

Testimony
House Bill 1110 – Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
February 19, 2013

Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of the Economic Assistance Policy Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to support House Bill 1110, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

The Department is requesting an amendment to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-33-02.2 (Child care assistance – Application for benefits – Applicants duty to establish eligibility – Decisions – Rules). The proposed change would increase the eligibility decision making time frame by the county social service eligibility workers from 15 days to 30 days. This would allow applicants and the county social service eligibility workers more time to establish eligibility for the Child Care Assistance program.

Without this change, applications for Child Care Assistance may be denied within 15 days. Changing the eligibility decision making time frame to 30 days allows time for the family to provide additional information necessary to determine eligibility for the program.

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