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Chairwoman Roegner, Vice-Chair Antani, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and esteemed members of the Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 238.

This legislation will reduce burdensome regulations. It reduces, or eliminates fees where appropriate, and minimizing barriers to occupational entry and retention while maintaining respected and meaningful competency standards and consumer quality safeguards.

During the process the committee reviewed 19 boards with 244 licenses. Working with state agencies and interested parties we were able to identify 25 licenses that should be eliminated and an additional 14 that would benefit from having their fees reduced.

While it might not end all of our problems these changes will serve as a step in resolving our state's skilled workforce shortage and will help those experiencing financial hardship to find satisfying careers and provide for their families.

I would like to thank my joint sponsor Representative Fowler Arthur for her experience and guidance through this process. I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you all for your time.