

Dear Chair Larsen and members of the Senate Industry and Business Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to Senate Bill 2260. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

I am a public school educator and a 29 year resident of North Dakota. SB 2260 actively harms the students I serve and prohibits the ability of public schools to adequately provide the free and appropriate education of all students.

SB 1254 as written is nearly impossible to enact and enforce. Educators require the flexibility to modify syllabi and lesson plans to meet the needs of students. Enforcing a steadfast curriculum determined prior to the enrollment of students ensures the reality that many learners will fall through the cracks. Schools genuinely encourage the engagement and involvement of parents in the learning process. This bill attempts to solve a problem that does not actually exist and will harm students, schools, and teachers in the process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Brown