

Good afternoon Chairman Weisz and members of the Committee. My name is Chris Price and I am the Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Systems for the North Dakota Department of Health. I am here to provide informational testimony on House Bill 1269.

The existing statute and rules provide the opportunity for ambulance services to collaborate to answer calls. For example, two ambulance services may collaborate to share personnel to ensure that each is able to answer calls. If this speaks to the intent, then no additional legislation is necessary.

Because House Bill 1269 does not define the meaning of collaborate, the Department of Health is unable to determine the impact it may have on statewide EMS system development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.