



1 HB 1035

2 NDCEL Testimony in support with amended sunrise dates

3 Chairman Kelmin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, my name is Dr. Aimee Copas.
4 I serve as the Executive Director for the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders – this
5 organization serves our school administrators and directors including Superintendents, Principals,
6 CTE Directors, Business Officials, AD's, REA Leaders, Special Ed Directors and others.

7 We are here today in support of HB 1035 with emphasis in amendments to sunrise dates. We've
8 heard from multiple stakeholders (many you will hear from today) that this is in great alignment
9 with MTSS techniques utilized in our schools. We have pilots in place for this system and they
10 are proving to be successful for students.

11 The only concern we've heard is fear of date alignments of services, requirements, changes, and
12 will mechanisms and needed funding all be in place to assure the transition and success of these
13 changes. Our #1 concern is what is good for kids.

14 I wish to yield my time to our school leaders who are here to share with you today. Thank you for
15 your work on this worthwhile initiative and we hope you can find the resources to adequately fund
16 this work.