

North Dakota State University

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Chair Nathe and members of the House Appropriations Education and Environment Committee. My name is Bruce Bollinger and I serve as the Vice President for Finance and Administration at North Dakota State University. I am here today on behalf of North Dakota State University to provide testimony in support of HB1040 and for you to consider a request for one amendment.

Section 2 defines the uses of the capital building funds. Institutions may use their allocation of capital building funds for projects authorized by the legislative assembly and extra-ordinary repair and deferred maintenance projects for academic facilities that do not increase the overall square footage of a building. This section also requires a biennial report by the State Board of Higher Education to legislative management and to the appropriations committee on the use of the funding, source of matching funds and each institution five-year capital construction spending. **NDSU requests an amendment to the bill to expand the allowable uses to include all facility projects which is what the current language allows. Then NDSU will be able to maintain using the funds for residence life projects and other auxiliary facilities.**

This concludes my testimony. I will stand for questions from Committee members.