

House Bill 1472
House Education Committee
Representative Pat D. Heinert, Chair
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Testimony in Opposition to HB 1472

Chairman Heinert and Members of the House Education Committee, I am Vicki Voldal Rosenau, a parent and lifelong resident of Valley City, ND. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my testimony in opposition to House Bill 1472.

According to the terms of HB 1472, the microschools proposed for North Dakota would operate with woefully inadequate standards and accountability. For example, there would be no teacher certification; in fact, a teacher would need only a high school diploma.

Perhaps even more concerning, under this bill, microschools would be exempt from several important safety and health accountability laws.

This blatant lack of standards definitely would not meet the requirements for public transparency and accountability that Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler called for when she spoke with this committee yesterday.

Nationwide, there is no single regulatory body monitoring microschools, which experts fear means there are no quality backstops to ensure kids are receiving an adequate education. Most microschools are not accredited. In a survey of 400 microschools across the country shared ... from the National Microschooling Center, only 16 percent said they were accredited in their state.

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Finally, according to Jen Jennings, director of Princeton University's [Education Research Section](#), "the concern with microschools ... and any form of state-funded education where there is no quality backstop is that we simply just don't know what kids are getting."

I urge you to vote "Do Not Pass" on HB 1472.

Thank you for your consideration,
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