



1929 N Washington St
Suite A
Bismarck, ND 58501
www.cractc.org
701-415-0453

January 21, 2025

Members of the North Dakota House Education Committee

RE: Support for HB 1188 – Relating to the assessment of fees for area career and technology center expenses

Dear Chairman Heinert and Members of the House Education Committee,

I apologize for not being able to provide my testimony in person, as I currently am caring for a family member. I write to express my strong support for HB 1188, which amends section 15-20.2-08 of the North Dakota Century Code to enhance funding for Area Career and Technology Centers (ACTCs), such as the Central Regional Area Career and Technical Center (CRACTC) that I help lead. This legislation is vital for ensuring that funding structures for career and technical education (CTE) programs remain equitable, sustainable, and under local control.

HB 1188 reinforces the authority of ACTC Governing Boards to develop and implement funding structures tailored to the unique needs of their membership schools and communities. By empowering these boards to assess contributions from participating and non-participating school districts based on enrollment and program utilization, the bill preserves local decision-making while ensuring transparency and accountability. Participating districts—those whose students regularly and actively use CRACTC services—will pay a fair share aligned with their program participation, while non-participating districts, which still benefit indirectly from regional high school CTE programming, will contribute in a manner reflecting their indirect association.

By maintaining local control over funding assessments, ACTC Governing Boards can ensure resources are distributed efficiently and equitably across their districts. This localized approach strengthens community investment, supports economic growth in rural areas, and enables districts to adapt funding structures to reflect regional priorities and program participation.

HB 1188 is an essential step toward preserving local control while helping to address current and future statewide workforce needs, while promoting fiscal responsibility. I respectfully urge the committee to advance this legislation, ensuring that North Dakota's students, communities, and industries continue to thrive under the leadership of local ACTC Governing Boards.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Lyle P Krueger

Lyle P Krueger

Assistant Director

Central Regional Area Career and Technical Center

Pat Phillips, Director
Pat_Phillips@bismarckschools.org

Lyle Krueger, Assistant Director
Lyle.Krueger@k12.nd.us

Amy Johnson, Registrar
Amy.A.Johnson@k12.nd.us