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[HB17-1181 Required State Assessment For Ninth-grade Students](#)/Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D), Rep. Paul Lundeen (R), Sen. Nancy Todd (D) and Kevin Priola (R)

**The Chamber supports HB17-1181.** This bill offers reasonable reform to ninth-grade testing while preserving smart assessments in our schools. We support the implementation of strong statewide assessments because they provide data that can inform school choices for parents and students; the opportunity to identify weaknesses and intervene when a student needs remediation, ultimately saving parents, students and schools money; enhanced transparency through diverse local input from educators, parents and business and community leaders on standards and assessments; and increased understanding of the outcomes of our education system.