

HB 1358 Section 8
Report to the Health Care Reform Review Committee
November 12, 2013

Mr. Chairman, members of the Health Care Reform Review Committee, I am Beth Zander, Director of the Workforce Development Division of the North Dakota Department of Commerce. I'm here today to provide an update on Section 8 of HB 1358, which provides funds to nursing homes, basic care facilities and developmental disabilities providers in the designated oil producing counties of North Dakota.

As instructed in HB 1358, we will disburse funds in January 2014 and 2015. Funding will be distributed based on full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions, to qualifying facilities in oil producing counties identified by the Tax Department. We will disburse \$1 million annually.

The Department of Commerce and the Department of Human Services have established a Memorandum of Agreement that guides the process for administering the funds. The process, excerpted from the MOA, is shown below.

- *In October of 2013 and 2014, DoC will provide DHS with the names of the qualifying oil producing counties as identified by the North Dakota Tax Department and defined in NDCC 57-51-15.*
- *DHS will calculate full-time equivalent (FTE) positions on a date determined appropriate for the qualifying nursing homes, basic care facilities and developmental disability providers in the qualifying oil and gas producing counties. FTE's for nursing homes and basic care facilities will be calculated by dividing total reported work hours by 2080. For the purpose of the developmental disability providers, the "greensheet" programs will be based on approved FTE's and for individually authorized services, the FTE's will be determined by the number of authorized hours divided by 2080.*
- *By November 30 of 2013 and 2014, DHS will provide DoC with the number of FTE's for each institution in the qualifying oil producing counties.*

- *Allocations will be made evenly, based on the number of full-time equivalent positions as identified by DHS.*
- *Funds will be disbursed in January of 2014 and 2015.*
- *DoC will require that each facility complete and return a form IRS W-9 if the facility does not have a record in PeopleSoft.*
- *DoC will collect information on the use of funds and report to the Budget Section and Appropriations Committees.*

Those first steps of identifying the oil producing counties and providing them to DHS are complete. The list of counties is shown in the attachment to this testimony. It is too early to provide a report on how funds were used, since they have not yet been distributed. We are working with partners such as the Long Term Care Association to identify consistent reporting elements required of the recipients of the funds. Reporting instructions will be sent to the recipients in the near future.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my update. I am happy to answer questions.

Designated Oil Producing Counties, 2013-14

- Billings
- Bottineau
- Bowman
- Burke
- Divide
- Dunn
- Golden Valley
- McHenry
- McKenzie
- McLean
- Mercer
- Mountrail
- Renville
- Slope
- Stark
- Ward
- Williams