

Good Morning, Chairman Wobbema and honorable members of the Senate Workforce Committee,

For the record, my name is Senator Ryan Braunberger from District 10 Fargo. Senate Bill No. 2263 is a forward-thinking initiative designed to invest in the future of North Dakota's education system by providing mastery framework training grants for our school districts. This one-time appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund will empower schools to adopt innovative and sustainable approaches to student learning.

The purpose of SB 2263 is to support school district teams in developing and implementing mastery-based education frameworks. These frameworks shift the focus from traditional time-based progression to competency-based learning, ensuring students advance by thoroughly understanding the material. This is critical for preparing our students to succeed in an ever-evolving workforce.

Here's how the funding will work:

1. Each school district team may receive up to \$25,000, which can be used to provide stipends for up to ten additional working days dedicated solely to training.
2. Teams will include administrators and instructional coaches to ensure successful implementation and leadership.
3. Priority will be given to districts that have completed or are preparing for leadership training, fostering readiness and effectiveness.
4. While multiple applications are allowed, no single district can receive more than \$75,000, ensuring broad participation across the state.
5. This one-time funding effort is designed to catalyze change and innovation.

By equipping schools with the tools to develop mastery frameworks, SB 2263 addresses current educational needs and creates a replicable system to share successful models across the state. This bill represents a meaningful investment in our educators, our students, and the future workforce of North Dakota.

I am happy to answer any questions; others in the room will be able to answer questions as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.