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Sheldon –

Please load this in the testimony for 2130. The committee members have received this message, but it would be good to have it all together.

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Chair Lee and Senators,

At the Senate Human Services Committee hearing on SB2139 regarding indigent burials, information on the county coroners was requested. In researching the NDACo records, I found that we compiled this information during the 2015 Session, so I have included that below with the 2023 update for comparison purposes.

The only trend that seems significant to me is that more coroners now come from the ranks of the nurse, nurse practitioner, physicians assistant and EMT ranks, and fewer that are medical doctors. This certainly makes sense, as many of our more rural clinics see their staffing also trending in this direction.

As one would imagine. those counties leaning on the funeral directors to serve as coroners are generally the smaller ones without resident medical professionals, and those relying on the coroner of last resort – the sheriff – are often those that also lack a resident funeral director.

ND County Coroners

	2015	2023
Sheriff	18	16
Medical Doctor	22	13
Nurse, NP, PA, EMT	3	13
Funeral Director	9	10
Other/Vacant	1	1
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