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**Testimony on SB 2196
Senate Education Committee
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Chairman Schaible and members of the Committee, for the record, I am Nick Archuleta, and I am the president of North Dakota United. On behalf of our membership, I rise today to support SB 2196 and to urge a DO PASS recommendation for this important and innovative piece of legislation.

SB 2196 allows for the creation and certification of a competency framework for the students of North Dakota. Once the framework is in place, students who have demonstrated a mastery of course content can waive further unit instructional time. This waiver would allow students to explore other academic disciplines or to engage in job shadowing or even internships.

For these reason, Mr. Chairman, I am happy to urge a DO PASS recommendation for SB 2196. I am happy to stand for any questions you may have.