



**TESTIMONY ON HB1254
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
STEVEN A. HAMMEL, PATRON SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Chair Roers and members of the committee,

For the record, I am Steve Hammel Patron Services Director at the State Library, and I am testifying in favor of HB1254. Updating Century Code §53-24-03 will align state law with the current practice of allowing any North Dakota citizen to apply for a North Dakota State Library card.

The State Library mails materials to patrons in every part of the state from Hettinger in the southwest to Cavalier in the northeast. These materials include items from the state library's collection as well as materials borrowed from libraries across the country.

A state library card provides North Dakota Citizens access to downloadable e-materials, including books, audiobooks, and magazines. We have an array of other online library resources that will help with school reports, provide opportunities to learn a new language, or take an online class covering career training, hobbies, health, and more.

Chair Roers and members of the committee, thank you for your time. I will stand for any questions.