

HB 1141

House Industry, Business, and Labor

I am firmly against HB 1141

NDLA or the North Dakota Library Association is a professional organization dedicated to the service of libraries across the state. The annual conference is the highlight of my professional year. For two and a half days, librarians of many types of libraries come together to gain continuing education credits, and learn about library services. We try out new ideas on colleagues, we talk to people holding similar positions to ours in other libraries, we attend keynote speeches and breakout sessions that advance our knowledge. We learn how we can improve our system. We are challenged to look after underserved North Dakotans and most of all, we better our understanding so we can improve how we serve our communities. In recent years, we've learned how new laws affect us in simple language and how to follow the law.

This bill prohibits our workplaces from paying for our conference fees. Taking away our way to pay for the conference will only stop many of these dedicated literacy workers from continuing their professional education. It is not in North Dakota's best interest.

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