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House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 14, 2003

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Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch open hearing on bill.

SUPPORT

(1715-2100) Wayne Kutzer, Director of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education, See Attached Testimony.

Rep Hawkens: Brilliant idea, it is a good change.

Rep. Sitte I'm concerned about the broad umbrella of the word career.

Kutzer: There are approx. 18-20 states that have changed their name and the US Dept. has changed. The whole concept behind this is that students do prepare for careers now, its not a terminal job for a lifetime. Through our programs, the concepts is that we try to build a career path for our students. Gives examples of careers. Preparing then for a broader picture than just the technical skills, even they are part of it and this is a process not the end of their training.

Rep. Sitte Career cluster that people are routed into a career cluster and it doesn't offer the max. flexibility they can have, it that possible or are they plotted for life.

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Kutzer: That is not the approach that we take. There are 16 career cluster now. They encompass a wide variety of curriculum within that career path. Providing options, with a much broader look at particular careers.

Rep. Williams Taking the career approach today you are offering students the opportunity to explore the possible career choices.

Kutzer: Yes, a lot of the programs are designed for exploration.

Rep. Mueller (refer: 15.-20-10 page 16, line 28) It is obviously not replacing all of the word age in the repeal section. And I understand that you don't have vocational school but is it not important that some of the issues regarding tuition and so on be included somewhere.

Kutzer: It is in there. The section deals with area centers in terms of tuition payments by district that belong to that center.

(2688-2990) **Al Libersbach, Educator at the Mandan High School, President of the North Dakota Association for Career and Technical Educators.**

Our association both at the state level and the national level within the last 10 years have changed from the American Vocational Association to the National Association for Career and Technical Educators. And our state assoc. followed suit to change theirs. I'm speaking in support of this bill. We as an assoc. believe that name change will allow us to better utilize the publications/promotional materials/ and new curriculum that is developed by the regional and national assoc. that deal with career and technical education, in that they have pretty much across the board switched to the new name. It is a more modern, more positive approach. All the curriculum materials coming out of the states and national deal with career and technical clusters. In ND we are still talking vocational education and vocational programs. Therefore we can't

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really use a lot of that curriculum and a lot of that promotional material because it will confusing the students and parents. We would like the opportunity to provide a seamless presentation to our state to national and other states.

(3022-3140) **Mike Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the North Dakota University System.**

In the recent years the state board for Higher Education has worked very closely with the state board for vocational and technical education. They meet jointly together on an annual basis as part of the joint boards initiative. They work closely with them on workforce training. Mr. Kutzer serves on our college technical education council. And we work closely with them on the teacher shortage loan forgiveness program. As also the chancellor of the University system sits on the state board to vocational technical education. What's now known as HB1183 the concept was discussed by the state board in December 2000 meeting and whole heartily supported by the board. We encourage your support for this bill.

OPPOSITION - none

Closed hearing on HB 1183

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Chairman Kelsch : Rep. Hawkens moved for a DO PASS, second by Rep. Haas.

Discussion:

Rep. Sitte : I would like to get the overview of this entire umbrella of this bill. This is a valid change from Vocational Ed to career ed. The value of a broad liberal arts education because of many of us who were not sure of what we wanted to do in the eighth grade of even a senior in college, has allowed us to have a lot of different careers. Solid preparation with strong liberal arts, reading, writing has enabled us to do a lot of different things and in the future. I get sort of nervous when I hear all this about career clusters and centralized planning. Spending years in a career track and then can't find employment in their later years because people don't have the flexibility. So when we change a name like this it is such a broad way to career someone. I'd like to hold off and research this.

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