#### **2023 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

SB 2227

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 1/23/2023

Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

9:28 AM Madam Chair Lee called the hearing to order. Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan were present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Health council
- Duties
- Benchmarks

9:29 AM Senator Lee District 13, introduced SB 2227 in favor #15437

9:37 AM Dr. Mark Strand online testified in favor #15168, 15559.

9:42 AM Madam Chair Lee calls recess.

9:43 AM Nazir Wehbi, North Dakota State Health Officer ND Department of Human and Health Services, verbal comments on budget in favor

9:47 AM Shelly Peterson, President Long Term Care Association, verbal comments in favor.

9:50 AM **Sherri Adams, Executive Director of Southwestern District Health,** verbal comments in favor.

9:51 AM Tim BlasI, President ND Hospital Association, verbal comments in favor

9:52 AM Courtney Koebele, President ND Medical Association, verbal comments in favor

Additional written testimony: Jewell Hamilton in opposition #15335

9:55 AM Madam Chair Lee adjourned the meeting

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

## 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 2/7/2023

Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

9:21 AM **Madam Chair Lee** called the meeting to order. **Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan** were present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Health council
- Duties

9:53 AM Madam Chair Lee calls for discussion.

#### Senator K. Roers moves DO PASS.

#### Senator Weston seconded.

Roll call vote.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Lee will carry SB 2227

9:24 AM Madam Chair Lee closed the meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE SB 2227: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2227 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

#### 2023 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2227

# **2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **Human Services Committee**

Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 3/8/2023

### Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 11:22 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby not present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Advisory role
- Rules for health professionals
- State health officer
- Health council meetings

Sen. Lee introduced SB 2227, speaking in support.

Nizar Wehbi, North Dakota State Health Officer, spoke in support.

Courtney Koebele, Executive Director of the North Dakota Medical Association, spoke in support.

Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association, supportive testimony (#22337).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

# **2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **Human Services Committee**

Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 3/20/2023

### Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby not present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Committee work
- Amendments
- Dietitian practitioners

Chairman Weisz explained potential language conflicts with another senate bill.

Rep. McLeod proposed amendment (#26574) to SB 2227.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 3:36 PM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

# **2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **Human Services Committee**

Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 3/21/2023

## Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 10:51 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Rep. Brandon Prichard not present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Committee work
- Amendments
- Dietitian practitioners

Chairman Weisz explained potential language conflicts with another senate bill.

Rep. McLeod moved to adopt amendment (#26574) to SB 2227.

Seconded by Rep. Davis.

Voice vote not unanimous.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	N
Representative Matthew Ruby	N
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	AB
Representative Karen M. Rohr	N

Motion carries 9-4-1.

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Rep. Rohr moved a do not pass as amended on SB 2227.

Seconded by Rep. Anderson.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	N
Representative Matthew Ruby	Ν
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Jayme Davis	Ν
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Ν
Representative Clayton Fegley	Ν
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Ν
Representative Carrie McLeod	Ν
Representative Todd Porter	N
Representative Brandon Prichard	AB
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y

Motion fails 4-9-1.

Rep. Frelich moved to adopt an amendment that removes Section B, Section C, and Section D of SB 2227.

Seconded by Vice Chairman Ruby.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	N
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
Representative Jayme Davis	N
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	N
Representative Clayton Fegley	N
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	N
Representative Dwight Kiefert	N
Representative Carrie McLeod	N
Representative Todd Porter	N
Representative Brandon Prichard	AB
Representative Karen M. Rohr	N

Motion carries 3-10-1.

Rep. Porter moved to adopt amendment to SB 2227 as follows:

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Page 1, line 9, replace "eleven" with "thirteen".

Page 2, line 17, overstrike "six" and insert "eight".

Seconded by Rep. McLeod.

Motion carries by voice vote.

Rep. Porter moved a do pass as amended on SB 2227.

Seconded by Rep. Dobervich.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	N
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	N
Representative Dawson Holle	N
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	AB
Representative Karen M. Rohr	N

Motion carries 9-4-1.

Carried by Rep. McLeod.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:22 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

23.0097.02001 Title.03000 Adopted by the House Human Services Committee

March 21, 2023

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2227

Page 1, line 9, replace "eleven" with "thirteen"

Page 2, line 17, replace "Six" with "Eight"

Page 2, after line 26, insert:

- "(7) <u>An entity representing a licensed dietician.</u>
- (8) An entity representing a social worker or licensed clinical counselor."

Renumber accordingly

#### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

- SB 2227: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (9 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2227 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.
- Page 1, line 9, replace "eleven" with "thirteen"
- Page 2, line 17, replace "Six" with "Eight"

Page 2, after line 26, insert:

- "(7) <u>An entity representing a licensed registered dietician.</u>
- (8) An entity representing a social worker or licensed clinical counselor."

Renumber accordingly

#### **2023 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

SB 2227

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2227 3/29/2023

Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

11:42 AM Madam Chair Lee called the meeting to order. Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston, Hogan were present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- House amendment concurrence
- Conference committee

The committee did not concur.

Senator Lee will carry SB 2227

11:45 AM Madam Chair Lee closed the meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

#### **2023 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

SB 2227

## 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

#### SB 2227 4/12/2023 Conference Committee

Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

9:31 AM Chair Lee opened the conference committee meeting. Senators Lee, K. Roers, Hogan and Representatives Prichard, McLeod, Rohr are present.

**Discussion Topics:** 

- Proposed amendment
- Conference committee decision

Chair Lee calls for discussion.

**Committee** discussion SB 2227.

**Representative Prichard moved House to recede and further Amend** line 15 page 2 to Division of Public Health, line 21 change to Pharmacists, line 27 change to Dietitians and strike line 28 and change numbers accordingly.

Senator K. Roers seconded the motion.

Roll call vote-motion carried 6-0-0.

Note: Senate Bill 2227 was reconsidered on April 14, 2023.

Representative Mcleod is the House bill carrier.

Senator Lee is the Senate bill carrier.

10:02 AM Chair Lee closed the conference committee meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

23.0097.02002 Title.04000



April 12, 2023

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2227

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1174 of the Senate Journal and page 1345 of the House Journal and that Senate Bill No. 2227 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, replace "eleven" with "twelve"

Page 2, line 15, after the first "<u>officer</u>" insert "<u>representing the public health division of the</u> <u>department of health and human services</u>"

Page 2, line 17, replace "Six" with "Seven"

Page 2, line 21, replace "pharmacies" with "pharmacists"

Page 2, line 24, after "representing" insert "local"

Page 2, line 24, after "health" insert "units"

Page 2, after line 26, insert:

"(7) An entity representing dieticians."

Renumber accordingly

#### 2023 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

#### BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2227

#### **Senate Human Services Committee**

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- □ SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend
- □ HOUSE recede from House amendments
- ☑ HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows
- □ **Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: <u>Representative Prichard</u> Seconded by: <u>Senator K. Roers</u>

Senators	4/12	Yes	No	Representatives	4/12	١	Yes	No
Lee, Chair	X	Y		Prichard	X		Υ	
K. Roers	X	Y		McLeod	X		Υ	
Hogan	X	Y		Rohr	X		Υ	
Total Senate Vote		3		Total Rep. Vote			3	

Vote Count	Yes: <u>6</u>	No: 0	Absent: 0
Senate Carrier	Senator Lee	House Carrier	Representative McLeod
LC Number	23.0097	. 02002	of amendment
LC Number	23.0097	04000	of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

Insert LC: 23.0097.02002 Senate Carrier: Lee House Carrier: McLeod

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**SB 2227:** Your conference committee (Sens. Lee, K. Roers, Hogan and Reps. Prichard, McLeod, Rohr) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments as printed on SJ page 1174, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2227 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1174 of the Senate Journal and page 1345 of the House Journal and that Senate Bill No. 2227 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, replace "eleven" with "twelve"

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"(7) An entity representing dieticians."

Renumber accordingly

SB 2227 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

## 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

#### Human Services Committee

Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

#### SB 2227 4/14/2023 Conference Committee

Relating to the membership and duties of the health council.

11:46 AM Chair Lee opened the conference committee meeting. Senators Lee, K. Roers, Hogan and Representatives Prichard, McLeod, Rohr were present.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

- Proposed amendment
- Conference committee decision

Chair Lee calls for discussion.

**Senator Hogan** moved to reconsider prior actions on the 4/12/2023 meeting. **Representative Prichard** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote - The motion passed 6-0-0.

11:48 AM **Dr. Nizar Wehbi**, **North Dakota State Health Officer, ND Department of Health and Human Services,** provided information verbally and discussed amendment. #27571

**Representative Prichard** moved House recede from House Amendments and Amend with LC 23.0097.02004.

Senator K. Roers seconded the motion.

Roll call vote-motion carried 6-0-0.

Representative McLeod is the House bill carrier.

Senator Lee is the Senate bill carrier.

11:57 PM **Chair Lee** closed the conference committee meeting.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

23.0097.02004 Title.05000 Adopted by the Conference Committee

April 14, 2023

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2227

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Renumber accordingly

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#### 2023 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

#### BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2227

#### Senate Human Services Committee

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- □ HOUSE recede from House amendments
- ☑ HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows
- □ **Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

#### Note: reconsider prior actions on 4/12/2023 meeting

Senators	4/14	Yes	No	Representatives	4/14	Yes	No
Lee, Chair	Х	Y		Prichard	X	Y	1
K. Roers	Х	Υ		McLeod	X	Y	
Hogan	Х	Y		Rohr	Х	Y	
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Total Senate Vote		3		Total Rep. Vote		3	

Vote Count	Yes: <u>6</u>	No: 0	Absent: 0
Senate Carrie	r Senator Lee	House Carrier	Representative McLeod
LC Number	23.0097	· <u>02004</u>	of amendment
LC Number	23.0097	· _ 05000	of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

Insert LC: 23.0097.02003 Senate Carrier: Lee House Carrier: McLeod

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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SB 2227 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2227

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2227 Mark A. Strand Fargo, ND January 20, 2023

The North Dakota Health Council is a state body that informs and advises the Department of Health and Human Services (NDDHHS), and the State Health Officer, about the health concerns and priorities of the citizens of North Dakota. The members are comprised of representatives of stakeholder groups and citizen groups who understand the needs of the people of North Dakota and can provide critical input to the NDDHHS and the state health officer.

In 1999 North Dakota was the healthiest state in the nation, reported by America's Health Rankings. We have since slipped to 18<sup>th</sup>. As a proud North Dakota native, currently working every day to serve the health of the people of North Dakota, I want to see us reclaim our ranking. In order to do this, several efforts are paramount:

- We need to improve the engagement of stakeholders and citizen groups with this challenge. During our recent COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most important lessons learned was that input from stakeholders, community leaders and frontline public health workers was lacking and that timely and transparent communication was insufficient. The redesigning of the health council as proposed in this bill and increasing the size and breadth of the membership of the North Dakota Health Council will address this problem.
- 2. We need to establish a strategic plan for improved population health and entrust the NDDHHS with the responsibility of monitoring progress toward this strategic plan. The new roles of the North Dakota Health Council as designed in this bill will be expanded and will be more attentive to the strategic plan and programs of the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 3. We need to establish baseline population health benchmarks, and then evaluate policies and funding toward the purpose of meeting the population health goals established upon those benchmarks. We cannot become the healthiest state in the nation by improving the clinical services that insured persons receive. We can only become the healthiest state in the nation by focusing on improving the health of everyone in the state. This is the mission of the health council.

It is my opinion that SB 2227 will revitalize the health council, will bring to the table a wider representation of stakeholders and citizen representatives, and give the health council roles that are essential for seeing North Dakota once again be the healthiest state in the nation.

Legislative Committee:

My name is Jewell Hamilton. I live in Minot ND in district 3. I am requesting DO NOT Pass SB2227. It is my strong belief this bill allows the opportunity for an unelected entity to abuse Its powers and strip the ND citizens of their constitutional rights.

Thank You Jewell Hamilton

#### Senate Bill 2227

#### **Senator Judy Lee**

SB 2227 updates and restores the responsibilities and membership of the State Health Council. It has, in recent years, not been as engaged in the responsibilities which had long been assigned to them, such as collaborating with various health officials and providers on developing rules which would have input from diverse stakeholders to assure that rules would be effective and workable.

The advisory role has been diminished to the point that all that remained was approving the recipients of loa repayment for health professionals. That led to a discussion in the Health Council of dissolving, because they no longer had much to do.

A small group of individuals from various health professions, some of whom had been are currently on the Health Council, met legislators to discuss the future of the Health Council. The consensus was that it was worth the effort to try to restore the activities of the Health Council and provide support for the State Health Officer in moving forward with the functions necessary for the Health Division. Meetings were held to plan and prepare the recommendations which you see in the bill before you.

Section 1 states the purpose of the Health Council and changes the membership to statutory categories, rather than appointed positions. It was designed to be similar to the Medical School Advisory Council which is very engaged in communications with the dean, faculty, and staff to provide input from the citizen members and support for their programs.

You will see on page 2 the list of members representing tribal health, research universities, public health, medical and long term care facilities, recommended by groups which represent them.

Reimbursement is spelled out in #6 on page 3.

Section 2 lists the powers and duties, which have been updated to say "collaborate and support", rather than "establish and enforce". They will not have and have not had enforcement authority. They can hear matters dealing with licenses of hospitals, as well as construction. It also describes its role in advising the Governor, DHHS, legislative assembly, and citizens about important issues.

The informal group worked very collaboratively on updating this statute so that it is workable in today's world and will be a positive partner for the State Health Officer in leading the public health efforts in ND.

I support SB 2227 as an important update for an existing entity to provide support and information for the Division of Health, other public officials, and the citizens of North Dakota. I encourage your support, too.

#### Wolf, Sheldon

From: Sent: To: Subject: Mark Strand <markstrand3@gmail.com> Monday, January 23, 2023 9:50 AM Wolf, Sheldon Re: Link

Here is a link to the America's Health Rankings web page, and the 2021 report. <u>https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2021-annual-report</u>

I do not see the 1999 report when North Dakota was #1 still in the archives.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 23, 2023, at 9:45 AM, Wolf, Sheldon <swolf@ndlegis.gov> wrote:

Hi

You can send the link to me.

Thank you

Sheldon Clerk

## Wolf, Sheldon

From: Sent: To: Subject: Mark Strand <markstrand3@gmail.com> Monday, January 23, 2023 11:17 AM Wolf, Sheldon Re: Link

America's Health Rankings in the recent years. Since COVID there has been no ranking published.

Year	North Dakota State Ranking
2007	8
2008	11
2009	17
2010	16
2011	11
2012	8
2013	9
2014	9
2015	12
2016	11
2017	18
2018	13
2019	14



## 2023 Senate Bill 2227 House Human Services Committee Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman March 8, 2023

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I testify in support of Senate Bill 2227 and ask that you give the bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

This bill restores and updates the duties and membership of the State Health Council. We believe the bill will ensure the Council is a positive partner for the State Health Officer in leading public health efforts in North Dakota. The Council would collaborate with various health officials and providers to advise the state on best public health practices and respond to public health emergencies. It ensures the coordination of the Department of Health and Human Services' health division with all other health activities of the state. And the makeup of the Council would ensure there is input from diverse stakeholders, such as tribal health, research universities, public health, and medical and long-term care facilities, so that rules which are necessary for public health would be effective and workable.

The bill clarifies that the Council would "collaborate and support", rather than "establish and enforce". In other words, it would have no enforcement authority. We support the Council as a diverse and deliberative body to inform and advise the governor, department of health and human services, legislative assembly, and North Dakotans on public health issues that are important to the needs of North Dakotans, and in the event of a public health emergency. We also support the Council's role in making recommendations for, and monitoring progress on, the state public health strategic plan and advocating for evidencebased practices and policies necessary to improve the health of North Dakotans.

NDHA requests that you give the bill a **DO PASS** recommendation. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Blasl, President North Dakota Hospital Association

#### Proposed Amendment to SB 2227

Page 2, after line 26 insert: "(7) A licensed registered dietitian."

"(8) A social worker or licensed clinical counselor."

#### Would look like this ... (Page 2)

- f. Six members appointed by the state health officer as provided under this
- subdivision for terms of three years. The state health officer shall identify

statewide entities representing each of the following interests and shall request

each entity submit the name of one individual to represent the entity.

(1) An entity representing pharmacies.

(2) An entity representing physicians.

(3) An entity representing hospitals.

(4) An entity representing public health.

(5) An entity representing nurses.

(6) An entity representing long-term care facilities.

(7) A licensed registered dietician.

(8) A social worker or licensed clinical counselor.

23.0097.02003 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Senator Lee April 13, 2023

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