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Good morning Senate Education committee, for the Record my name is Senator Don Schaible, representing District 31. I am here to introduce SB 2196 which is to establish a North Dakota competency framework. This conversation has been going on for some time and a lot of work has been done by stake holders whom you will hear from later. The idea behind competency framework is to provide a personalize pathway to graduation while ensuring mastery of content which may not be the same path as our conventional graduation path. The meat of this bill is in Section 1 that suggests that the State Board of Public Instruction will establish and certify this framework. I knew when I introduced this bill that more work is needed on how this will be accomplished and if the State Board of Education is the correct place to do this. There has been talk about letting the Education Coordination Council work on this or maybe an Interim Committee take a look at it. The concern is that would take another session and the results would not go into effect until at least some time in 2023. I think we can find a solution quicker than that. There is experts and teachers that have been working on this for a while and it may best to let them explain it better than I can. With that Chairman Elkin I would try to answer any questions.