota farm bureau;
- 30 (17) North Dakota AFL-CIO;
- 31 (18) Mental health America of North Dakota;

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- 1 (19) North Dakota chapter of the national association of social workers;
- 2 (20) North Dakota dietetic association; and
- 3 (21) North Dakota association of community providers.