

Senate Human Services Committee
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Senate Bill 2081- Testimony on Amending Geropsychiatric Facilities

Chair Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Rebecca Quinn, and I serve as the associate director for behavioral health at the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. I am providing testimony in support of Senate Bill 2081 regarding geropsychiatric facilities.

During the interim period I participated in a Long-Term Care and Psychiatric Facility Collaborative. The amended language proposed in SB 2081 was brought forward as a priority of this collaborative to clarify and modernize the process for admission to geropsychiatric facilities. Doing so will make for a smoother process and ensure there is efficient access to specialized care for individuals in need of specialized care.

Thank you for your consideration,

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