

Testimony of Ashley Segal
Support of SB 2140
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Chairman Owens and members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Ashley Segal, and I am a senior at North Dakota State University. I applied to multiple Colleges of Veterinary Medicine this past summer. My goal is to become board certified in either critical care or surgery. I am here today to indicate my support of SB 2140, which repeals the Profession Student Exchange Program (PSEP) service payback provision.

This past cycle, I did not apply for the PSEP because of the payback provision. Many students, such as myself, want to pursue a career in one of the many veterinary medical specialties. However, North Dakota does not offer many career opportunities for students choosing this path. If I were to apply for the PSEP and be accepted, there would be a chance that I would not be able to find a job in North Dakota in the area that I specialized in. This would force me to either pay back the tuition money at a single point in time or find a job in North Dakota that does not allow me to grow and develop the skills needed for my specialty. This would put me behind in the career that I worked so hard to be successful in.

Due to the uncertainty of not being able to find a job in North Dakota that suits my specialty, I support the repeal of the PSEP service payback provision in SB 2140.

Thank you for this opportunity,

Ashley Segal