

**Senate Bill number 2335**  
**Senate Human Service Committee**  
**Testimony by Roger Loven**  
**February 13, 2023**

Chairman Lee and Honorable Senators of the Human Services Committee, I am writing in opposition to Section 5 of Senate Bill 2335.

My name is Roger Loven. My wife and I have been foster parents in Burleigh County since 1991. Over the past 32 years we have been privileged care for nearly 70 North Dakota children who have needed care outside of their home. I am a retired physician, having practiced anesthesiology in Bismarck for 35 years.

I am very much in favor of the State of North Dakota doing what it can to prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This syndrome can be very debilitating to the victim of FAS and challenging to the family members.

I am not in favor of requiring annual training for every foster parent for licensure renewal. Foster parents are required to have at least 12 hours of CEUs each year and there is a wide variety of opportunities for that training. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome has been part of the continuing education that my wife and I have attended. This bill lists at least 9 other diagnosis that foster parents deal with consistently and there are many other diseases/syndromes that foster children have been diagnosed with. Foster parents should not have a list of syndromes/diseases which require annual mandated training. I find that foster parents seek out information on the conditions that their current foster children are facing.