

Testimony Senate Bill 2395
Senate Workforce Development Committee
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Education Standards and Practices Board

Good morning, Chairman Wobbema and members of the committee. My name is Mari Riehl, and I am the Assistant Director of the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). I am here to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 2395 as amended. Our Board appreciates the work completed by the Department of Labor this past biennium to closely examine regulatory and licensing board as required by Senate Bill 2249. ESPB, along with several other boards, was part of the DOL's Occupational Licensure Advisory Committee (OLAC) and collaboratively provided information and clarification into ESPB board functions.

The results of this study are outlined in Senate Bill 2395 which summarizes consistent processes and expectations for all boards. The requirements outlined in the bill align with those of ESPB. For example, we issue licenses within days once all materials are received, our applications are electronic on a NDTech platform shared with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and continuing education credits can also be accessed electronically. ESPB was honored to participate in the study the past biennium and appreciate the efforts in this bill to promote consistent and reasonable expectations for all boards.

This concludes my testimony, and I stand for any questions.

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