



**TESTIMONY ON SB2219
HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
MARY J. SOUCIE, STATE LIBRARIAN**

Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee,

For the record, I am State Librarian Mary Soucie. Library Services Director, Dani Kappel, will provide in person testimony and be available to answer any questions you may have on the bill. I am testifying in support of SB2219. SB2219 provides clarification related to surplus library materials and the State Aid for Public Libraries grant program.

When the State Library weeds, or removes, materials from our collection, we assess the items and share any that are still usable with the North Dakota Library Community. This bill will make that process more efficient by allowing us to send the materials directly to libraries without having to notify state surplus, as we have used to do under a previous exemption that the State Library had when we were part of a different structure.

Section §54-24.2-05 of Century Code requires libraries that receive funds under the chapter to submit an annual report detailing the expenditure of funds. This bill will clarify that the report must be submitted to be eligible to receive State Aid.

SB2219 will align current practices with Century Code and will improve processes and create efficiencies for the disposal of surplus library materials as well. It will also provide clarity to North Dakota Public Libraries that apply for the State Aid for Public Libraries program.

Chairman Longmuir and members of the committee, this concludes my testimony.
Thank you for your time.