



1 HB 1132

2 Testimony in Support – House Education committee

3 Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee. For the record my  
4 name is Kevin Hoherz– I am here representing the North Dakota Council Leaders  
5 supporting all the school administrators and school leaders in K12 across the state. I  
6 come to you with support and a suggested amendment to HB 1132. I’ve visited with the  
7 prime sponsor of this bill to gain approval to suggest this amendment.

8 The need to support our students to the end of a school year if they are unable to end  
9 their physical presence in our building happens in our schools, and often it is in the best  
10 interest of the student to allow the student to continue their education with their district  
11 of residence through the end of that school year before they officially transfer out of our  
12 school systems or return to our schools.

13 The instances of this sometimes occur within our schools for some of the following  
14 reasons. The first I will mention is the initial reason for the bill – military students  
15 transferring during the school year. Another viable reason is regarding students who  
16 have a health concern or a health issue during the school year making it difficult or  
17 impossible for them to physically attend the school. And another is our migrant students  
18 who enter our districts in the fall, end up having to leave for the back half of the school  
19 year (often not enrolling in another school out of state) and then come back to us again  
20 for the next migrant season through the summer and fall. In all these instances, the  
21 ability to smoothly continue their education with their teachers, their content, and their  
22 classes makes the most sense for these students and this would be a wonderful show of  
23 support to them and their families. Please note that the amendment expansion does

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- 1 limit this ability to military students, students moving out of state, and students with
- 2 medical reasons for the need to shift to virtual instruction. The school leaders I represent
- 3 have indicated that this amendment would greatly help many students.
  
- 4 I ask that you please consider this amendment as you discuss this bill.

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