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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE
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Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck ND

Mr. Chairman and members of the Administrative Rules Committee, I am Janet Welk, executive director of the Education Standards and Practices Board and wish to testify on the rules published in the October 2014 supplement to the North Dakota Administrative Code.

This rule change resulted from the Board realizing the need for changes in licensure requirements to help facilitate schools and districts securing qualified teachers for North Dakota. The rules procedure used in adopting the rules included:

- 1) The Letter of Intent to Amend Rules to the Legislative Council on December 16, 2013;
- 2) Letters sent Legislators on December 23, 2013;
- 3) Publication with the North Dakota Newspaper Association December 25-December 31, 2013;
- 4) A public hearing on January 24, 2014 at the Education Standards and Practices Board office at 2718 Gateway Avenue, Suite 303, Bismarck, ND; no one

attended. Written public comment period until February 7, 2014 with no written comments received;

- 5) Education Standards and Practices Board approved the final Administrative Rules at their regular monthly meeting on March 6, 2014;
- 6) Examination by the Attorney General's Office with an opinion of the rules being in compliance received April 28, 2014; and
- 7) Final submission for review and publication on the North Dakota Administrative Code with the Legislative Council on May 13, 2014.

This rule is not expected to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000 and there was no regulatory analysis completed.

The approximately cost of giving public notice, holding hearings, computer programming, and staff time is approximately \$3,500. These rules do not have any fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

A constitutional takings assessment was not prepared.

If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer questions at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration given these rule changes.