TESTIMONY OF REBECCA FRICKE

House Bill 1031 – Section 10 Clarification on NDCC for Special Election Window

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Rebecca Fricke and I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System, or NDPERS. I am here to testify on behalf of the NDPERS Board in support of the change being made in Section 10 of HB 1031.

Section 10 of House Bill 1031 corrects an incorrect citation that was passed in House Bill 1040 during the 2023 Legislative Session related to the special election window. The current language references NDCC 54-42 and it should reference NDCC 54-52. As such, there is no fiscal impact that is expected if this bill were to pass.

This same correction was identified and is included within the NDPERS technical corrections bill, which is SB 2121.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my testimony, and I'd be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.