

# Certification Central

ND's 1<sup>st</sup> Alternative Educator Preparation Program

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## Written Testimony in Support of SB 2272

Chairman Schaible and Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras and I represent Certification Central, which is ND's 1<sup>st</sup> Alternative Educator Preparation Program approved by the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board. We are in support of SB 2272 with one minor amendment:

- In Section 2 (#1, page 4, lines 5-6) include the following: [and North Dakota approved postsecondary educator training programs.](#)

This would allow both alternative and traditional educator preparation programs, who are approved/accredited by the ND Education Standards and Practices Board, to participate in the skilled workforce scholarship/student loan repayment program, as *education* is currently listed as an eligible high-demand professional occupation in our state.