

Testimony on HB 1356
Before the Senate Education Committee By
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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Education Committee. My name is David Sprynczynatyk and I have been involved in the Boy Scout program for more than 40 years. Currently I serve as the immediate past president of the Northern Lights Council and am testifying in support of HB 1356.

House bill 1356 would allow school access for youth to learn more about patriotic societies in our state. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts teach everyone about how our government works, the proper roles of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, and the rights and duties of citizenship.

Over the years, serving as the head of three state agencies, I have witnessed the value and benefit of the scouting programs. Young men and women that were involved as scouts were better prepared to serve the state's citizens. In my position as Adjutant General of the North Dakota National Guard, I saw first-hand the value of the type of patriotic training provided by scouting as young men and women were volunteering to serve our nation. They were unequivocally better prepared to serve as leaders in our National Guard.

I ask you to support HB 1356 and vote a Do Pass.

Thank you and I would be glad to try to answer any questions that you might have.