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House District 39
Testimony for HB 1271

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee

For the Record, I am Rep. Mike Schatz, from New England, ND and I represent District 39 which is the southwest corner of the state.

HB 1271 is a bill to allow retired teachers, who are substituting at a public school, the right to opt out of having a percentage of their substitute pay go back to the Teachers Fund For Retirement. Currently the retired teacher who is a substitute has money deducted but receives no extra benefit. I feel that this is paying twice for the same retirement check.

The Department of Public Instruction has recorded that there are a large shortage of teachers and of substitute teachers in our state for one reason or another. This bill might entice many of a very large population of retired teachers to come back and substitute. It is a small step, but I feel a step in the right direction.

So Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I hope you will have a favorable view of this proposal and I will stand for any questions that I might be able to answer. Thank You

Rep Mike Schatz