



House Industry Business and Labor Committee

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HB 1147

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), I am asking you to give a Do Not Pass recommendation to House Bill 1147.

NFIB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization and is the nation's largest small business advocacy group. In North Dakota we represent more than 2,000 small businesses. The average NFIB member in North Dakota employs 10 people with gross sales of approximately \$500,000.

Controlling healthcare costs are a huge issue among small businesses in our state. As health insurance premiums rise, business owners need to make tough choices about whether they can afford to keep their health plans, give raises to their employees or invest in growing their business and adding workers.

For these reasons, on behalf of NFIB members across the state, we respectfully request that you oppose this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don Larson