



**Senate Education Committee
Testimony in Support of HB 1521
March 13, 2023**

Chairman Elkin & Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Lisa Feldner. I'm testifying on behalf of [yes. every kid.](#) We are excited to support this bill. This bill allows students to get credit for learning outside of the classroom. Programs like 4H, Gateway to Science, Youth Symphony, internships, and others provide valuable learning experiences that are certainly credit-worthy. We already provide credit for CTE internships, but this bill would expand the opportunities in other curricular areas.

[yes. every kid.](#) supports Learn Everywhere initiatives across the country. North Dakota was one of the first states to approve this legislation. Unfortunately last session, the bill was amended and prescribed a very cumbersome process, not to mention what followed in administrative rule. As a result, only one school district was able to take advantage of Learn Everywhere.

We welcome this bill as it removes the barriers in the initial bill and will allow students to get credit for learning outside the classroom.

We ask for a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1521. Thank you.



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