

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill 2044 – Department of Human Services**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman**  
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Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of the Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services.

I am here today in support of SB 2044. The moratorium for nursing facilities and basic care facilities has been in place since 1995 and has been extended each biennium. Throughout the interim, the Department has been in contact with the North Dakota Long Term Care Association for the purpose of tracking the nursing facility and basic care beds that are being shifted through the state. The Department's 2009-2011 Budget takes the "bed shifting" into account and is predicated on the moratorium continuing.

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.