



1 SB 2197

2 Neutral Testimony

3 Good morning, Chairman Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee. For  
4 the record my name is Kevin Hoherz, and I am here representing the North Dakota Council  
5 of Educational Leaders representing your school leaders across North Dakota.

6 We are here to provide neutral testimony on SB 2197. As I have testified on an earlier  
7 scholarship bill, SB 2033, we are in favor of supporting teachers for recruitment and  
8 retention. SB 2197 helps with this as does SB 2033 and an upcoming house bill too. Loan  
9 forgiveness and scholarships like the Career Builders legislation will help develop the  
10 workforce. Our neutral testimony is coming with the recommendation to align the  
11 funding of the three scholarship and loan forgiveness bills being heard during this 68<sup>th</sup>  
12 Legislative Session.

13 Please take this into consideration when discussing SB 2197.