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Written Testimony in Support of HB 1241

Chairman Heinert and House Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras, and I represent Certification Central, ND's 1st Alternative Educator Preparation Program approved by the NDESPB. We are in support of HB 1241 with one minor amendment:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Workforce education innovation program - Report to legislative management.

1. The state board of higher education may provide award funds to ~~institutions under its control~~ state approved postsecondary programs to create or enhance educational programs that address the workforce needs of North Dakota business and industry. An award made under this section may be used for curriculum development, equipment and technology purchases, facility modifications and equipment installation, hiring and training new and existing instructors, educational program promotion, and enhancement of postsecondary partnerships with primary and secondary schools.

This amendment would allow for state approved postsecondary training programs, that are not under the control of the state board of higher education, to also create or enhance education programs that address workforce needs of ND. With this amendment, more opportunities for collaborative innovations would be possible.