

TESTIMONY OF  
LEIUTENTANT COLONEL JAY SHELDON  
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BEFORE THE  
SENATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
07 FEBRUARY 2025  
SENATE BILL 2223

Chair Wobbema and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay Sheldon, and I am here representing the North Dakota Military Commission to voice our support for SB 2223, which would allow North Dakota to join an interstate licensing compact for dietitians.

North Dakota proudly serves as home to many military families who contribute greatly to our communities. Military families face frequent relocations, and for spouses who are licensed dietitians, moving from state to state often results in delays as they navigate new licensure requirements. These interruptions can make it difficult for them to continue their professional work, affecting not only their careers.

By joining the dietitian licensing compact, North Dakota would enable dietitians licensed in other compact-member states to transfer their credentials more seamlessly, reducing barriers to employment for military spouses and others moving to our state. This measure would also support North Dakota's healthcare system by making it easier to attract skilled dietitians to serve our communities.

In line with North Dakota's longstanding commitment to military families, adopting this compact demonstrates strong support for our military community by reducing unnecessary barriers for spouses who wish to contribute their skills. It is a tangible way for our state to show that we value their service and are committed to helping them build meaningful careers here in North Dakota.

On behalf of the North Dakota Military Commission, I urge you to support SB 2223 and to vote in favor of North Dakota joining the dietitian licensing compact.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.