

I am writing in support of SB 2389. If this subject has not been recently studied I think it is past time to do so. As the now-grown child of a woman who lost her husband to cancer when I was 5 years old, I can attest directly to the difficulty in finding childcare in the United States. Our survival depended upon my mother being able to find this service so that she could work and support us without outside assistance. We are all now moving into a time when I suspect that grants or even loans for the purpose of making childcare more available to more families will be few and far between. Having information from this study of the current childcare environment in North Dakota could make the difference between having childcare or not. It could make it possible for a family to survive in the state. If the family realizes this is coming, they might very well leave the state altogether and go where other family members or friends could help support them or where childcare is more readily available to all. For all these reasons, I support SB 2389 and hope that it receives a Do Pass recommendation.