



1 HB 1329

2 Testimony of Support

3 Good morning, Chairman Wobbema and members of the Senate Workforce Development
4 Committee. For the record my name is Kevin Hoherz, and I am here representing the
5 North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders representing your school leaders across
6 North Dakota.

7 We are here to provide testimony in support for HB 1329 which would change the years
8 required for teachers to be eligible to qualify for a lifetime teacher certificate from thirty
9 years to twenty years. All teachers are required to complete six continuing education
10 semester credits every five years to be eligible to renew their teaching certificate.
11 Currently, after you have been teaching for thirty years, you do not need to meet those
12 requirements for teacher license renewal.

13 HB 1329 would change the lifetime certificate qualifications to twenty years. Teachers
14 would no longer be required to take continuing education credits but continue to grow
15 professionally voluntarily. Teachers with a lifetime teaching certificate would still be
16 required to participate and grow professionally through the local district's professional
17 development.

18 We would appreciate that you take this into account as you consider this bill.