

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1605 - Relating to the prohibition on fluoridation of water

Human Services Chairman Matthew Ruby and committee members,

My name is Connie Hoffman, citizen of North Dakota, and resident of Fargo, ND. I am submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 1605 - Relating to the prohibition on fluoridation of water.

For decades fluoridation of water has reduced the incidence of dental caries and dental cavities by 25%, reducing the pain, suffering and costs of additional dental care, also reducing days missed from school or work to seek dental care.

Hawaii is the only state in the US that has banned the use of fluoridated water, leading to an increase of dental caries and cavities in children compared to the national average.

I strongly urge the committee members to give HB 1605 a Do Not Pass recommendation.

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