

## House Bill 1400

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Thank you Mr Weisz and committee for allowing my testimony. I am Gail Pederson and introduced myself earlier in HB 1359.

I am speaking out for HB 1400 and the amendments to/addition of 19-24.1-03.1. Qualifying patients - Alternative and 19-24.1-09.1. Cardholders - Out-of-state.

19-24.1-03.1. Qualifying patients - Alternative.

It continues to be difficult for patients to find a provider to certify them. This would allow many more patients to take another step, when their usual provider does not certify. Whether you realize it or not, “the law has created doctor shopping”. Our patients usually know much more about cannabis than their provider. They are the team leader for their own health.

19-24.1-09.1. Cardholders - Out-of-state.

Out of state transfer of licenses to allow a person to purchase product in another state is a concern at the national level. Is your driver’s license not good in every state? North Dakota’s list of conditions is one of the best in the country (besides not including Opioid Use Disorder). There should be little concern about not allowing another state’s medical cannabis patient’s condition in our state.

Thank you Representative Nelson for putting this forward. I will stand for questions.