

2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1458

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1458
2/4/2025

Relating to releasing a self-spreading virus; and to provide a penalty.

2:30 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Davis, Hendrix, Holle

Discussion Topics:

- Proposed amendments to the definition of release
- Function research

2:30 p.m. Representative Henderson, District 15, introduced the bill and submitted testimony, #34706.

2:36 p.m. Charlene Nelson testified in favor and submitted testimony, #34224.

2:43 p.m. Lanny Kenner, private citizen, testified in favor.

2:44 p.m. Kylie Hall, private citizen, testified in opposition and submitted testimony, #34309.

2:49 p.m. Kim Brummond, North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Legislative Team, testified in opposition and submitted testimony, #33309.

2:55 p.m. Dr. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, testified in opposition and submitted testimony, #34068.

3:00 p.m. Pete Hanebutt, North Dakota Farm Bureau, testified in opposition.

3:02 p.m. Kirby Kruger, Director, Disease Control and Forensic Pathology of the North Dakota Health and Human Services, testified in opposition and submitted testimony, #34051.

3:08 p.m. Julie Ellingson, private citizen, testified in opposition.

3:11 p.m. Warren Zenker, private citizen, testified in opposition.

3:18 p.m. Ryan Greg, Legislative Specialist of the North Dakota Farmers Bureau, testified in opposition.

3:19 p.m. Peter Grossman, Legislative Director of the North Dakota Soybean Grower's Association, testified in opposition.

Additional written testimony:

Cathy Brennan, private citizen, submitted testimony in favor, #34215.

David Waterman, Executive Director of the Midwest Public Health Coalition, submitted testimony in favor, #34275.

Travis Kuhlka, TK Veterinary Service PC, submitted testimony in opposition, #33074.

Kathy Anderson, North Dakota American Academy of Pediatrics, submitted testimony in opposition, #34370.

Sandra Tibke, Foundation for a Healthy North Dakota, submitted testimony in opposition, #34403.

Courtney Koebele, Executive Director of the ND Medical Association, submitted testimony in opposition, #34092.

Doug Sharbono, private citizen, submitted neutral testimony, #34250.

3:19 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

To the members of the Human Services Committee,

My name is Dr. Travis Kuhlka, from District 36. I have been serving North Dakota as a beef cattle veterinarian for 18 years and am writing in OPPOSITION to HB 1458. I operate one of the few beef cattle only practices in the state focusing on herd health, and this bill is very alarming with broader implications than I believe was intended when introduced. I am also the market veterinarian for one of the largest livestock auction markets in the state which is in Dickinson, ND.

This bill as written will place extreme burden on the cattle industry as well as poultry, swine, and any other that utilizes modified live vaccines for animal health.

To add perspective, most beef calves raised across the state are given modified live respiratory vaccines to prevent Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (BRDC). This portion of herd health is critical in preparing calves for the challenges faced when weaned from their dams, moved to an auction market, then moved to a feeding facility during the fall and winter months. This is critical in animal health as BRDC is the most common medical condition faced in the feedlot. I think we can all agree that preventing disease and improving animal health and handling is paramount in agriculture.

Almost always there are multiple people present when processing cattle and administering these vaccines, this bill would require an impractical level of oversight with written consents from those present, and I ask what agency would monitor this? The restrictions of this bill would slow the process of using these products thereby harming animal health.

It is also worth knowing that in the face of a major disease outbreak within a segment of animal agriculture modified live vaccines are commonly used to slow or stop the spread of the pathogen. A real-world example was the moderate anthrax outbreak that occurred in 2023 in Grant and Hettinger Counties, where a very efficacious modified live vaccine was used to stop the spread of the pathogen. This bill would drastically impede the ability and response time of livestock professionals to combat such events and prevent economic damage to producers and the industry.

The vaccine types listed in this bill are already widely utilized by animal agriculture and are highly tested, monitored, and licensed by the USDA. They are also regulated by the North Dakota Board of Animal Health. Local businesses that choose to sell modified live vaccines are required to have passed a test and their facilities are inspected by the state to ensure proper dispensing and handling of such vaccines.

I recommend a DO NOT PASS to this bill. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

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In Opposition of HB 1458

February 4, 2025

Chair Ruby and Members of the House Human Services Committee,

My name is Dr. Kim Brummond, and I serve on the legislative team of the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association (NDVMA). Our organization proudly represents over 300 veterinarians across diverse disciplines, including companion animal, exotic, livestock, food and fiber animal, and equine medicine, as well as veterinarians in research, academia, and government. For more than a century, the NDVMA has been a steadfast advocate for the veterinary profession. We are committed to ensuring that statutory changes not only protect the interests of the public, our clients, and patients, but also recognize the practical realities of veterinary practice and support the ability of veterinarians to provide safe and effective veterinary services.

The North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association (NDVMA) strongly opposes HB 1458. As the professional organization representing over 300 veterinarians across the state, including small animal, large animal, exotic, bovine, and equine practitioners, as well as those working in research, academics, and government sectors, we stand firmly against this bill that would severely disrupt veterinary practices in North Dakota and endanger both animal and human health.

HB 1458 poses a significant threat to public and animal health in North Dakota. The bill would create unnecessary legal obstacles for the use of recombinant or modified live vaccines, which have been instrumental in controlling diseases that threaten livestock, pets, and human health. These vaccines have proven to be essential in preventing and controlling a range of infectious diseases, including brucellosis, anthrax, respiratory disease complexes, and even zoonotic diseases that could have significant public health implications.

By restricting the ability to use or develop these vaccines without obtaining express written consent from every individual potentially exposed, HB 1458 would make it nearly impossible to manage and contain these diseases in the future. For example, vaccines against Avian Influenza, which affect both dairy herds and poultry flocks, would be severely hindered, leaving these industries vulnerable to outbreaks that could decimate entire herds and flocks. Likewise, pets would lose access to life-saving vaccines for diseases such as distemper, feline leukemia, and Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (CIRDC), which could result in unnecessary suffering and fatalities.

The bill overlooks the importance of recombinant and modified live vaccines in controlling zoonotic diseases. Zoonotic diseases, which are transmitted from animals to humans, pose significant threats to public health. Two-thirds of emerging pathogens affecting humans have animal origins, including viruses such as avian influenza and hepatitis E. Vaccination is widely regarded as the most effective means of controlling these diseases at the source, and modified live and recombinant vaccines are critical tools in

this effort. By restricting the use of these vaccines, HB 1458 would weaken North Dakota's ability to control and prevent both animal and human disease outbreaks.

Moreover, **HB 1458 is redundant and unnecessary**. Existing oversight by the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, the ND Board of Animal Health, and the State Veterinarian already ensures that vaccines and biologics used in North Dakota are safe, effective, and rigorously tested. The products in question are carefully regulated and have passed all necessary testing and approval processes to ensure they pose no harm to animals or humans. In addition, veterinarians and other professionals in this field are already subject to strict ethical and legal standards regarding the handling of vaccines, and there is no indication that current laws are insufficient to protect the public.

NDVMA strongly believes that HB 1458 would cause significant harm to animal and public health.

The bill would create unnecessary legal vulnerability for veterinarians and disrupt vital public health protection. It would undermine decades of progress in controlling infectious diseases that directly impact both the agricultural economy and the safety of our food supply.

We urge you to consider the wide-ranging consequences of this bill and its potential to harm animal and human health in North Dakota. For the sake of the state's veterinary community, animal owners, and the broader public health, we respectfully ask that you **vote NO on HB 1458**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Brummond', followed by the letters 'DVM' in a similar script.

Dr. Kim Brummond
NDVMA
Past President (2022)

Testimony
House Bill No.1458
House Human Services Committee
Representative Matthew Ruby, Chairman
February 4, 2025

Chairman Ruby, and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Kirby Kruger, Director of the Disease Control and Forensic Pathology with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in opposition of House Bill No. 1458.

Self-spreading viruses and bacteria are everywhere, all the time. That is how these biologic agents and organisms survive. Each of us here today have bacteria living on our skin, in our mouths, eyes, and inside of us and we are able to transfer or release these bacteria by talking, sneezing, coughing, or not doing a good job of washing our hands. This bill would potentially apply to anybody who may have a cold, "stomach flu", "strep throat" or any of the thousands of illnesses that can be caused by self-spreading viruses or bacteria. For these diseases, these viruses and bacteria reproduce inside a person and the person who, may or may not be ill, can release the viruses or bacteria from their bodies. This can be through the respiratory track (coughing or sneezing), blood, feces or other bodily tissues and fluids.

According to the bill, this applies to particles or substances similar to any virus or bacteria that can spread from individual to individual. As such, this bill could potentially apply to blood donors who may have antibodies, generated specifically to neutralize specific viruses or bacteria, in their blood, from the various illnesses that they may have had in their lifetime.

In closing, any person who develops an illness from a bacteria or virus, that sheds that virus or bacteria, may be subject to the penalties outlined in this bill. This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.

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Testimony of Dr. Ethan Andress
State Veterinarian
House Human Services
Pioneer Room
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Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Dr. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and the State Board of Animal Health. I am here today in opposition to HB 1458, relating to self-spreading viruses.

HB 1458 has serious implications to animal agriculture. This bill will create a layer of unnecessary bureaucracy that limits North Dakota's animal health professionals and producers, challenges our research of technology to face disease, and complicates our ability to respond to not only animal health emergencies, but also common viruses and bacteria.

Many of our agricultural recombinant and modified-live products, including modified-live respiratory vaccines, brucellosis, and anthrax vaccines, have been used effectively for many decades. Responding to foreign animal diseases, like Highly Pathogenic Influenza, will require products outlined in this bill.

Regulatory authority for registering these products has been given to the Commissioner and Board of Animal Health. Commercial products have

gone through rigorous testing and safety studies. New vaccines must go through safety protocols with the Center of Veterinary Biologics with USDA and require additional reporting to the state veterinarian's office.

Chairman Ruby and committee members, thank you for your time. I urge a do not pass on HB 1458. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



House Human Services Committee

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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 1458 for the following reasons:

- Live attenuated vaccines contain a small amount of live virus that has been weakened and although they can transmit to others through shedding, this is much milder than natural disease. Further, the likelihood of this occurring is low.
- Routinely recommended live attenuated vaccines include the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, the varicella or chickenpox vaccine, the rotavirus vaccine, and the nasal spray flu vaccine. These vaccines have prevented many cases of diseases and saved millions of lives.
- Parents should have the right to choose what they deem best for their children, including the decision to vaccinate them without fear of punishment from the law and the potential burden of a five thousand dollar penalty.

- No explanation for proof of causation of the defined self-spreading virus is defined in this bill.

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

The fact we have finally had people who screamed at us to 'follow the science' decide to acknowledge it wasn't a bat in an open-air Chinese market that sprang COVID onto the world should make this bill a no-brainer.

I would question anyone who didn't see the need or logic behind this bill. For those who believe it isn't necessary, if it was still pre-COVID, I might agree with you. Watching the censorship, insanity, idiocy of tracking apps, not being allowed to exercise outside alone, and being required to watch our elderly die from outside a window all provide me with the ability to say to you....

What are you afraid of with passing this bill?

I urge you to PASS HB1458 and allow people to believe they may have recourse the next time they are ordered to 'follow the science.'

My name is Charlene Nelson, from Casselton. I speak to you to day in support of HB1458.

I don't have any credentials in science, but I do have a degree in history, so my testimony is going to focus on how history should inform your vote on HB1458.

I'm guessing that until today many of you never heard of self-spreading vaccines. But until five years ago, how many of you had ever heard of gain of function? And look at the devastation that gain of function research has brought us.

Until 2020 no one ever imagined that their government would fund dangerous science experiments with the potential to harm virtually every human being. And yet they did. We can never forget that: Our government funded a science experiment that negatively impacted nearly every single aspect of human existence.

Don't you wish that someone from the future had come to you legislators in the 2019 session and said "By this time next year a dangerous virus and an even more dangerous medical response will be unleashed on the world. You need to do something now to protect the people of North Dakota"? How much better off would we have been if the 2019 legislature had passed something to protect citizens from the spread of a genetically manufactured virus and the even more dangerous medical response?

Because that is exactly where we are right now. Today, as we speak, our government is giving grants to corporations and laboratories to develop mutating self-spreading viruses and the technology needed to disperse these viruses on unsuspecting citizens.

I know it sounds like a crazy science fiction movie but the documents are there for you to read. Just like the documents for the gain of function studies were always there before 2019, we just didn't know we needed to look for them. Now that we've seen the documentation for self-spreading vaccines, we can't ignore what is being planned.

Going back to our hypothetical 2019 session, if had you acted on the warnings from this visitor from the future, who do you think would have opposed your legislation?

First would probably be those that couldn't imagine a bio-engineered pathogen being unleashed on people. They'd say you're nuts, why legislate against some phantom threat? My response would be: Why not just be safe? If no one develops gain of function viruses, we haven't hurt anyone. And if they do, then we're ready.

Then of course big industries like Pfizer and Moderna would have opposed your legislation. They wouldn't want to lose all those billions in profits. Would you really listen to those who would put profit over people's lives? I'm sure there will be industries that will oppose this bill today, those who prefer quick and easy profits over the well-being of their neighbors. Are you going to listen to them?

And then there will be the bureaucracies. Bureaucracies thrive on a crisis that brings in more funding and the power that goes with it. Managing problems is often prioritized over solving problems. Would you go ahead and feed the bureaucratic powers?

Because the threat is real. We don't know how imminent it is, but it is very real. DARPA, the very organization who brought us the genetically engineered SARS-CoV-2 virus, is also backing these new self-spreading, mutating vaccines. And the people who brought us the disastrous mRNA vaccines want

to take it a step further. The National Institute of Health says they are developing these technologies to (quote) “circumvent behavioral barriers”.

In other words, they intend to vaccinate people whether they want it or not. It’s like a universal date rape drug, a technology whose principle purpose is to take away our ability to say no.

So, how safe are these “inhalable therapies”? What could possibly go wrong with a man-made virus designed to self-replicate in your cells and to transmit without anyone’s knowledge or consent? According to the grants, these vaccines are designed to mutate and adapt to any other viruses it may encounter. Where does that mutation stop? What will be the end result of this technology? Your guess is as good as mine. But based on their track record of the past five years, I’d prefer not to find out.

So there you have my history-based argument on why we need to pass HB1458. You’ve heard the adage “If we don’t learn from the past, we are doomed to repeat it.” I don’t think I’m alone when I say we don’t want a repeat of the COVID disaster.

I urge you to vote Do Pass to protect North Dakotans from this dangerous new vaccine technology. Please don’t wait until it’s been unleashed on the public. Put in the protections we need right now, while we still have time to do something about it.

NIH’s plans: <https://reporter.nih.gov/project-details/10274188#description>

DARPA’s plans: <https://www.darpa.mil/research/programs/preventing-emerging-pathogenic-threats>

A lead scientist in the program discusses its importance:

<https://www.biocentury.com/article/647185/warp-speed-isn-t-fast-enough-the-need-for-variant-proof-therapeutics>

A synthesis of some of the documentation: <https://icandecide.org/press-release/ican-uncovers-a-potential-next-level-threat-inhalable-self-spreading-vaccines-that-spread-like-a-virus/>

**Neutral Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on HB1458
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe HB1458 could be great and needed legislation with an appropriate amendment. This legislation prohibits the spread or release of a self-spreading virus.

This legislation was obviously drafted out of the COVID-19 experience. Our own US State Department acknowledged that the COVID-19 virus was an engineered virus manufactured in Wuhan, China. Further, Congress later confirmed this determination. There is no doubt where the virus originated.

This bill is well-intended and needed, **but needs an amendment** to avoid unintended consequences. My concern is that an ill person could inadvertently spread a virus and be held liable for the penalties indicated in the bill. There needs to be an amendment written to account for this as I do not believe this is the intention of the bill. I believe the intention of the bill is to target manufacturers of viruses.

Please give HB1458 a needed amendment exempting citizens who use a minimum standard of care in not spreading viruses. This amendment could make it a great bill and defend us from the disasters we saw unfold in 2020.

Thank you,

Doug Sharbono
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Distinguished Representatives, please issue a Do Pass recommendation for HB1458. As civilized people, we dont like to think about things like biological weapons or germ warfare. But sadly, there are others who dont share our sensibilities. In view of the number of known terrorists who have crossed our borders over the last few years with the intent of harming or killing large numbers of American citizens, it seems that passing HB1458 to restrict and penalize anyone who willingly and intentionally spreads a self replicating virus among the population of North Dakota is exceedingly prudent, and probably cant happen too soon. Thank you.

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Human Services Committee
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Good morning, Chairman Ruby and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Kylie Hall, and I live in District 45 in North Fargo. I am writing to state my opposition to this bill. I have a Master's Degree in Public Health and have worked at the North Dakota State University Center for Immunization Research and Education for the past 9 and 1/2 years. I would like to make clear that my comments today are not on behalf of NDSU.

My biggest concern with this bill is that it would make it nearly impossible for healthcare providers to administer live vaccines in the state. Live vaccines that are routinely given in the state are against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), rotavirus and influenza (nasal spray). International travelers may also receive live vaccines against typhoid, yellow fever, or tuberculosis.

So why does this bill apply to the vaccines mentioned above? Because to create those vaccines, the pathogens are weakened, or attenuated, so they can no longer cause disease in a healthy individual but they can replicate and cause an immune response. In rare instances, live virus vaccines can cause an extremely mild case of the disease the vaccine was trying to prevent against, and there is the theoretical risk that the person who becomes infected from vaccination could spread the disease to others. Let me be clear - this would be an extremely rare occurrence, but the way the bill is written with the words "potential infection" and "attenuated virus or bacteria" - it would apply to routine vaccines.

As HB1458 stands - a healthcare provider COULD administer a live vaccine if they get written consent from each individual that may potentially be exposed to the self-spreading virus or bacteria. This is logistically very challenging. I am unsure how we would go about obtaining written consent from young children. I am also unsure how we would go about receiving written consent from anyone who may potentially be exposed to the self-spreading pathogen. Imagine a situation where a young child receives the live, oral rotavirus vaccine at a clinic, and then the child proceeds to go back to daycare, home to multiple siblings, and attends a family gathering in the days following vaccination when that virus is replicating and stimulating the immune response. At this point in time, there is a very small, but potential risk of spreading this virus to others. Are you really going to request written consent from everyone this person encounters? When you think about it, it is practically impossible to implement the requirements of this bill.

We also need to consider what this bill could do to immunization rates. Providers won't want to administer vaccines for fear of violations. Parents will forgo vaccination when they learn they could be in violation of this bill because they vaccinated their child with a live, attenuated

vaccine. Vaccination rates would quickly decrease, and children will suffer from many vaccine-preventable diseases.

Please vote “do not pass” on HB 1458.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylie Hall, MPH

Fargo, ND - District 45

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Chairman Ruby and the North Dakota House Human Services Committee members, my name is Dr. Kathy Anderson, MD. I am a pediatrician in Bismarck and Immediate Past President of North Dakota American Academy of Pediatrics. I stand in opposition to House Bill 1458.

I am not writing on behalf of my employer but as a private citizen.

This bill imposes penalties and consent requirements for self-spreading viruses or bacteria, specifically targeting vaccines.

North Dakota Families already have choice in vaccination practices: North Dakota has very liberal vaccine requirements allowing parents and individuals to philosophically decline vaccines and still be able to do many things like attend public schools for example.

How Vaccines Work: Vaccines work by introducing a person's immune system to a component of a virus or bacteria, so that the immune system can be primed and create a response that prevents subsequent full blown infection with exposure. Research on diseases and vaccine development priorities were/are based on diseases that cause significant disease, disability, or death within our community (or did at some time in history).

Risk of decreased immunization rates to our community: The reason that decreased immunization rates has not yet significantly increased outbreak is that we had been able to maintain a herd immunity rate above the threshold for disease spread for these different diseases. What this means is that, if a large percentage of the population carries immunity through vaccination, small outbreaks of disease will not spread quickly and widely throughout the community because a large portion of the population has received immunization. We have seen a significant decline in the immunization practices within the community since the COVID-19 pandemic and this has left us more vulnerable to the spread of communicable diseases.

Who are we placing at risk? While we are all at higher risk of disease spread within our community and families with decreased immunizations rates, those at greatest risk are children, specifically infants and toddlers. Of all the age groups, babies are more often hospitalized due to, and sometimes die from, the diseases we can prevent with vaccines. This bill would uniquely impact our ability to deliver vaccines to this vulnerable age group and protect North Dakota infants from deadly diseases.

Where will the sick be cared for? Our hospitals in North Dakota, though they do a great job in caring for members of our community, do not have the capacity to care for an outbreak of illness related to vaccine preventable disease and a spike in population of children requiring higher acuity care. This means, we will have to send more patients out of state for urgent or emergent care which poses a whole host of additional risks and challenges.

How could a bill like this change the healthcare workforce? It is already difficult to recruit and retain medical professionals into the healthcare workforce in North Dakota to provide care in our hospitals and clinics. Having a growing unimmunized or underimmunized population significantly increases the risks to healthcare workers and their families within the state.

Furthermore, penalties for providing high quality, evidence-based, standard of care medicine could cause a significant loss of healthcare workforce. This would be devastating to the whole community, and affect all cause disease, death, and disability in North Dakota for all aged populations.

What is the cost of a bill that is aimed to decrease immunization rates? Childhood immunizations are one of the best public investments our state can make—an August 2024 CDC report found that for children born during 1994–2023, routine childhood vaccinations will have prevented approximately 508 million cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1,129,000 deaths, resulting in societal savings of nearly \$2.7 trillion, including a direct savings of \$540 billion (for more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7331a2.htm>). We have not measured the cost of the experience to a family if they have lost a child or if they would need to make accommodations to care for a child who has become disabled related to a vaccine preventable disease. Nor have we measured the cost of lost workforce.

In summary, I am in strong opposition to HB 1458 because it will negatively affect the health and safety of all North Dakotans regardless of age and immunizations status.



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House Human Services Committee

February 4th, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, my name is Sandra Tibke, and I am the executive director of the Foundation for a Healthy North Dakota.

I oppose House Bill 1458, which imposes penalties and consent requirements for self-spreading viruses or bacteria, specifically targeting vaccines.

Concerns regarding the bill include:

1. Misunderstanding of Vaccine Purpose: This bill misinterprets vaccines designed to enhance the immune system's ability to combat pathogens, not to spread viruses or bacteria.
2. Deterrent to Vaccination: Imposing penalties and requiring written consent may discourage vaccination. Parents could be dissuaded from vaccinating their children due to fear of penalties or inconvenience, thus risking public health.

Key points against the bill:

1. Live Attenuated Vaccines: These vaccines use weakened viruses to stimulate immune responses safely, with minimal risk of transmission.
2. Respect for Parental Choice: Parents must retain the right to make informed healthcare decisions for their children without facing legal repercussions or financial penalties.
3. Public Health Risks: A decline in vaccination compliance could lead to outbreaks of diseases like measles, which poses a serious threat without adequate immunization.
4. Protecting Vulnerable Populations: High vaccination rates are crucial for safeguarding individuals at greater risk of severe complications from vaccine-preventable diseases.
5. Penalty Fears for Healthcare Providers: This bill could discourage healthcare providers from administering important live, attenuated vaccines, such as oral rotavirus, for fear of penalty.

Conclusion:

Given vaccines' essential role in promoting community wellness, I urge the committee to reconsider the implications of House Bill 1458. It is vital to uphold the right to make

informed healthcare decisions without undue penalties for the well-being of our community and the future.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Good morning again Chairman Ruby, Vice Chair Frelich, and committee.

For the record I am Donna Henderson, District 15 Representative, and I am here to introduce HB 1458, relating to releasing a self-spreading virus and to provide a penalty.

There is a new class of "encrypted RNA" vaccines are being developed where the RNA would piggyback onto an existing wild virus and spread from person to person without any person's knowledge or consent. Although this may sound like science fiction, unfortunately it's real.

Two companies involved in this research have received millions of dollars from the federal government. A study using this technology on hamsters and the SARS-Cov-2 virus, or the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 virus, has already been completed and a Phase 1 trial on humans is in the works. This new vaccine deployment technology has already been tucked into a Federal law called "the PREVENT Pandemics Act, into the 2023 omnibus appropriations bill to facilitate it.

Supporters of this technology claim it will solve several problems with traditional vaccine delivery. These are inhalable and solve the so-called problem of noncompliance. Meaning everyone gets vaccinated--whether they like it or not. Patents are already established.

So how safe are these "inhalable therapies"?

What could go wrong with a man-made parasite designed self-replicate in your cells and to transmit without anyone's knowledge or consent? Your guess is as good as mine. But I'd rather not find out.

Organizations such as The Informed Consent Action Network or (ICAN) is deploying a legal strategy to ensure that individuals will never be infected with engineered viruses and bacteria without their express consent. These types of developing technologies would permit involuntary, widespread delivery of pathogens that result in a complete and permanent revamping of our God-given immune systems without requiring any informed consent. We as legislators must be proactive to protect our citizens before this type of release would happen.

This bill would prohibit releasing a self-spreading virus without consent.

I have asked Legislative council to prepare an amendment to add the word "intentional" on line 8 after the word "any" so it would read - "Release" means any intentional act that results in the actual or potential infection or transmission of, or exposure to, a self-spreading virus or bacteria."

I also asked them to draft an exemption that would create a #4 that would say to the effect that this would not apply to someone who is unknowingly infected and or unknowingly could potentially spread this virus to others.

This bill would not affect the use of the vaccines in common practice today including live virus vaccines such as measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox. In some cases the live vaccines can produce a shedding effect, but not to the extent that we are talking about with the self spreading virus's that are the subject of this bill.

Now my intent of this bill was certainly not to harm the cattle industry and veterinary medicine, and I would like to add those amendments to hopefully calm the fears of the veterinarians and cattlemen that are in opposition to this bill. I realize the cattlemen routinely use vaccines that are live vaccines that can shed, and they are wondering how this applies to their use. I believe those would not be affected by this bill. I don't believe this applies to any traditional vaccines used today. Legislative council assured me that the word "individual" would denote humans, and this section of code is directed at Public Health, not animal health. But if that proposed amendment is not specific enough, I am open to other wording, as decided by this committee.

My hope is that this committee can get a preemptive precaution in place with this bill, while not harming the ranching community or the medical community. I think we can find a balance that we can all live with.

Thank you Mr Chairman. I will do my best to answer any questions.

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Discussion Topics:

- Committee action
- Release of disease

3:50 p.m. Representative Rohr moved to amend the bill LC#25.0977.01006, #44919.

3:51 p.m. Representative K. Anderson seconded the motion.

3:51 p.m. Voice vote passed.

3:52 p.m. Representative Bolinske moved a Do Pass as amended.

3:52 p.m. Representative K. Anderson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	N
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	N
Representative Cleyton Fegley	N
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	N
Representative Dwight Kiefert	N
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

3:54 p.m. Motion passed 7-6-0.

Vice-Chairman Frelich will carry the bill.

3:54 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

Sixty-ninth
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

Introduced by

Representatives Henderson, Schatz, Wolff, Maki, Morton, Rios, Frelich, VanWinkle

Senator Magrum

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to releasing a self-spreading virus; and to provide a penalty.

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12 bacteria, or particles or substance similar to any virus or bacteria,
13 capable engineered for the purpose of spreading from individual to individual.
14 2. A person may not develop, release, or take part in causing the release of any self-
15 spreading virus or bacteria without the express written consent of each individual
16 that who may potentially be exposed to the self-spreading virus or bacteria.
17 3. Any person may bring an action to enjoin any violation of this section and to recover
18 actual monetary loss or five thousand dollars for each violation of this section,
19 whichever is greater.

- 1 | 4. This section does not apply to an individual who is unknowingly infected and, as a
- 2 | result of that infection, has spread any self-spreading virus or bacteria.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1458**

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0977.01006](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1458 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Representative Henderson
February 10, 2025

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1458
2/25/2025

Relating to releasing a self-spreading virus; and to provide a penalty.

9:32 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members Absent: Representative Davis

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work
- Proposed amendments relating to a study

9:32 a.m. Vice-Chairman Frelich moved to reconsider the bill.

9:32 a.m. Representative Beltz seconded the motion.

9:33 a.m. Voice vote passed.

9:34 a.m. Vice-Chairman Frelich discussed amendments making the bill into a study.

9:36 a.m. Vice-Chairman Frelich moved to adopt the amendment LC#25.0977.02001.

9:36 a.m. Representative Hendrix seconded the motion.

9:36 a.m. Voice vote passed.

9:37 a.m. Representative Rohr moved a Do Pass as amended. LC #25.0977.02001

9:37 a.m. Representative Anderson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	N
Representative Cleyton Fegley	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y

Representative Karen Rohr	Y
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9:38 a.m. Motion passed 10-2-1.

Vice-Chairman Frelich will carry the bill.

9:40 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby adjourned the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1458

Introduced by

Representatives Henderson, Schatz, Wolff, Maki, Morton, Rios, Frelich, VanWinkle

Senator Magrum

2-25-25

JB 10/2

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to releasing a self-spreading virus; and to provide a penalty for an Act to~~
3 provide for a legislative management study regarding limiting the release of self-spreading
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SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - LIMITING THE RELEASE OF SELF-SPREADING VIRUSES AND BACTERIA.

1. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying limiting the development and release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria. The study must include:
 - a. A review of the persons and entities developing or releasing self-spreading viruses or bacteria;
 - b. The impact of the development and release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria, including all available data on adverse reactions and long-term effects;
 - c. Appropriate limitations and enforcement measures, including potential sanctions and penalties; and
 - d. Possible exceptions to the limitations.
2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED HB 1458**

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0977.02001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1458 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1458

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1458
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding limiting the release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria.

10:32 a.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Japanese Research Findings
- Historical Records

10:32 a.m. Representative Donna Henderson introduced the bill and submitted testimony #42319.

10:39 a.m. Charlene Nelson testified in favor and submitted testimony #42043.

Additional written testimony:

Faye Seidler submitted written testimony in favor #42120.

10:52 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

My name is Charlene Nelson, from Casselton. I speak to you to day in support of HB1458.

I don't have any credentials in science, but I do have a degree in history, so my testimony is going to focus on how history should inform your vote on HB1458.

I'm guessing that until today many of you never heard of self-spreading vaccines. But until five years ago, how many of you had ever heard of gain of function? And look at the devastation that gain of function research has brought us.

Until 2020 no one ever imagined that their government would fund dangerous science experiments with the potential to harm virtually every human being on earth. And yet they did. We can never forget that: Our government funded a science experiment that negatively impacted nearly every single aspect of human existence.

Don't you wish that someone from the future had come to you legislators in the 2019 session and said "By this time next year a dangerous virus and an even more dangerous medical response will be unleashed on the world. You need to do something now to protect the people of North Dakota"? How much better off would we have been if the 2019 legislature had passed something to protect citizens from the spread of a genetically manufactured virus and the even more dangerous medical response?

Because that is exactly where we are right now. Today, as we speak, our government is giving grants to corporations and laboratories to develop mutating self-spreading viruses and the technology needed to disperse these viruses on unsuspecting citizens.

I know it sounds like a crazy science fiction movie but the documents are there for you to read. Just like the documents for the gain of function studies were always there before 2019, we just didn't know we needed to look for them. Now that we've seen the documentation for self-spreading vaccines, we can't ignore what is being planned.

I think Chairman Lee, you are someone who understands this very concept. Just last week, I believe it was during the hearing for HB1457, I heard you say, "We don't know what creepy disease is going to come along..." Six years ago we thought we knew about disease, but since then we've learned that there's all sorts of crazy ideas about the manufacture of viruses that we never thought possible.

Going back to our hypothetical 2019 session, if had you acted on the warnings from this visitor from the future, who do you think would have opposed your legislation? There would be those who just couldn't imagine a bio-engineered pathogen being unleashed on people. They'd say you're nuts, why legislate against some phantom threat?

Why not just be safe? If no one develops gain of function viruses, we haven't hurt anyone. And if they do, then we're ready.

That's why today I ask you to study this potential threat. We couldn't have imagined this five years ago, but now we know what labs and all these genetic engineers are capable of.

Today I'm asking you to study the potential harm this technology can do and prepare to protect North Dakotans against it.

Because the threat is real. We don't know how imminent it is, but it is very real. DARPA, the very

organization who brought us the genetically engineered SARS-CoV-2 virus, is also backing these new self-spreading, mutating vaccines. And the people who brought us the disastrous mRNA vaccines want to take it a step further. The National Institute of Health says they are developing these technologies to (quote) “circumvent behavioral barriers”.

In other words, they intend to vaccinate people whether they want it or not. It's like a universal date rape drug, a technology whose principle purpose is to take away our ability to say no.

So, how safe are these “inhalable therapies”? What could possibly go wrong with a man-made virus designed to self-replicate in your cells and to transmit without anyone's knowledge or consent? According to the grants, these vaccines are designed to mutate and adapt to any other viruses it may encounter. Where does that mutation stop? What will be the end result of this technology? Your guess is as good as mine. But based on their track record of the past five years, I'd prefer not to find out.

So there you have my history-based argument on why we need to pass HB1458. You've heard the adage "If we don't learn from the past, we are doomed to repeat it." I don't think I'm alone when I say we don't want a repeat of the COVID disaster.

I urge you to vote Do Pass to study this technology and make plans now to protect North Dakotans from this dangerous new vaccine technology. Please don't wait until it's been unleashed on the public. Put in the protections we need right now, while we still have time to do something about it.

NIH's plans: <https://reporter.nih.gov/project-details/10274188#description>

DARPA's plans: <https://www.darpa.mil/research/programs/preventing-emerging-pathogenic-threats>

A lead scientist in the program discusses its importance:

<https://www.biocentury.com/article/647185/warp-speed-isn-t-fast-enough-the-need-for-variant-proof-therapeutics>

A synthesis of some of the documentation: <https://icandecide.org/press-release/ican-uncovers-a-potential-next-level-threat-inhalable-self-spreading-vaccines-that-spread-like-a-virus/>

**Senate Human Services Committee
March 17th, 2025 SB 1458
Testimony in Opposition**

Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1458.

I am far from an expert in vaccines. I am not a doctor. I don't have much meaningful weight to contribute to this conversation, except I would argue most of the people proposing or supporting this bill are in my same shoes.

I fundamentally disagree that the lawmaking body is the correct place to be making laws or creating studies that are not driven by our healthcare institutes. We have the Department of Health and Human Services. We have medical organizations that all testified against this bill already. And I would trust them and their determination for what is needed.

Our law making body is not a place to practice medicine. I work in healthcare, I'm a health advocate, I attend health conferences, and I've been privileged to hear from our states leading voices on vaccines. And as a layperson, I have complete confidence in them.

Please vote "Do Not Pass."

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state.
Faye Seidler - fayeseidler@gmail.com

Good morning Chair Lee, Vice Chair Weston, and all the members of the Senate Human Service and ~~Veteran's Affairs~~ committee.

For the record I am Donna Henderson, District 15 Representative, and I am here to introduce HB 1458. A study of self-spreading virus's and vaccines.

There is a new class of "encrypted RNA" vaccines being developed where the mRNA could spread from person to person without any person's knowledge of consent. Although this sounds like science fiction unfortunately it's real.

Specializing in molecular oncology, immunology, and molecular biology, Dr. Murakami, who is a Tokyo university of science professor, highlighted the risk of exponential spike protein production in recipients of these vaccines, suggesting a significant threat to public health.

Dr. Murakami described the self-replicating mRNA technology as likely to cause continuous and uncontrolled production of the spike protein, which could lead to unforeseen health issues. He also warned that these vaccines would like have the ability to transfer from one person to another, potentially amplifying their spread and impact. Dr. Murakami predicts that once these self-replicating vaccines are introduced, stopping their effects might become impossible.

Self-replicating mRNA vaccines are an 'advanced form' of mRNA gene therapy designed to amplify the production of the desired antigenic protein within the body. Unlike 'conventional' mRNA gene therapies, such as the 'COVID-19 vaccine', which introduce mRNA to instruct cells to produce a specific protein (such as the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus) and then degrade, self-replicating mRNA vaccines have an additional mechanism that allows the mRNA to replicate within cells.

This replication leads to the production of more mRNA copies, resulting in higher and more sustained levels of the antigenic protein. These gene therapies incorporate genetic elements from RNA viruses, such as alpha-viruses, which have the natural ability to replicate their RNA. The gene therapy includes not only the mRNA for the target antigen but also sequences that enable the RNA to replicate within host cells.

Critics have highlighted a number of significant risks with the untested biotech. The prolonged and higher levels of antigen production could potentially lead to adverse effects, such as immune-related issues or other unintended biological effects. Ensuring that the replication is contained and does not spread beyond the intended scope is crucial. There is a risk that self-replicating mRNA could transfer to unintended recipients (in a process known as 'shedding') or cause uncontrolled protein production.

Dr Murikami's information has sparked widespread debate, with experts calling for rigorous evaluation of the safety and ethical implications of self-replicating mRNA vaccines before they are widely administered.

In the US, at least 2 companies involved in this research have received millions of dollars from our Federal Government. A study on using this technology on hamsters and the SARS-Cov-2 virus, has already been completed and Phase 1 trials on humans in in the works. This new vaccine deployment technology has already been tucked into a Federal law called "The PREVENT Pandemics Act", into the 2023 omnibus appropriations bill to facilitate it.

These types of developing technologies would permit involuntary widespread delivery of pathogens that result in a complete and permanent revamping of our immune systems without requiring any informed consent. We as legislators must be proactive to protect our citizens before this type

of release before it would happen. This bill would consider studying self spreading virus's.

This would not affect the use of vaccines in common practice today that do have a slight shedding effect such as measles, polio, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox. In some cases these can produce a shedding effect, but not to the extend that we are talking about in this bill.

The original bill sought to ban this type of vaccine use and release and provide a penalty, but we discovered there is at least one company in our state that is doing some of this research.

So, you can see that this is happening globally, nationally and now in our state. For that reason, this bill is necessary to study the issue to find out the risks, impacts, and data and to bring it's findings and recommendation to the legislature for any possible legislation needed to formulate guidelines and restrictions for this for the future.

This is a complicated issue and I am not a scientist, but I gladly try to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1458
3/24/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative management study regarding limiting the release of self-spreading viruses and bacteria.

10:10 a.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

Discussion Topics:

- Livestock Vaccination
- Documented Consent
- Virus Transmission Patterns
- COVID-19 Vaccine Information

10:10 a.m. Chairman Lee opened the discussion on the studies relevance.

10:16 a.m. Senator Van Oosting moved Do Pass.

10:16 a.m. Senator Weston seconded the motion.

10:17 a.m. Kirby Kruger, Director of Disease Control with Department of Health and Human Services, answered committee questions.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	N
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	N
Senator Kristin Roers	N
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion failed 3-3-0.

10:38 a.m. Senator Roers moved Without Committee Recommendation.

10:39 a.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y

Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Lee will carry the bill.

10:39 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
REENGROSSED HB 1458 ([25.0977.03000](#))

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends the measure **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1458 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.