



Testimony SB 2353

Chair Beard
Senate Education Committee

Chair Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee, my name is Luke Schaefer and I am the President of the ND Regional Education Associations (NDREA). I will keep this short as you have many items to address. I am writing to provide support for SB 2353. The ND Legislature created the structure for REAs and allowed for them to regularly provide support and assistance to ND schools on a regional basis. Legislation further requires them to work closely with the NDDPI in some critical areas and we thank you for this foresight. NDDPI must utilize procurement each time we collaborate even though legislation and testimony regarding advancing the framework of education regularly refers to REAs as being a support. This includes areas like working with low-performing schools for continuous improvement, reading instruction, support for data analysis, and many other areas. This bill scales back red tape for the NDDPI to work more efficiently and hastens its ability to work with ND REAs.

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