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To: Senate Human Services Committee

**From: ND Board of Nursing
Buzz Benson CRNA, Board President**

RE: HB 1041 Nurse Aide Registry

Date: March 2, 2011

Chairman Lee and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments related to the proposed legislation for the transfer of the registry for nurse aides and medication assistants to the ND Department of Health.

My name is Buzz Benson CRNA, Board President from Bismarck. The Board Members and staff of the Board have worked with this Work Group to complete the provisions in the study. I do commend Dr. Bartz for her diligence and persistence in completing the charge of the Work Group.

The Board has participated in the development of the steps necessary to move the UAP Registry to the ND Department of Health. We have also evaluated and compared the fiscal impact of the of the move to the current UAP Registry income and expenses as well as the structural needs and human and other resources needed to establish another registry.

The NDBON has managed the Unlicensed Assistive Person(UAP) registry for nearly 20 years within the overall mission of public safety. The current registry is self sufficient with the use of the licensure and registry fees. The Board must comply with the Nurse Practices Act (NDCC chapter 43-12.1) and the North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC Title 54) when regulating the practice of Nursing. The Board, in my opinion has done a superior job of regulating the practice of nursing and those that assist in the practice of nursing.

Will staffing at the Board of Nursing need to be adjusted?

Yes, the work of the registry impacts all of the staff at the Board including the Special Assistant Attorney General. I have attached an expense breakdown for your information.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

**UAP MEDICATION ASSISTANT REGISTRIES
EXPENSES BREAKDOWN**

EXPENSES	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Professional Staff Salary & Benefits .45 FTE	38878	40740	44081
Administrative Staff - Registry Processing .6 FTE	30082	27640	36173
Administrative Staff - CHRC, Positive Resp .4 FTE		16676	23470
Disciplinary Review Panel Meetings	2891	3000	3000
35% Technology & Maintenance	23367	24621	14040
35% Operating Expenses	14306	15448	23382
30% Legal Expenses	10640	10422	11689
TOTALS	120164	138547	155835

* Instituted Criminal History Record Checks beginning 7/1/2008

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Income	69955	97775	100665
Expenses	120164	138547	155835
Net (Loss) Gain for UAP & Med Assist Registries:	-50209	-40772	-55170