

Testimony

HB 1012

Senate Appropriations-Human Resources Division

March 17, 2025

Chairperson Dever and Members of the Senate Appropriations-Human Resources Division Committee, my name is Allen Anderson and I am the administrator for Walsh County Health District.

I am in support of HB 1012 which includes \$8,000,000 state aid to local public health units. However, I would like to encourage consideration to increase this amount to \$10,000,000. State aid is one of our only flexible funding sources and fills gaps that other funding can't cover. In 2024 state aid comprised only 6% of our annual revenue. The flexibility of this funding allows us to adapt our programming to our community's needs.

Flexible State Aid funding is crucial in the filling of gaps for the needs of the public. It allows us to keep services running when other funding expires. We have used the funding to fund our adult home visiting program, administration functions, school nursing, and many other programs.

As we work towards reducing chronic disease and improving the health of North Dakotans, I urge you to amend the local state aid funding to help in achieving these goals and pass HB 1012.

to pay for, but which was provided by WPPH with state aid funding. Many don't see public health at work, but without it, we would all notice in one way or another.

Western Plains Public Health appreciates your support and is extremely grateful for state aid funding. We ensure that every dollar of state aid is used responsibly, tracking outcomes to demonstrate its value to the community. Thank you for your time and I can now answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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