

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill No. 2308**  
**House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**  
**Representative Austen Schauer, Chairman**  
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Chairman Schauer and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Jessica Thomasson, Executive Director of the Human Services Division with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2308 and the proposed amendments.

The Department supports efforts to streamline processes, including committee infrastructure. The proposed amendment addresses the need to maintain committees as required for North Dakota to maintain compliance with federal funding requirements for both Older Americans Act and Head Start funding. The amendment also addresses operational considerations related to the ongoing work of the State Longitudinal Data System in ways that should enable continued inter-agency collaboration.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.