

Testimony Regarding HB2507

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal, local first responder agencies, and regent schools all participate or have been asked to participate in high school work-based programs. I believe we all want the work-based program to be a success and to especially help build the first responder work force in the state. Our office, as I am sure all the other groups, are hesitant to participate due to the liability issue of minors participating in the different programs each group offers. Adding language to this bill to cover local and state agencies and regent institutions would help in getting more groups involved in the high school work-based program.