

Senate State and Local Government Committee

SB 2308

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Chairperson Roers and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee:

I am Erin Ourada, the administrator of Western Plains Public Health (formerly Custer Health), a five-county public health unit based in Mandan. WPPH provides local public health services to Grant, Mercer, Morton, Oliver and Sioux Counties.

I am providing neutral testimony on SB 2308 regarding Section 5 on page 6. This section relates to an amendment of NDCC 23-35-02.2 and moves public health unit septic system regulations from the onsite wastewater recycling technical committee to the department of environmental quality. I had the privilege of serving on this committee from December 2021-June 2023. I feel the committee has accomplished what it is able to accomplish, and the work can be moved to a state agency at this time.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted by,

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