



**Senate Human Services Committee
SB 2122**

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Chair Lee and Committee Members, I am Courtney Koebele, the executive director of the ND Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students.

NDMA suggests the following friendly amendment to the bill:

On page 1, line 16 replace “radiologist” with “physician trained in radiology interpretation”

The way the bill is written now, the physical therapists that work in orthopedic clinics would have to send their orders for x-rays outside the facility, because an orthopedic surgeon is not a radiologist, although well qualified to read x-rays. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions.