



HB 1457

House Human Services Committee

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Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Sandra Tibke, and I am the executive director of the Foundation for a Healthy North Dakota.

The Foundation opposes House Bill 1457, as this legislation proposes redundant criteria for vaccine exemptions already existing in North Dakota law, including medical, religious and philosophical exemptions.

Key Concerns:

1. Redundant Regulations: The criteria for vaccine exemptions essentially duplicate current laws, making this bill unnecessary.

2. Administrative Burden: Mandating the ND Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) to report vaccine injuries unnecessarily duplicates existing data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), adding to the administrative workload without additional value.

Conclusion:

Given the established framework for vaccine exemptions and safety monitoring, I urge you to reconsider the necessity and potential negative impacts of House Bill 1457. Our focus should remain on community wellness and effective reporting.

Thank you for considering these important issues.