



**Senate Education
HB1188**

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Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee. My name is Wayde Sick, and I serve as the State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am testifying today in support of HB1188.

HB1188 was written through a consensus among the Area Career and Technical Education Center Directors from across the state. CTE Centers are primarily funded by the Department of Career and Technical Education and its member schools. Currently under state law, CTE Centers assesses a member school proportionally based upon its high school enrollment as compared to the total high school enrollment of all member schools. This process has been in place for several years and has worked, but with a number of new CTE Centers coming on line, it is time to visit this statute, to determine if there is a better way.

HB1188 is being brought forward to provide CTE Centers and its Boards, a level of flexibility to assess its member schools based on usage and access. As written HB1188 would still require a CTE Center to assess its member schools a membership fee, based proportionally on its total high school enrollment as compared to the total membership high school enrollment. This would provide the level of funding stability and ensure member schools are committed in participating as a partner in the center. The Center Board may also assess member schools based on usage. This would be especially advantageous as the

new Centers continue to expand and allow member schools an on ramp as they take advantage of the programs CTE Centers can deliver instead of paying a large fee while it increases the number of students that enroll in programs offered. This is written as a may, if a Center Board prefers to maintain the current funding process, it can do so.

As you can see, on page 1, lines 21-24 and page 2, lines 1-4 are struck. We believe this is language that was added to direct Center Boards on how to assess fees for the emerging technology program, which is a program the Department of Career and Technical Education administers, that funds a high-tech equipment rotation. Since members of an emerging technology consortium are also members of a CTE Center, this language may not longer be necessary.

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to stand for any questions.

Thank you.