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House Bill 1442 -Government Efficiency Task Force
Senate Finance and Taxation Committee- Fort Totten Room
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Chairman Weber, members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee, for the record I am Mark J. Hardy, PharmD, Executive Director of the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy. I appreciate the opportunity to be here to speak to you today about House Bill 1442.

The Board of Pharmacy certainly supports the concept of this bill which creates a task force to examine state government entities for efficiencies to make a more effective government for our citizens. I am here to simply point out for the committee's consideration that we believe there is a duplication with this legislation specific only to licensing boards between this bill and Senate Bill 2308 which also creates a task force to examine efficiencies for licensing boards in the state. The task force in SB2308 would have representation from the legislature and is meant to explore very similar charges as those set forward in this legislation. I have included a copy of the current section of SB2308 relevant to this which passed the Senate.

As you know, licensing boards in the state oversee various professions. They do not receive general funds and are constrained to operate largely on licensing fees from those regulated. Those fee structures are set by the legislature in each board's practice act. They are typically run on very limited budgets with limited staff by those members appointed by the Governor.

Our office would request that the committee consider removing "Boards" from this legislation (page 2, lines 5 and 6) to remove the duplication that is likely to occur resulting in an inefficient use of state resources. We are certainly supportive of the broader goal of this bill. I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions.

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly

- 1 a. The aeronautics commission.
- 2 b. The milk marketing board.
- 3 c. The dairy promotion commission.
- 4 d. The state banking board.
- 5 e. The state credit union board.
- 6 f. The advisory board of directors to the Bank of North Dakota.
- 7 g. The pardon advisory board.
- 8 h. The state parole board.
- 9 i. The state board of public school education.
- 10 j. The education standards and practices board.
- 11 k. The board of trustees of the teachers' fund for retirement.
- 12 l. The state game and fish advisory board.
- 13 m. The environmental review advisory council.
- 14 n. The board of animal health.
- 15 o. The administrative committee on veterans' affairs.
- 16 p. ~~The committee on aging.~~
- 17 q. ~~The commission on the status of women.~~
- 18 r. The North Dakota council on the arts.
- 19 s-q. The state historical board.
- 20 t-r. The state water commission.

21 **SECTION 10.** A new section to chapter 54-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
22 and enacted as follows:

23 **Boards review task force - Report to legislative management.**

- 24 1. The office of the governor shall provide staffing and administrative services to the
25 boards review task force. The task force shall:
 - 26 a. Review and assess all boards for inefficiencies and duplication of responsibilities;
 - 27 b. Issue performance evaluations; and
 - 28 c. Make recommendations to the legislative assembly regarding minimizing and
29 streamlining government operations through the consolidation or elimination of
30 boards.

- 1 2. In addition to the governor or the governor's designee, who shall serve as the
2 presiding officer of the task force, the task force must include:
3 a. A member of the senate, appointed by the senate majority leader.
4 b. A member of the house of representatives, appointed by the house of
5 representatives majority leader.
6 c. A representative of an organization representing cities, appointed by the
7 governor.
8 d. A representative of an organization representing counties, appointed by the
9 governor.
10 e. A representative of the business community, appointed by the governor.
11 f. A member of an occupational licensing board, appointed by the governor.
12 g. A member at large, appointed by the governor.
13 3. A member of the task force who is not a state employee is entitled to reimbursement
14 for mileage and expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees, to be
15 paid by the office of the governor. A state employee who is a member of the task force
16 is entitled to receive that employee's regular salary and is entitled to reimbursement
17 for mileage and expenses to be paid by the employing agency. A member of the task
18 force who is a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive per diem
19 compensation at the rate provided under section 54-35-10 for each day performing
20 official duties of the task force. The legislative council shall pay the per diem
21 compensation and reimbursement for travel and expenses as provided by law for any
22 member of the task force who is a member of the legislative assembly.
23 4. Before October 1, 2026, the task force shall provide a report of its findings and
24 recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the
25 recommendations to the legislative management.

26 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-54-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28 **54-54-05. Duties of council.**

29 The duties of the council are:

- 30 1. To stimulate and encourage throughout the state the study and presentation of the
31 performing and fine arts and public interest and participation therein.