

SB2100

Members of the committee. My name is Todd Beard. I am the Senator from District 23 serving the Williston and Trenton area.

SB2100 comes before you on behalf of our local emergency services instructors and candidates. The purpose of the bill before you is to ensure qualified entry level certification training for emergency responders and technicians may be provided by emergency medical services instructors without requiring involvement from a specific emergency medical services training institute. The training institute requirement came about due to a rule change completed in the interim.

If the rule remains as it is currently written, rural communities will find it increasingly difficult to get qualified candidates through a training program. Volunteers are becoming harder to find. Making the pathway more accessible will help with recruitment.

There are others better qualified testifying today that can clarify the importance of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and ask for a DO PASS recommendation. I stand for any questions.