

House Education Committee,

I wish to email you about HB 1172.

My family has greatly benefited from NDCDE. My 7 year old has thrived with the program and teachers she is currently enrolled with and has bloomed with this program. At first I actually thought it was too aggressive but instead it has pushed me and pushed her to learn at an amazing pace.

This bill poses several critical challenges:

Burden on Families: By transferring costs to parents, this legislation could make NDCDE courses inaccessible to families who cannot afford them, forcing many students to forgo vital educational opportunities.

Reduced Services and Offerings: HB 1172 forecasts a significant reduction in revenue for NDCDE. This would directly impact our ability to maintain the quality and variety of our course offerings, potentially leading to fewer enrollments, reduced teacher staffing, and diminished support services.

Impact on Student Outcomes: NDCDE provides rigorous, accredited courses taught by highly qualified North Dakota teachers. Reduced access could result in fewer students meeting graduation requirements or being prepared for postsecondary education and workforce demands, particularly in critical fields.

Inadequate Exceptions: The limited exceptions in the bill fail to address the diverse needs of students. Many students enroll at NDCDE to accommodate unique circumstances such as health challenges, athletic commitments, or other special needs, and this bill does not account for these realities.

Please I ask you to oppose HB 1172.

Kind regards,

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