

1 HB 1562 – Senate Human Service Committee

2 Mandan Public Schools – Carly Retterath Testimony

3 Good morning, Chairwoman Lee and members of the Human Services committee. For the record,
4 my name is Dr. Carly Retterath. I am the Assistant Superintendent for Mandan Public Schools,
5 representing the North Dakota Council for Educational Leaders. I respectfully urge you to give
6 HB 1562 a Do Pass recommendation.

7 Schools are entrusted with the responsibility of caring for and educating students, and ensuring
8 their safety must be a top priority. It is essential to provide training for teachers, administrators,
9 and other school personnel in behavioral health and child abuse and neglect. Furthermore, it is
10 important that preservice teachers receive this training prior to obtaining licensure to adequately
11 prepare them to address these issues from the onset of their careers.

12 With the current amendments, this version of the bill allows districts the flexibility to deliver this
13 needed training in a way that makes sense for their district and staff. The online video-based
14 training provides districts with many opportunities to ensure staff have access to the training in
15 time and cost-effective ways. Furthermore, the flexibility in training delivery methods means that
16 districts can tailor the sessions to fit their unique schedules and needs, maximizing both
17 engagement and effectiveness.

18 We are in full support of the bill in its current form because it addresses these important training
19 needs in a comprehensive and practical manner. I would be happy to stand for any questions.

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21 questions.