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Update: Proposed NCREC Rule Changes

The NC REALTORS® work group reviewing the proposed changes from the NC Real Estate Commission has issued a unanimous recommendation opposing the proposed changes, particularly the elimination of dual agency. The group's position reflects a strong commitment to preserving consumer choice while also protecting the viability of small firms, sole proprietors, and brokers serving rural communities across North Carolina.

“We must protect the right of the consumers to make their own decisions about whether they choose to work with a dual agent,” said NCR President Brenda Hayden. That principle is at the heart of our position, but it is equally important that we do not unintentionally jeopardize small firms and independent brokers who may not have the resources to absorb a change of this magnitude.” President Hayden also commended the work group for its thoughtful and passionate review of the proposed rules. [View the letter that will be submitted by NCR.](#)

The Legislative Committee Chair, Wendy Harris, will be providing comments during the public hearing scheduled for May 20, 2026. Individuals wishing to provide comments during the hearing must be present in person. Those who prefer to watch the hearing remotely may access the livestream link on the [North Carolina Real Estate Commission's homepage](#) the morning of the hearing. The hearing will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The public comment period will remain open through July 3, 2026. Written comments may be submitted to public.comment@ncrec.gov.

Legislative Update

NCR's lobbying team continues to advocate for increased investment in housing affordability initiatives, including efforts to help the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency secure \$35 million for its workforce housing loan program. This critical resource helps make rental developments financially feasible while expanding affordable housing opportunities for working families and seniors across North Carolina.

Additional housing-related initiatives also appear to be gaining momentum at the General Assembly. While many of these bills are in the early stages of progress, NCR will continue to engage in discussions and provide updates as these efforts advance. Be sure to stay tuned to future editions of the Advocate for the latest legislative developments and policy updates impacting the real estate industry.

2026 NAR REALTORS® Legislative Meetings

Join fellow NC REALTORS® in Washington, DC, June 13-18, 2026, for the National Association of REALTORS® Legislative Meetings and be a part of the conversations shaping the future of the real estate industry.

North Carolina Hill visits are scheduled for June 17, offering members the opportunity to advocate for issues important to the real estate industry and consumers. View additional information on the NC REALTORS® Hill visit schedule.

This event provides a valuable opportunity to connect with industry leaders, stay informed on emerging policy issues, and strengthen REALTOR® advocacy efforts at the federal level.

[Register for the 2026 NAR Legislative Meetings.](#)

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