

TESTIMONY OF

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Good morning, Chairman Roers and members of the committee. My name is Joe Goplin, Director of the Fiscal Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB is in support of this bill.

OMB had previously testified in favor of SB 2084, which similar to this measure, also addresses moving the "in-state lodging rate" to follow the Federal GSA rate for the state of North Dakota, currently \$110. Section 2 of this measure also seeks to amend and reenact N.D.C.C. 54-03-20(2), which addresses Legislative Assembly's lodging reimbursement allotment. The current calculation is $30 \times [\text{In-State Lodging Rate } (\$99)] \times 70\%$. This measure seeks increase the percentage from 70% to 85%.

Similar to our testimony for SB 2084, OMB asks the committee to also consider amending and reenacting N.D.C.C. 44-08-04 to include verbiage that would state if the Federal GSA rate is not available, to reference OMB Fiscal Policy. OMB will update Fiscal Policy 505 to handle exceptions.

Chairman Roers and members of the committee, this concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.