

NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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HB 1472

HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS LETTER OF OPPOSITION

Chairman Weisz and Members of the House Human Services Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 1472.

HB 1472 allows an individual to provide complementary or alternative care. The bill does not provide a definition for the scope of care. Without this definition, how are the North Dakota occupational boards to determine who is honestly providing complementary or alternative care vs. someone who may be in violation of the practice of the occupation without a license?

Our second concern is that the bill does not contain a requirement, even minimal, for any level of education or experience for the individual providing the complementary or alternative care. Is the protection of the public a concern if individuals are permitted to practice complementary or alternative care without "any" degrees, training, experience, credentials, or other qualifications?

Further, the bill does not include what agency is responsible for enforcing the prohibited acts and disclosures included. Whom does the public refer their questions, concerns, or possible complaints to?

For the questions above, the North Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners opposes HB 1472. We are available to answer any questions the committee may have or to provide you with any additional information you may seek. Thank you.

Submitted on behalf of the ND Board of Chiropractic Examiners by: Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director