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Good afternoon Chairman Dever and members of the Committee. I am Laurie Sterioti Hammeren, Director, ND Human Resource Management Services.

The Sixty-first Legislative Assembly passed House Bill No. 1029 in 2009 which created and enacted four new sections to Chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to state employee service awards, employer-paid tuition, and employer-paid professional organization membership and service club dues. This legislation requires the Office of management and Budget to submit to the Legislative Council a report summarizing this information. I have provided the entire detailed report of the agencies reporting for the 2009-2011 biennium to the Legislative Council. A printed copy of the report is well over 500 pages. Each agency report provides the detail as to the individual expenditures and the public purpose. An electronic copy is available to you from the Legislative Council. My handout to you is a summary of that detailed report.

As you look at your handout, you will see that the agency number and name are on the left. Columns for the State Employee Service Awards, Employer Paid Costs of Training or Educational Courses, including tuition and fees, and Employer Paid Professional Organization Membership and Service Club Dues are each identified separately. There is a grand total of the expenditures at the bottom of each column.

This concludes my testimony.