



**Senate Appropriations - Human Resource Division Committee**  
**Senator Dick Dever, Chairman**  
**HB 1012**  
**March 17, 2025**

**Key Points HB 1012:**

- State aid funding is flexible and ensures local public health can meet the needs of our communities.
- Increasing state aid to \$10,000,000 would ensure funding is more equitably shared between local, state, and federal resources.

**Testimony in Support of HB 1012:**

Chairman Dever and Members of the Senate Appropriations Human Resource Division Committee:

My name is Renae Moch, and I serve as the Public Health Director for Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health in Bismarck, ND. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1012, which includes \$8,000,000 in state aid for local public health units. While this funding is essential, I respectfully urge the committee to consider increasing this amount to \$10,000,000 to better support the critical public health services that protect and promote the well-being of North Dakotans.

Unlike federal grants, which often come with strict requirements and program restrictions, state aid provides the flexibility needed to address real-time community health concerns. This funding supports core public health services and helps bridge the gap where other funding sources fall short, ensuring that essential public health programs remain available in our communities.

**BBPH Services Supported by State Aid**

- **Home Health Maintenance Services**  
At Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, state aid directly supports critical programs that improve health outcomes and reduce long-term healthcare costs such as our health maintenance program which provides nursing services for clients in their homes. Health maintenance nursing services include medication management, health assessments and personalized care plans to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations and long-term care placements.
- **Health Services**  
State aid also supports our health services programs ensuring residents have access to infectious disease prevention, testing and treatment services to prevent the spread of communicable disease.
- **Health Promotion and Nutrition Services**  
State aid supports health promotion and nutrition services programs to support obesity prevention, diabetes prevention and heart health programs for improved long-term health outcomes and reduced healthcare costs.

Public health is the foundation of a thriving community, and flexible state aid funding is essential to maintaining that foundation. Increasing state aid to \$10,000,000 would ensure funding is more equitably shared between local, state, and federal resources. By investing in public health, we reduce healthcare costs in the long run by preventing serious illnesses and hospitalizations before they occur.

I urge you to support HB 1012 with an increase to \$10,000,000 in state aid funding to ensure that local public health departments can continue meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

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