



House Human Services Committee

HB 1457

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Chairman Ruby and Committee Members, I'm Courtney Koebele and I serve as executive director of the North Dakota Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students. NDMA opposes HB 1457 for the following reasons:

- The state of North Dakota already allows for medical, religious, or philosophical vaccine exemptions, so this bill would be largely unnecessary due to this fact.
- Another aspect of this bill that is greatly unnecessary is the requirement of the NDHHS being required to post vaccine injuries and rates of these presumed vaccine injuries as this type of data is already tracked by Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) and the NDHHS website links to this website.
- The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program and Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act/Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program were developed to address compensation for vaccine injury claims in which the individual was found to be injured by the VICP- or CICP-covered vaccine. These programs were created to avoid potential resurgence of vaccine preventable diseases.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. I would be happy to answer any questions.

