

House Education
HB1348

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Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee, for the record, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am here to testify in support of HB1348

HB1348 provides for more flexibility for Area Career and Technology Center governing boards. Currently CTE Center Boards must be at least five members, each participating school having representation. Larger school district members must be allowed one board member for every three hundred students, with a maximum of three board members. Current statute provides issues as it could potentially require a local school board to hold an actual school board meeting, every time the Center Board meets. HB1348 would still require at least one school board member from each district to serve on the Center Board but allow the local school board to select designees to serve the second and third members.

HB1348 also provides flexibility for larger Centers. The bill is written to allow for Centers with more than twenty member schools to select a representative type of governance structure, similar to how the Regional Education Associations are currently represented. The Center Board will still need to be at least a five-person board, but school districts would create a representative plan, approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education. The majority of the Center Board must still be elected school board members.

In closing, I ask for do pass recommendation for HB1348. As the CTE Centers in North Dakota continue to evolve, it is important to review and adjust statute as needed.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to stand for any questions.