

Testimony
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Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am JoAnne Hoesel, Director of the Division Mental Health and Substance Abuse for the Department of Human Services (DHS). I am here to provide testimony regarding Senate Bill 2326.

Based on a review of previous requests for applications (RFA) issued by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Access to Recovery grants, part of SAMHA's evaluation criteria included listing the number of clients anticipated to be served in each year of the grant. SAMHSA also lists the total number of clients their entire grant effort must serve in order for them to reach their target. In RFA 2010, this number was 225,000 people.

Since SAMHSA historically sets client targets for grants and it is unknown what requirements will be for future Access To Recovery RFAs, DHS suggests that the restriction to one human service region be removed from line 23 in the bill. The target number from one region in North Dakota may create too small of a client count for the grant submission to be competitive.

I would be happy to answer any questions.