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Testimony Regarding House Bill 1251

Chairman Heinert and members of the Committee. I am representing the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA) and am submitting testimony in opposition to House Bill 1251. Although the NDHSAA does not schedule any events on the family holidays included in the bill, we believe local school board policy is the best method for determining when local schools schedule their events and conduct practices or rehearsals.

Currently it is relatively common for winter sports teams to practice on New Year's Day when they have a game scheduled on January 2nd. A prohibition on Memorial Day would likely be an issue for baseball, softball, girls soccer, and tennis teams who would be a couple days away from playing in their respective state tournament.

In the situations listed above, local school policy determines when teams are allowed to practice and does vary from school to school. This is why the NDHSAA opposes HB 1251 and believes these decisions are best handled at the local level.