

Bill number: HB 1142
Senate of Appropriations
Chair Senator Ray Holmberg

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Hello, my name is Kyan Woodruff. I am a sophomore at Bismarck High School and this is my first year of being involved in HOSA. I currently hold the chapter office of secretary at our school and I am in the process of running for a North Dakota HOSA state office.

HOSA is just more than the competition. This allows for students like me to help us solidify our passions for the medical field. HOSA teaches us valuable skills through education, collaboration, and experience. I am also looking forward to being able to compete at the state competition this year.

HOSA has been an excellent way for me to get involved in my school and my community. HOSA is a organization that also focuses on giving back to the community. In years past, we have made blankets for our local hospitals, we also run our school's blood drive and we have trained hundreds of people in the community of the skill of hands only CPR. This year COVID has put a wrench in our normal projects, But we look forward to doing those again in the future.

COVID drastically changed the medical field by putting the need for nurse and CNA higher than ever, allowing for this funding will help normal high school students like me to advance the ability to help others in the future. We have the privilege as students to this amazing opportunity as a gateway to the medical field. I have the ability to build on those essential skills needed for any daily life but also the healthcare profession.

As we stand up here today to urge you to pass HB 1142 I just want to leave everyone with one thing. The chapters and the lessons that us students all learn through HOSA and every other thing associated with the medical field as high school students, will hopefully one day save someone's life and that life could be yours.

I urge you to pass HB 1142. This will help this wonderful program have an impact on students for years to come. Thank you for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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