

**2023 SENATE EDUCATION**

**SB 2354**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2354  
1/31/2023

Relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach students a foreign language.
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9:40 AM Chair Elkin opened the hearing. Present: Chair Elkin, Vice Chair Beard, Sen Axtman, Sen Conley, Sen Lemm, and Sen Wobbema.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Budget
- Goal
- Interest rate

Sen Luick, Dist 25, bill sponsor testified in support with no written testimony.

Ann Ellefson, Department of Public Instruction, Academic Support, testified neutral with no written testimony.

**Additional written testimony:**

Nick Archuleta, ND United in support #18070

9:50 AM Chair Elkin closed the hearing.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

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2:50 PM Chair Elkin opened the meeting. Present: Chair Elkin, Vice Chair Beard, Sen Axtman, Sen Conley, Sen Lemm, and Sen Wobbema.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Committee action

Dr Aimee Copas answered questions.

Sen Axtman moved a DO PASS.

Sen Lemm seconded the motion.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Jay Elkin	Y
Senator Todd Beard	N
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	AB

VOTE: YES 4 NO 1 Absent 1 Motion PASSED

Sen Lemm will carry the bill.

3:00 PM Chair Elkin adjourned the meeting.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2354: Education Committee (Sen. Elkin, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2354 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2023 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**SB 2354**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

SB 2354  
3/8/2023

Relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach students a foreign language.
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Chairman Heinert opened the hearing at 4:05 PM

Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Hager, Hauck, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons.

## **Discussion Topics:**

- Fundamental school subjects
- Foreign language classes

Senator Larry Luick, District 25, introduced SB 2354, oral testimony.

Nick Archuleta, ND United, Testimony 22888

4:13 PM Chairman Heinert closed the hearing.

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

SB 2354  
3/22/2023

Relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach students a foreign language.
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Chairman Heinert opened the hearing at 3:26 PM.

Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Hager, Hauck, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Rep Schreiber-Beck moved a Do Pass, seconded by Rep Murphy.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	AB
Representative Scott Dyk	N
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	N
Representative Matt Heilman	N
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	AB
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	N
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	N
Representative Kelby Timmons	N

**6-6-2 Motion failed.**

Rep Heilman moved a Do Not Pass, seconded by Rep Timmons.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	N
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	N
Representative Liz Conmy	AB
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	AB
Representative Jim Jonas	N
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	N

Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	N
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y

**6-6-2 Motion failed.** Rep Heilman is carrier.

3:47 PM Meeting adjourned.

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2354: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2354 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

SB 2354  
3/27/2023

Relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through third grade teachers who teach students a foreign language.
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11:26 AM Chairman Heinert opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Dyk, Hager, Hauck, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons.  
Absent: Representatives Conmy and Longmuir.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Rep Schreiber-Beck moved to Reconsider Without Committee Recommendation, seconded by Rep Novak.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	AB
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	N
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	AB
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	N
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y

**10-2-2 Motion carried. Rep Heilman is carrier.**

11:29 AM Chairman Heinert closed the meeting.

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2354: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman) recommends BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).** SB 2354 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

**SB 2354**



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**Testimony Before the Senate Education Committee  
SB 2354  
Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

Senator Elkin and members of the Committee, I am Nick Archuleta, and I am president of North Dakota United. I write today to urge a do pass recommendation for SB 2354.

Mr. Chairman, the goal of educators is to prepare the next generation of North Dakotans for the world they will lead. The society in which they will take their place is increasingly more diverse, dynamic, and multi-cultural. In our view, Mr. Chairman, HB 2354 may provide the spark for teachers to teach a world language to young children while the language centers of the brain are wide open and more able to learn a language more easily.

Chairman Elkin and members of the Committee, the research is clear regarding learning a world language at early age. Those that do show heightened skills in critical thinking, problem solving, concentration, retention of learned materials, and concentration across academic disciplines. There is no downside to learning a world language at a young age and, frankly, the United States is behind the curve in this area.

SB 2354 is a step in the right direction, Mr. Chairman. We want North Dakota's kids to have every advantage as they compete in a diverse world. SB 2354 deserves a ***do pass*** recommendation.



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**Testimony Before the House Education Committee  
SB 2354  
February 8, 2023**

Representative Heinert and members of the Committee, I am Nick Archuleta, and I am president of North Dakota United. I write today to urge a **do pass** recommendation for SB 2354.

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