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Re: **Technical Comments on Draft Bill No. 135**

Dear David:

As requested, we reviewed draft Bill No. 135, which proposes technical changes that affect the State Investment Board (SIB) investment program of various state pension and insurance funds, including the North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The following presents our analysis of such proposed changes found in the draft bill.

Summary: The proposed bill updates sections 21-10-02.1 and 21-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code.

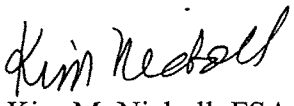
Actuarial Cost Analysis: This bill would have no actuarial cost impact on the TFFR, PERS, or other investment clients of the SIB.

General Comments: This bill provides clarity and technical corrections to the current operational practices of the SIB.

The information contained in this letter is provided within our role as the plan's actuary and benefits consultant and is not intended to provide tax or legal advice. We recommend that you address all issues described herein with your legal counsel.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,



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