



Testimony in Support of HB 1379

Chairman Vigesaa and members of the committee,

I am submitting testimony supporting HB 1379, specifically related to its impact on legacy projects in the tourism sector.

Tourism businesses occupy a unique and integral part of the North Dakota business landscape by providing for quality of life for residents, supporting workforce development, and increasing visitation to our towns and cities across the state.

Many of these businesses are seasonal and weather dependent. This can make it challenging to have a reliable source of capital in place for significant projects. By providing funds toward legacy projects that impact tourism attractions, improvements and expansions can be made at the proper times to grow options for activities further and coordinate with other developments and tourism efforts in the region and across the state.

Without this additional support, many times, projects wait for the “perfect year” of weather and visitor numbers that so many factors can impact out of our control. By providing funds toward these projects, projects can be jumpstarted, and our tourism business can offer additional reasons for people to visit, stay or relocate to ND.

I ask that you support the efforts to grow our tourism and outdoor recreation options within the state by supporting HB 1379.

Thank you,

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