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SB2247

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

Chair Lefor and Members of the Committee:

As a board member of the Bismarck Mandan Board of Realtors®, I support SB2247 which requires – for greater consumer protection - property disclosure in all residential real estate transactions, not just those in which an agent is involved; and, the bill changes when the disclosure must be made which will allow buyers and sellers to make the decision on when the disclosure will be provided.

Example:

I am now currently in the process of negotiations with a for sale by owner who didn't provide any information on their home. The waterheater is at the end of it's 25 yr life and was recommended to the buyer after a home inspection that it be replaced, also recommended by a professional plumber. Seller refuses, yet we find out that when they bought the home 2 years prior that the waterheater was also recommended to be replaced. (We didn't find that out from the seller.)

We will appreciate your vote to move SB 2247 to the floor for adoption.

Thank you, Mary Ohlhauser, Realtor Century 21 Morrison Realty

