



THE CHAMBER
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FMWF Chamber Letter of Support for HB 1398

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Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee:

For the record, my name is Cale Dunwoody and I have the pleasure of serving as the Director of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo (FMWF) Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's mission is to be a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity for businesses, members, and the greater community. On behalf of our over 1,900 members, I write this letter in support of House Bill 1398.

As many industries across our state and nation evolve and incorporate technology, our education system must also continue to evolve and provide students with foundational computer science and cybersecurity skills. In order for our state to develop a robust conduit of skilled workers, we must adapt our learning models and curriculum. While many students may not pursue a career in Information Technology (IT), Computing, or Cybersecurity, these fundamental skills will be essential for careers in the 21st Century. By adjusting curriculums to require computer science classes, we ensure that every student across North Dakota receives an education that meets 21st Century industry demands.

On behalf of our members, we respectfully urge a DO PASS recommendation, and I would like to thank the committee for their time and consideration. I will now stand for any questions.

Respectfully,

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