



**Senate Education
HB1178**

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Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee, my name is Wayde Sick, State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am here to testify in support of HB1178.

Currently, the state's Area Career and Technology Centers are governed by Boards, comprised of the representation from each of its participating school districts. Each school district is allowed at least one Board member, with a maximum of three for larger school districts. A minimum of five members must serve on a Board. The five members of the Board are school board members of the partner schools.

In the November 2021 Special Legislative Session, the Department of Career and Technical Education was appropriated \$88.3 million dollars for new and expanding Area Career and Technical Centers. Preference was given to applications that include post-secondary partnerships. The grant also required a one-to-one match.

Because of the grant, and deeper involvement of partners outside of public K12 Education, including post-secondary, private sector, and private schools, I believe now is the time to revisit the makeup of a CTE Center Board. HB1178 would allow a Center Board the option to include up to three community Board members, representing higher education, a parochial or private school and the private sector. The reason these three types of entities were selected is these are the additional organizations that could be served by a CTE Center. This is optional, and decision would be up to the local Board and its members schools, if they elect to include community board members. These three

community Board members would be above and beyond the five elected school board members, meaning the locally elected members would always have a majority vote on a Center Board.

I would also like to mention that HB1348 would also amend the makeup of a Center Board. The language in HB1348 does not conflict with HB1178 and I am also supportive of HB1348 and will provide testimony when a hearing is scheduled.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to stand for any questions.