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Senate Education Committee
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Chairman Beard and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Taylor House, and I serve as the School of Law Senator at the University of North Dakota (UND). I am submitting testimony in favor of HB 1600 as amended on February 11, 2025, relating to the establishment of the immigration law clinic at the UND School of Law; however, I echo the testimony submitted by Dean Brian Pappas February 2, 2025.

The objective of HB 1600 will enhance the educational opportunities for students at the school of law, as well as promote access to legal services in the state. For law students, clinical experiences offer a unique opportunity to gain valuable skills in real-world application of legal research, writing, and advocacy in a faculty-supported setting. Much like other fields, immigration law is an intricate practice area, and this opportunity would equip North Dakota's aspiring attorneys with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide immigration-related services. By establishing an immigration law clinic at the School of Law, the University will be able to enrich the curriculum and offerings to students, strengthening the skillset of current students and attracting prospective students interested in immigration law. Moreover, students will gain practical skills through interacting with clients, strengthening their ability to communicate effectively, and explain the legal process with professionalism.

Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee, I respectfully request a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1600. Thank you for your time, and I am available to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor House