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Good morning, Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee. I am Julie Wagendorf and I serve as the Director of Food and Lodging for the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services. I am here to provide testimony in support of SB 2082 which updates four definitions and general housekeeping of the North Dakota Century Code 23-09. Changes to each definition are further explained in the following testimony.

The Senate State and Local Government Committee amended the bill to include a definition for "child care food service establishment" on Page 2, Line 1. This amendment does not add any further licensing requirements or regulations to licensed childcare providers who provide a full meal service for more than 30 children. This new definition aligns with the early childhood services license types defined in chapter 50-11.1 and exempts licensed childcare providers who care for 30 or fewer children from needing a food service establishment license and food code inspection. These smaller licensed childcare providers still need to meet the sanitation standards of Title 75 enforced by the Department's Early Childhood Services Unit. This amendment was supported by the Department and our efforts in program integration and to reduce the regulatory burden on small, licensed childcare providers who oftentimes struggle to meet commercial kitchen standards.

Mobile and temporary food establishment is included in the definition of "food establishment" for housekeeping and for consistency with Section 23-09-16. This change does not add any new licensing requirements or regulations to mobile and temporary food service operations. Each of these terms is further defined in law and currently requires a state license and inspection. This change improves transparency in that the license types are included under the same license requirements as any other food establishment.

Changes to the existing term lodging establishment exclude small lodging establishments with five or fewer sleeping rooms and 10 or fewer guests from state licensure and inspection. Also, a definition was included for a transient

guest since this was not previously defined and clarifies that long-term rental properties do not require licensure under this law.

Proposed changes primarily impact small, residential-style homes held out for lease or rent to transient guests. Typically, these settings are privately-owned vacation rentals in residential neighborhoods. Local zoning, building, and fire codes apply in these settings and are in place to better serve communities' needs.

SB 2082, if enacted, would decrease the burden of regulation through licensure and inspections and result in fewer state resources needed for conducting inspections.

Amendments to Sections 23-09-03, 05, and 07 offer clear and standard language for commercial building codes and fire codes and were added for consistency.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.