

**Testimony**  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 2142– Department of Human Services**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman**  
**March 8, 2011**

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Human Services. I am here today on behalf of the Department to provide background information and to support Engrossed Senate Bill 2142. This bill will provide an act to amend and reenact sections of the North Dakota Century Code relating to changing mental retardation to intellectual disability and mentally retarded to intellectually disabled; and to provide for reconciliation by the Legislative Council of these terms in statutory provisions.

On October 5, 2010 the President signed into law "Rosa's Law" which changes references in many Federal statutes that currently refer to "mental retardation" to refer, instead to "intellectual disability".

The Department has received written approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to make the change from Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded to Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled.

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