

TESTIMONY OF

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Good morning, Representative Schauer and members of the committee. My name is Sherry Neas, I am the Central Services Division Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). I appear today in support of HB 1056.

This legislation came out of the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Working Group. It is intended to simplify and modernize printing laws.

North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) Title 46 contains two State Printing Laws. One gives OMB the authority to purchase and supervise all printing for the various state agencies, and the other grants OMB statutory authority to operate a central duplicating service. State law categorizes printing into classes.

Section 1

Section 1 amends N.D.C.C. § 46-02-09 related to printing of biennial reports (class 3) and "general" printing (class 6). The current statute requires all Class 3 and 6 printing to be bid out by OMB or printed at Central Duplicating. This change amends the statute to allow agencies to do printing using agency copiers when more efficient or advantageous.

Section 2

Section 2 repeals N.D.C.C. § 46-02-20 related to in-plant print shops. The current law restricts the types and quantities of printing done by state-operated centralized printing facilities causing inefficiencies and complicating what should be a simple function—making colored copies.

State printing operations are intended to create efficiency by saving time, labor and equipment costs. OMB also issues many bids and state contracts for commercial printing. Repealing this section of law will allow state printing operations to make better business decisions regarding which printing jobs should be put out for bid to commercial printers and which printing should be done by state printing operations in consideration of factors such as what is being printed, cost, urgency, cyber-security, and protection of health information (HIPAA), taxpayer data, and personally identifiable information.

Mr. Chairman and committee members, this concludes my testimony. I ask your support for HB 1056. I would be happy to answer any questions.