

Testimony
State and Local Government Committee

SB 2308

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Chairperson Roers and members of the committee, I am Lisa Otto-Westman, Director of Environmental Health for First District Health Unit in Minot which provides Environmental Health Services, including septic system permitting, to 7 counties: Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Renville, Sheridan, and Ward.

I am neutral on SB 2308, specifically Section 5 on page 6. I have had the privilege of serving on the Onsite Wastewater Recycling Technical Committee during the interim. This committee took on the task of producing a statewide guide for onsite wastewater systems. Significant progress was made and has reached a point to relinquish the guide to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. This step will facilitate the statewide adoption by local public health authorities.

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully submitted,

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