

In Favor of HB2180

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of providing the opportunity to provide public comment at a meeting of a public entity.

You, our NDSLAs allow public comments on each and every bill you have before you. This is offered because public input is necessary and should be taken into consideration for all decisions made. Therefore, it is only right that the citizens of their respective communities be offered this same consideration. I have attended many, many public meetings and forums and only a few times have I witnessed any type of animosity from a speaker. But even those were projected out of concern or frustration directed at infringement of rights taken away from the parent, citizen or resident related.

I am noticing a lot of opposition from school associations. If they are afraid to allow public input, that tells me they have bigger problems than public comments at their meetings and should be directing their attention to correcting those issues.

Please give a DO PASS on HB1280.

Thank you,
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