

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2079
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
January 10, 2023

Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities Section with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No.2079, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

Currently, the Department contracts with Minot State University to maintain and update self-instructional modules. These modules are part of the training curriculum for our licensed Developmental Disability providers. The proposed changes will allow the Department to continue to maintain a training system for licensed providers and utilize training platforms that are available through multiple entities.

Section 1. The proposed change in Section 1 of this Bill is to amend section 50-06-06.3 of the North Dakota Century Code regarding facility staff training for providers of community-based care on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. Page 1, lines 9 and 10, remove design and implement, and replaces with maintain. Page 1, lines 10 and 11 removes in cooperation with the board of higher education.

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