



North Dakota Home School Association

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SB 2295

No

Chairman Beard and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the North Dakota Home School Association (NDHSA) urging a “do not pass” on SB 2295. **Our concern as an association has to do with page 2, lines 16 - 28.** As I study the bill, it is hard to determine if home educated students will be receiving state aid or not. Line 16 - 18 make it appear that a home educated student would enroll in their local district in some way as would be prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. Line 28 and 29 of the same page seem to indicate that a home educated student can apply for these funds. This bill needs some clarification in this area.

The North Dakota Home School Association is fundamentally opposed to the funding of private and home education through state dollars. We are particularly concerned about the implications this bill has for home educators especially as the bill seems to contradict itself.

We are hearing a lot about school choice this session. Often this conversation is not really about choice, but funding “my” choice. Adding charter schools and microschoools to North Dakota’s current choices of public, private, parochial and home education does expand school choice. Providing monies for their choices, in essence, truly is not about choice.

Please give SB 2295 a **do not pass** as currently written.

Sincerely,

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