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Chair Schaible and members of the Senate Education Committee. My name is Lisa Johnson, and I serve as the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs for the North Dakota University System. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota University System and its eleven institutions to provide neutral testimony related to HB1107 related to the attached fiscal note.

The proposed change in in definitions would designate all National Guard and Armed Forces Reserve members, their spouses, and their dependents as having ND residency for the purpose of tuition calculation.

At present, out-of-state guard and reserve members, their spouses and their dependents currently pay the out-of-state rate or a reduced out-of-state tuition rate negotiated rate through reciprocal agreements or multistate consortia like that of Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) or the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE).

As you can see on the enclosed fiscal note, the proposed edits are estimated to decrease tuition revenue in excess of over \$500,000 a biennium. It remains unknown as to the number of students that could be attracted as a result of the proposed change. What are reported are the known and immediate fiscal implications associated with the proposed residency changes.

Two universities, the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University, with the highest numbers of out-of-state guard, reserve, and spouses and dependents of out-of-state guard and reserve members will be impacted most significantly—to the point that further reductions in tuition revenue could result in employee layoffs or cuts in some academic programs.

This concludes my testimony related to HB1107, and I stand for questions from Committee members.