SB 2282 (2025 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY) SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE HONORABLE MARK WEBER, CHAIRMAN JANUARY 27, 2025 TESTIMONY OF BRUCE MURRY FOR FRASER, LTD

Good morning, Chairman Weber and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee. I am Bruce Murry, a registered lobbyist for Fraser LTD (Fraser) of Fargo, North Dakota.

Fraser supports children, youth, and adults on their life's journey towards independence through four main programs: independent living, transitional youth services, mental health, and childcare.

All of these services struggle for a sufficient workforce. Many of our direct care, administrative, and professional staff have young children. The funding mechanisms for most of our services are tight, making childcare unaffordable for many of our employees. If the State can make this investment to support working parents, we would genuinely appreciate the additional workforce development tool.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today, and I'd be happy to answer your questions about Fraser, our workforce, and our services.