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SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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TESTIMONY OF LISA BLANCHARD
NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
HOUSE BILL NO. 1221

Chairman Wobbema, members of the Committee. I am Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director for the North Dakota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. As representative for the Board, I am submitting an amendment consideration for HB 1221, a bill relating to professional transparency for health care practitioners.

The Board submits the attached proposed amendment for the committee's consideration.

The proposed amendment updates the titles used by chiropractors in subsection e. on page 2 of the bill. The titles listed in HB 1221 do not match those allowable in N.D.C.C. 43-06-11. Below is the language for 43-06-11 [emphasis added]:

*43-06-11. License - When issued - Who issues - Title used by licensed chiropractor. A license to practice chiropractic in this state must be issued by the board to an applicant who has submitted proof of the required qualifications and passed the required examination. A license to practice chiropractic may not be granted except upon the affirmative vote of at least a quorum of the board. **A licensed chiropractor may use the title doctor of chiropractic, chiropractor, chiropractic physician, or D.C.***

The title currently not included in HB 1221 is "chiropractic physician." If the proposed amendment is adopted, subsection e. would read: "Practitioners of chiropractic, signified by the letters "D.C." or the words chiropractor, chiropractic physician, or doctor of chiropractic."

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to share the proposed consideration for HB 1221 to resolve the conflicting language between HB 1221 and 43-06-11.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1221

Page 2, line 13, after the word "chiropractor" insert ", chiropractic physician,"

Renumber accordingly