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Testimony on HB 1478
Senate Education Committee
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Chairman Schaible and members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Nick Archuleta, president of North Dakota United. I am happy to offer testimony today in support of HB 1478 and to urge a DO PASS recommendation for the bill.

Members of the Committee, HB 1478 is a bill whose provisions dovetail nicely with steps taken since the passage of the Innovative Education Bill in 2017. That bill provides forward leaning practices to advance educationally enriching experiences for students in North Dakota. HB 1478, when passed, will allow students to experience and learn from atypical educational modalities such as apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, internships, community programs, and more. Students will earn academic credit in ways previously unavailable to them, while trained and licensed North Dakota educators serve as teachers of record.

In addition, HB 1478 will provide the necessary guidance that will direct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to determine that each educational experience meets the high standards to which all of North Dakota's students are held.

For these reasons, Chairman Schaible, and members of the Committee, I urge a DO PASS recommendation for HB 1478.