



Written testimony to:

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Industry, Business, Labor Committee

HB 1147

Chairman Representative Lefor and Committee Members

I am Paula Moch Legislative Liaison for the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association (NDNPA). I am writing this written testimony on behalf of the NDNPA. The NDNPA supports HB 1147 relating to public employee fertility health benefits & self-insurance health plans.

The NDNPA understand the importance of access to care for the more than 33,364 North Dakotans diagnosed with infertility. We believe that threats of large premium increases don't look at the whole picture and total costs of health care. It has been proven that states with insurance coverage have fewer rates of multiple births than states without. Early access to fertility health care reduces the number of benefits used to overcome this disease. Fertility benefits ensure timely and provider recommended healthcare while optimizing safe pregnancies, healthy babies, as well as cost outcomes.

This concludes my written testimony in support of HB 1147 on behalf of the NDNPA. I am happy to answer any questions in writing or via telephone.

Thank you for your time.

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