

House Bill No. 1164

Hearing: Human Services Committee January 14, 2025. 3:20PM

Chairman Ruby and Members of the House Human Services Committee:

I am Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, a Representative from District 25. House Bill 1164 was drafted at the request of the North Dakota Association of School Psychologists. The bill changes the “Emotional Disturbance” label within North Dakota special education identification to “an emotional disability” and also changes the label of “a hearing impairment, including deafness” to “being deaf or hard of hearing.” According to information supplied by the ND Association of School Psychologists, the label changes were vetted with various stakeholder groups, including parents, teachers, administration, the Department of Public Instruction, and others.

Thank you for your consideration of a do pass on House Bill 1164.