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House Industry, Business & Labor Committee ND Board of Nursing SB 2249

Chairman Louser and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee. I am Dr. Stacey Pfenning, Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON).

Since SB 2249's introduction, the North Dakota Senate Workforce Committee has amended the bill into a collaboration between the North Dakota Labor Commissioner and occupational and professional boards to examine continuing education requirements and the timely processing of out-of-state practitioners.

NDBON is neutral on SB 2249, in its current form as passed by the Senate.

Typically, once our office receives a completed application for licensure (containing all necessary documentation) from an out-of-state nurse, the NDBON's licensing team can issue a temporary permit within one to two business days while the nurse awaits background check results (processed by the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation).

A similar bill, SB 2184, would provide legislative management with the option to consider a study examining North Dakota's current occupational and professional boards. Due to the similarities in each piece of legislation, the NDBON recommends combining SB 2184 and SB 2249 into one study.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am open to any questions the Committee members may have.

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