

Senate bill 2100

Chirman Ruby and members of the House Human Service Committee,

My name is Bob Flath and I am a County Commissioner with LaMoure County, ND.

I also serve as a volunteer firefighter and EMR.

and serve as Chair for the LaMoure County Emergency Planning Committee and have the support of all members of that committee and speak for them as well.

We all stand in support to SB 2100

This bill can hopefully nullify a training requirement rule that was voted down by yourselves in the last session only to later (April 2024) be put in place through administrative rule by the ND Health and Human Service Department under the advice of the ND EMS Association. Seems as though the EMS Association is running the show. Now this new rule forces trainers to become covered by affiliated organizations like Sanford or Jamestown Regional Medical to name a couple examples. Our local trainer approached these organizations and only one agreed they could likely work with us, only after researching this because they knew nothing of it, but they did not currently know who in their organization would do this work or what the costs would be. This only adds more pressure to already stressed services, but perhaps this is the goal?

Where does this end? Is this one new affiliated individual component the last level? If at some point we find that one of these individuals does not live up to the expectations of the NDHHS or whoever it is that is in charge do we then need to add another individual looking over that individuals back??? All the while our local services or political subs get to pay for it, perhaps we can inject the use of a consultant here as well sometime in the future? If this is happening because someone believes there was a bad apple somewhere, why do we not root out that individual and move on?

Thank you for your time in hearing my concerns,

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