

SB 2400- NO

Chair Heinert and Committee Members,

I am a homeschool father of three, with two of my children already graduated. Additionally, I currently serve as the board president of the North Dakota Homeschool Association. I urge you to give this bill a do not pass.

- Homeschooling is very affordable. In other states very few families have switched from public school to homeschooling as a result of public funding.
- This bill lacks sufficient accountability measures for families receiving the funds. I believe there should be great accountability with the use of public funds.
- The bill could negatively impact homeschool families that choose not to take the funding. It has been observed in other states that the lessons and therapies covered by ESA-type funding often lead to increased prices and reduced availability. Furthermore, this bill would apply the same section of the Century Code to both privately and publicly funded homeschoolers, which I see as a direct threat to the autonomy and independence of all homeschoolers.
- In addition, there are reports from other states that they struggle to ensure that the money is spent for its intended purposes.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Please vote NO on SB 2400.

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