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Vote **Against HB629**E-mail [samdr@sammt.org](mailto:samdr@sammt.org)**House of Representatives**Legislator**REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO**Seat No. 90

Representative Galvin-Halcro,

For the record, I represent the School Administrators of Montana and am offering this testimony on the association's behalf.

In addition to my current role, I currently serve on the Specialty Areas Studies Board of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This allows me to gain a much broader nationwide perspective pertaining to teacher training and effectiveness.

As you know, teaching is VERY DIFFICULT! Not everyone has the aptitude and/or disposition to provide meaningful and effective instruction to students of varying ages and learning potential. The institutions (accredited), including those in Montana, that provide teacher training give most graduates the necessary skills that they will need to be very effective in activation of learning for ALL students. Most of the body of evidence and research that I have read suggests that there are really no proven and documented effective "shortcuts" toward becoming an effective teacher through alternate pathways.

I urge you to vote against HB629!

Sincerely,  
Darrell Rud

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