TESTIMONY ON SB2042
HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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By: Mary J. Soucie, State Librarian
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Dear Chairman Schauer and Members of the Committee,

For the record, I am State Librarian Mary Soucie, and I am testifying in support of SB2042. The State Library used to purchase primarily books and periodicals; our collection today includes a variety of electronic books in multiple formats, online library resources, and over 70 STEM kits. This bill would allow us to purchase all library materials in the most efficient and effective manner possible to meet the needs of North Dakota's citizens, state government, and libraries. Allowing us to purchase all library materials in the same manner allows our content experts to choose the materials that best meet the needs of those that we serve.

Thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer any questions.