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Good morning Chairman Patten and members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Reice Haase, and I am the Deputy Director of the North Dakota Industrial Commission. I am testifying in support of House Bill 1062. House Bill 1062 was filed at the request of the Industrial Commission and includes several of our agencies' requested legislation.

Section 1:

Section 1 of the engrossed bill would replace the title of "secretary" with "executive director" when referring to the Commission's director position and removes redundant language. This would be consistent with the growing workload assigned to the position since the Office was originally created in 1981.

Section 2:

Section 2 of the bill includes clean-up language proposed by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency. It would remove a redundant mortgage insurance requirement from code. Mortgage insurance is already required for mortgage bonds and mortgage-backed securities if the loan to value ratio exceeds 80%.

Section 3:

Section 3 of the bill includes clean-up language proposed by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, which would remove a reference to a staff position which no longer exists.

Section 4

Section 4 of the bill relates to the administration of the Commission's Renewable Energy Program. We respectfully request that the Commission's requirement to contract with the Department of Commerce for administration be changed from a "shall" to a "may".

Both agencies have increasing workloads, and the change would allow both to have flexibility in dividing the workload of administration amongst ourselves.