



Letter of Support– SB 2341

Friday, February 7, 2025

Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Senate Workforce Development Committee,

For the record, my name is Cale Dunwoody, and I have the distinct pleasure of serving as the Vice President of Public Policy for the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce (FMWF Chamber). On behalf of our more than 1,700 members, I respectfully offer testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 2341.

At the FMWF Chamber, our mission is to protect and promote business, inspire individuals, cultivate communities, and influence action. Adoption of the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists (ICSP) offers North Dakota opportunities for economic and workforce development.

- The ICSP offers support to military spouses. North Dakotan membership facilitates a smoother transition for these professionals, allowing licensed school psychologists from other compact states to practice in our schools. For those subject to relocation and frequent moves, the administrative burden and wait time of gaining proper licensing in each new state can be a barrier to workforce participation. Easing this process increases our military friendliness and supports our workforce.
- The proposed Interstate Compact will allow specialist or doctoral-level school psychologists licensed in North Dakota to practice in other compact member states and vice versa. This means students will have access to a high level of care and a greater number of providers – establishing a safe and supportive learning environment which is critical to their growth and development.

The economic, workforce, and educational benefits of this compact are why we urge the committee to give this bill a DO PASS recommendation.

Sincerely,

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