

Testimony
House Bill No. 1145
House Judiciary Committee
Representative Klemin, Chairman
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Chairman Klemin, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Pamela Sagness, Behavioral Health Executive Director with the Department of Health and Human Services. I appear before you today to provide neutral testimony regarding House Bill 1145.

In lines 13-17 House Bill 1145 defines "mental health provider". Chapter 25-01 of the North Dakota Century Code has definition for mental health professional identified by tiers. The Department would recommend this Bill align with the existing definitions. In addition, we recommend including language like "working within their scope of practice".

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.