

My name is Brent Aasby and I am a math teacher at Discovery Middle School in Fargo and I am a resident of West Fargo. I would urge members of the House Education Committee to make a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1329. I have been teaching for 20 years and have seen the mounting challenges we are addressing as educators on the front line. I can see the stress daily and we have seen a growing retention challenge. In talking with my colleagues, we were excited to see this bill recognize the service of long-term educators. It's a simple way for the state to say thank you and remove additional stress around re-licensure for our dedicated educators. Also, please know that, as committed educators, we will continue to take required professional development courses to make sure we continue building our strengths and skills to serve our students. Thank you!