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SB 2184

Chairman Wobbema and Committee,

I am Dr. Tara Brandner, Legislative Liaison for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association (NDNPA). I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the NDNPA. The NDNPA is opposing SB 2184; relating to uniform regulation of occupations and professions; relating to the duties of the state auditor; providing a penalty, and to provide for a legislative management study.

The NDNPA opposes SB 2184 as annual renewals would be a hardship for the nursing workforce and could potentially cost an additional \$250,000 annually to nurses through fees. I am sure you are well aware there is a significant nursing workforce issue already occurring, and anything that would further impact that would be detrimental to the healthcare of the citizens of North Dakota.

I am happy to answer any questions in writing or via telephone.

Thank you for your time, Dr. Tara Brandner, DNP, FNP-C Legislative Liason for NDNPA