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Good morning Vice Chairman Frelich and committee. My name is Matt Ruby and I represent District 40 in Minot. I bring before you HB 1154, which is a bill that extends our moratorium on basic care and nursing facility beds which caps the number of beds allowed in the state. Many facilities have beds in a layaway program in case the need increases. This moratorium allows bed transfers and conversions to address specific needs that an area might have. Mainly its about flexibility for long term care to adjust beds to meet the need of the state. The one difference we are asking for in this bill is we are extending the sunset to 4 years instead of 2 because we have had this in place for awhile now and we don't foresee a change anytime soon. So, this way we don't need to bring it up every session. I will stand for any questions but if you need good answers, I ask that you hold them for the representative from Long Term Care.