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## Testimony on

**L.D. 1832, “An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services”**

**Presented by  
Representative Scott Wynn Cyrway .  
District 63**

**Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee  
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Good afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Perry, and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage and Financial Services

I am State Representative Scott Wynn Cyrway, and I proudly represent District 63, which includes Albion, Freedom, Unity Township, and a portion of Winslow. It is an honor to appear before you for the purpose of introducing of L D 1832, “*An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services*”

This legislation proposes to require that an ambulance service be reimbursed for the cost of treating a person, regardless of whether the ambulance service transports the person to a hospital.

It only seems fair that when a service is provided, payment is made in return to at a minimum cover related expenses, including fuel, wages, equipment depreciation, supplies, etc. As ambulance response services are costly, not receiving reimbursement for treatment rendered unless transport to a hospital occurs places undue financial burden that can, and most likely will, result in a per resident tax by the providing ambulance company.

Long distances, challenging terrain and weather conditions, along with a changing and aging workforce are all factors contributing to mounting ambulance service expenses. An increasing inability to rely on volunteers challenges delivery time and high-quality emergency services. Fee schedules currently do not pay for ambulance services that do not result in transportation to a hospital, for example, in cases where a patient refuses ambulance transport or the crew is called to simply lift a patient off the floor.

Thank you for your time. If passed, L D 1832 will move us in the right direction and contribute to finding a sustainable solution to our rural healthcare needs.