

Mr. Chairman members of the Industry Business and Labor committee,

My name is Claire Cory and I represent District 42, Grand Forks.

The purpose of this bill is to study the issue of pay and worker shortages in North Dakota.

Somebody may be on a public assistance program be it for housing or fuel assistance programs, maybe it's just general welfare whatever it may be. They are getting to a point where they are at an income threshold where they can't work anymore hours or make any more money because their public assistance would be taken away.

- We don't want to harbor a disincentive to work in this state.
  - People may want to work more hours but because of the way our programs work it's creating a disincentive for people to take more responsibility.

Can this study create a better environment that allows more responsibility?

This bill has been introduced a few times in a few different variations but to my knowledge has yet to be picked for a study.

Thank you and I will stand for any questions.

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