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SB2132 relates to maximum hours of labor for minors 14 or 15 years of age.

Chairman Louser and members of the Industry, Business, and Labor Committee,

Today, I am pleased to present testimony on Senate Bill 2132, a bill that brings North Dakota Child Labor Laws in alignment with the Federal Children Labor Laws.

The bill would allow 14 or 15 years old to work as assistants at professional sporting events outside the restrictions that are in place now in North Dakota Law. This is the only exception allowed at this time by Federal Law.

This would affect a very small number of 14 or 15 year olds, and would only apply to Professional sporting events, and not collegiate sports or other amateur events.

I request that the committee approve this change in the law to provide more employment opportunities for these individuals.

I also request that the committee add an Emergency clause.

Thank you, and I would be glad to stand for any questions.

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