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Good afternoon, Chairwoman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee. I am Tim Wiedrich, the Health Resources and Licensure at the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) and I am here in support of Senate Bill 2085.

The Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical System North Dakota Century Code chapter 23-47 helps to establish and maintain a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system for the state. This includes standards for a system plan, prehospital emergency services, a hospital designation program, system registries and a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement.

Paragraph 1 of subdivision d of subsection 1 of Section 23-47-02 of the North Dakota Century Code states, "In implementing this plan, the department shall maintain a statewide STEMI heart attack database that aggregates information and statistics on heart attack care. The department shall utilize the ACTION registry-get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." The ACTION registry-get with the guidelines platform no longer exists. The registry broke into two parts that now exist individually as the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) and the American Heart Association's (AHA) Get with the Guidelines: Coronary Artery Disease (GWTG: CAD).

This bill removes the language, "The department shall utilize the ACTION registry get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." This revision to the century code will ensure the longevity of the legislation while preserving the Department's ability to maintain a statewide database for the purpose of achieving continuous quality improvement in the quality of care provided under the cardiac system.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.