



## **House Human Services Committee**

### **HB 1511**

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Chairman Ruby and Committee Members, I'm Courtney Koebele and I serve as 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 HB 1511 because it mandates education for physicians. NDMA has a long-standing policy opposing educational mandates for physicians, who are already required to maintain continuing education requirements.

The other issue that can't be ignored is that our current abortion law is not settled at this point in time. There seems to be little sense for the Board of Medicine to create an educational module based on unsettled law, only to have to recreate it when the final decision comes out.

The final point I would like to request is that the requirement is one-time requirement. This is what other mandatory education for physicians do across the country, including the DEA opioid education requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. I would be happy to answer any questions.