

Health & Human Services

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Good morning, Chairman Larsen and Senate Industry and Business Committee members. I am Julie Wagendorf and serve as the Food and Lodging Director for the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I am here to provide neutral testimony for SB 2243 and to propose an amendment.

N.D.C.C. Chapter 23-10 authorizes the Department to license and inspect mobile home parks, recreational vehicle parks, and campgrounds. The primary purpose of the inspection by the Department is to evaluate compliance with sanitation and safety standards pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 23-10-07 and N.D.A.C. 33-33-01.

Currently, program administration of mobile home park license applications for new owners of new parks and change of owners of existing parks includes an application, plan review, and approval process. The license expires on December 31st of each year and is renewed annually. The license applicant, or person as defined in N.D.C.C. § 23-10-01-06, means any individual, firm, trust, partnership, public or private association, corporation, or limited liability company. The applicant's signature certifies the park will be operated according to the law. Licenses are not transferred per N.D.C.C. § 23-10-6.2 unless requested in writing and the license application, plan review, and approval process is adhered to. N.D.C.C. § 23-10-12 covers penalties including disciplinary action, license revocation, and due process following N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-32.

SB 2243 would require the Department to regulate requirements mandated in N.D.C.C. 47-10-28 as part of unrelated sanitation and safety regulatory framework. The Department would like to propose an amendment to the bill. The Department recommends removing "section 47-10-28 and" from line 10 on page 1, removing the last sentence on lines 10-14 on page 1, and on page 4, removing11-14. The Department would welcome the opportunity to work

with the committee and legislative council on revised language to meet intent while avoiding significant fiscal impact on the existing regulatory program.

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