

House Bill 1532

Hearing date: Wednesday, February 1 – 2:30 pm

In Support

My name is Brad Kostelecky. I have lived in Bismarck all my life. I come from a family that couldn't afford private education when I was growing up. As someone who didn't have the option of private education, I believe every family should have the opportunity to decide if private education is right for their children. Following high school, I appreciated the options afforded to me for higher education (junior college, public and private universities, online education, etc.). Having these options allowed me to choose the education that best suited my learning style, schedule, and goals. HB 1532 would give parents the same options, allowing them to choose an education best suited to their children's learning style, learning environment, and goals, due to a smaller financial barrier.

As an employee of a private school system, I see how difficult it can be for our families to financially afford sending their children to private school. In an environment of rising prices, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain affordable tuition levels for our families. I wholeheartedly believe that private education offers a different learning experience that is better suited to some students. HB 1532 would provide all families more freedom to find the best education suited to each of their children therefore improving the education and lives of these students going forward.

Thank you,

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