



Senator Randall A. Burckhard, Chair
Political Subdivisions Committee

North Dakota Library Coordinating Council
North Dakota Library Association
McKenzie County Public Library

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Support for SB2157, Relating to membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council

As current Chair of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, I can attest to the importance of ensuring all positions on the Council are filled and the historical difficulty that has been experienced in achieving a full Council. By amending and reenacting section 54-24.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to membership of the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, it would be easier to fill openings on said council.

Currently, there are only three libraries that fall under the Private Education classification and ten that fall under the Special classification. The limited availability of libraries that fall under these groupings provides from a significantly smaller group of applicants when an opening on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council becomes available. With your support of SB2157, the available positions on the Council would be restructured to allow for a larger applicant pool and the opportunity for librarians to further serve our great state of North Dakota.

In expanding the opportunities for North Dakota librarians to serve on the North Dakota Library Coordinating Council, we are furthering the opportunities to strengthen the Council through the inclusion of new ideas and viewpoints. I urge the committee to pass SB2157. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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