

Testimony
SB 2176
Senate Human Services Committee
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Chairman Lee, for the record, my name is Kathy Hogan. I represent District 21 which is central Fargo and a portion of West Fargo.

The Children's Cabinet is an exciting effort to strengthen collaboration and coordination across all systems to better support children and families. Breaking down silo's both at the state and local level by developing a common vision and values can be very important and can change systems to better serve and support families.

I was on the drafting committee for SB 2176 and regrettably, I forgot to include a change in selection process for the legislative membership, so I have drafted the attached amendment for your consideration. An additional amendment on page 2 was added regarding travel reimbursements because it was duplicative.

A second discussion that was held was regarding lines Section 1 #2 i, regarding the four community at large members. Currently we are blessed to have two people representing local schools, a private agency representative and a zone director. We may want to consider modifying this section to ensure a strong voice for people who interact with a range of children's issues and expertise from the local perspective.

Attached is a copy of the draft amendment. I am more than willing to answer any question.