

Testimony  
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ND Children's Cabinet

Good Morning Chairman Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee. My name is Bill Kalanek and I'm offering testimony today on behalf of the ND Children's Cabinet.

I am not a lobbyist for the cabinet but have been contracted to facilitate the activities of the cabinet.

The ND Children's Cabinet was established by the 66<sup>th</sup> legislative assembly in SB 2313. "The children's cabinet is created to assess, guide, and coordinate the care for children across the state's branches of government and the tribal nations." It is through this directive that the cabinet endorses the purpose of the resolution you have before you. The Children's Cabinet at the October 2020 meeting agreed with Supt. Baesler and Lt. Governor Sanford that an examination of how career and technical education is being delivered in North Dakota is prudent at this time. The Cabinet is tasked with examining the delivery of all services that affect our state's youth, from mental health resources to juvenile justice to education. The Cabinet determined this subject justified further examination by the legislature and fully supports the resolution you have before you.

Thank you.