



**House Human Services  
SB 2302  
Testimony Kirsten Dvorak  
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Rep. Weiz and committee members. I am Kirsten Dvorak, Executive Director of The Arc of North Dakota; we have six chapters throughout the state of North Dakota that advocate on behalf of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) for full inclusion in their community of choice.

The Arc of North Dakota Supports SB 2302 for the following,

1. It upholds the principles of equality and non-discrimination: Everyone, regardless of their disabilities, should have equal access to medical procedures such as organ transplantation.
2. It is based on medical criteria: The provision of an anatomical gift should only be based on medical considerations, not the individual's disability.
3. It promotes the well-being of individuals with disabilities: By removing discrimination in the organ transplant process, individuals with disabilities will have equal access to life-saving procedures, improving their quality of life and overall well-being.
4. It aligns with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): This statement supports the principles of the ADA, which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of life, including medical procedures.

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