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### **House Industry, Business & Labor Committee ND Board of Nursing SB 2184**

Chairman Louser and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee. I am Dr. Stacey Pfenning, Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON).

Since SB 2184's introduction, the North Dakota Senate Workforce Committee has amended the bill into a study, providing legislative management with the option to consider a study examining North Dakota's current occupational and professional boards.

Prior to amendments, SB 2184 would have had a negative impact on North Dakota's nursing workforce by replacing North Dakota's two-year renewal schedule with an annual schedule.

NDBON is neutral on SB 2184, in its current form as passed by the Senate, which considers a study in consultation with regulatory boards to examine apprenticeships, internships, licensure requirements and disciplinary actions.

A similar bill, SB 2249, would also study boards in conjunction with North Dakota's Labor Commissioner. Due to the similarities in each piece of legislation, the NDBON recommends combining SB 2184 and SB 2249 into one study.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am open to any questions the Committee members may have.

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