

HB 1543

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Human Service Committee.
For the record I am Lisa Meier of District 32.

Many North Dakotans have difficulty affording the cost of their prescriptive drugs.

HB 1543 is a study to be considered that looks at prescriptive drug pricing and maximum fair pricing by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services.

This study includes consideration of federal drug price negotiations under the Federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and look at overlap of current drugs paid by PERS to determine usage and potential cost-savings to the state and consumers.

The study will include input from PERS, Insurance Commissioner, State Board of Pharmacy, and other stake holders.

I think it's important to recognize that the price of prescriptions is a concern to most of our citizens.

I appreciate your consideration.