



House Human Services Committee

HB 1200

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Chairman Weisz and Committee Members, my name is Courtney Koebele. I am the executive director of the North Dakota Medical Association. The North Dakota Medical Association is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents, and medical students.

NDMA opposes this bill. Although COVID-19 immunizations were probably the source of the bill, it applies to all vaccines, including those against measles, influenza, pertussis, and hepatitis B. The reason for this is the definition of experimental contained in section 2 of the bill. Most common vaccines are included in the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). Therefore, these vaccines would not meet this requirement and be deemed “experimental.”

This bill would prohibit all vaccine requirements for school and daycares because of the experimental definition requirements. SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine is NOT on the school vaccination requirements list in North Dakota (NDCC 23-07-17). It is also not required for childcare admission and attendance. The only way this vaccine can be required is with legislative approval.

NDMA requests a DO NOT PASS recommendation on the bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.