

**Senate Human Services Committee**

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**SB 2322**

**Senator Kathy Hogan**

Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Kathy Hogan, and I represent District 21.

Senate bill 2322 is a concept bill to expand involvement and create innovative local efforts to respond to the critical mental health crisis across ND. This crisis invites us to consider ways to build public and private partnerships throughout the state's churches, businesses, schools, and neighborhoods to understand and address mental health needs.

This is a vision bill and over the last year, the Dakota Medical Foundation has been actively engaged in assessing the mental health needs and framing priorities. This bill is designed to be a platform to frame a privately facilitated process for systemic change.

Madam Chair, I am more than willing to answer any questions.