

Members of the committee. My name is Todd Beard, Senator from Williston District 23. I am also an employee of TrainND NW of Williston. I am here to speak on SB 2122.

When TrainND was first proposed and came into being as Workforce Development, it was set up in four regions attached to colleges in the four regions. This includes Bismarck State, North Dakota State School of Science, Lake Region State and Williston State. The funding for these regions was set up in two segments as follows; 50% to be split equally and 50% split based on number of businesses within the region. This worked in the beginning because there was an unknown as to the costs involved and how many businesses would be assisted in their training needs which could require additional workforce to meet those needs. That was over twenty years ago. As years have gone by The TrainND model was classified under workforce development but the formula for distribution of funds has never changed.

The bill before you would have changed the formula to recognize the sheer number of people trained requiring additional training and support staff. There are years of data to draw from to show what has been accomplished. My proposal would have split the funding keeping the first 50% the same, split between the regions evenly. The remaining 50% would have been a 10%/40% split. 10% would have been split by percentage according to number of businesses in the region to assist with support and development staff needed to assist with training needs. The 40% then would have been split by percentage of number of people trained in the previous biennium to assist with costs of training and support staff needed in meeting the training needs within the region.

The bill did not receive support from the four university presidents, and it was requested to turn the bill into a study. That is why the bill before you is a study instead of the original bill.

I am asking that this study move forward to try and achieve a fair and equitable solution to the funding issue.

I ask for a Do Pass vote and will try to answer any questions you may have.

Thank You

Senator Todd Beard

Region	FY22 current funding formula	FY22 proposed 50% equal, 10% employability, 40% unduplicated student %
TrainND Northwest	\$193,641	\$397,364.10
TrainND Northeast	\$154,281	\$181,928.10
TrainND Southeast	\$394,610	\$187,961.00
TrainND Southwest	\$257,468	\$232,746.80

This would mean that:

- TrainND Northwest would have had 59% of the students and received 39.7% of the funding
- TrainND Northeast would have had 12% of the students and received 18.2% of the funding
- TrainND Southeast would have had 8% of the students and received 18.8% of the funding
- TrainND Southwest would have had 21% of the students and received 23.3% of the funding

I have decided to look at the contact hours idea just to see impact. Here is what it looks like:

Region	FY22 current funding formula	FY22 50% equal and 50% contact hour-based formula
TrainND Northwest	\$193,641	\$295,000
TrainND Northeast	\$154,281	\$155,000
TrainND Southeast	\$394,610	\$225,000
TrainND Southwest	\$257,468	\$325,000

This would mean that:

- TrainND Northwest would have had 59% of the students and received 29.5% of the funding
- TrainND Northeast would have had 12% of the students and received 15.5% of the funding
- TrainND Southeast would have had 8% of the students and received 22.5% of the funding
- TrainND Southwest would have had 21% of the students and received 32.5% of the funding