

1 North Dakota School Study Council Testimony in Opposition to HB 1482 –
2 Bond Elections

3 Chairman Headland and Members of the Committee,

4 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 1482. The
5 schools I represent are opposed to this bill.

6 The amount of time between votes/elections is too long. There will be over
7 19 months between the Nov 2024 general election and June 2026
8 primary. This is too long to wait if a district needs to address facility issues
9 and other issues.

10 Also, if the bond election does pass in November, it would be too late to
11 submit the increase to the county auditor. School must certify their levy by
12 October 10th. The one year delay could cost taxpayers money due to
13 increased costs and inflation.

14 If you would like to see more bond elections on the general election or
15 primary ballot, perhaps you could incentivize districts to put elections on
16 these dates by saying if you do – only 50% plus one is required to pass.
17 This is the basic standard to pass many measures.

18 We ask for a “Do Not Pass” on HB 1482. Thank you for your consideration!

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