



# North Dakota Small Organized Schools

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SB 2270 – Testimony in Support  
Senate Education Committee  
Senator Elkin – Chairman  
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Senator Elkin and members of the Senate Education Committee, my name is Michael Heilman. I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Small Organized Schools (NDSOS). I represent 150-member school districts of the North Dakota Small Organized Schools. NDSOS supports SB 2270.

NDSOS supports the concept of this bill to provide a grant for the purpose of incentivizing individuals to pursue a career as a teacher. You have heard me, and others talk about the real issue of teacher shortages. Providing support to a student teacher, particularly in rural areas is another way that we may encourage prospective students to consider teaching, especially teaching in a rural schools.

NDSOS appreciates the legislative efforts directed to the teacher shortage problem and supports SB 2270.

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