

Support of SB3201

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I moved to North Dakota from Wisconsin in 2008 to work in the construction industry. My family and I are now North Dakotans and plan to stay here. I have extensive experience in pipelines, commercial builds and have spent 100s of hours in the state's coal-fired power plants. I love working in the construction industry because of the flexibility of hours and projects I am able to be part of. Construction will be my lifelong career and I want to know that residents of the state will maybe be given priority on projects over out-of-state workers.

I read Senate Bill 2301 and urge the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to pass this bill for consideration of the full Senate. I have attended PSC hearings and listen to companies testify about their local hire practices. I don't believe some out-of-state contractors work hard to find local labor, because I've witnessed experience people apply for jobs and never get consideration.

I see part of the bill is asking for reports to the Public Service Commission regarding local workers vs. non-local workers. This to me is a good step for companies to show good faith efforts to find North Dakota workers.

Hiring local benefits communities and the state as a whole because North Dakota workers will spend more of their dollar in state. This bill is a good measure to put North Dakota first.

Thank you,

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