



Senate Human Services Committee
Testimony In Opposition to House Bill #1562
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Madame Chair, members of the Senate Human Services committee, my name is Greg Kasowski, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of North Dakota.

We are in opposition to engrossed House Bill 1562.

We are, however, supportive of the original bill which required mandated reporter training at initial licensure and then at each subsequent licensure renewal. This seems like a fair compromise between annual training verses once a career.

Educators are invaluable partners in keeping kids safe in North Dakota. They occupy a unique and incredibly critical position as individuals with eyes on children on a daily basis for extended periods of time. A semi-regular training, completed at each licensure, on the topic of child abuse, is a small ask for such an important topic.

Finally, it should be noted that House Bill 1238 aims to change lifetime teaching licensure from 30 years to 20 years. This would mean there would be two fewer times that educators would be required to participate in the mandated reporter training.

Madame Chair, members of the committee, we would recommend either returning to the original version of the bill, or recommending a DO NOT PASS on House Bill 1562.

Sincerely,

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