

Hello Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed SB2260. As a North Dakota educator, I find the ideas proposed in this bill to be both incredibly frustrating and impossible to accomplish. Teachers have many responsibilities and asking for any and all materials to be used prior to the beginning of the school year is not only a nearly impossible task, it also prevents us from being innovative and using new materials which are beneficial to our students. This is also a disservice to our students in that it will prevent us from making necessary adjustments to our content and curriculum to teach, reteach, and extend learning. In addition to that, the requirements for any classroom guests to be known in advance prevents students from having relevant and informative experiences. Our career fairs, foreign exchange programs, and community experts bring so much to the experiences of our students, and these extra constraints will prevent most of them from happening.

North Dakota is facing a terrible teacher shortage and so many of the teachers I work with are already asking themselves if continuing in education will be feasible. Asking this much more of our teachers will push us beyond the breaking point. Please take the students and teachers of North Dakota into consideration and do not pass this bill forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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