

NDSU

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee: My name is Seth Lumley, and I am the Executive Commissioner of Legislative Affairs for North Dakota State University's Student Government. I am here in support of HB 1031 and to bring the perspective of NDSU students on HB 1031.

NDSU Student Government is an organization of students at NDSU elected and appointed to represent the interests of the NDSU student body both externally at places like the capitol and internally through our student senate. We are comprised of members from all academic colleges at North Dakota State University to ensure students from all majors and backgrounds have a voice. Our mission is to leave the university better than we arrived through ensuring that student perspectives are heard both on campus and here at the legislature.

Grants and scholarships allow more prospective students to pursue the careers they are most passionate about through higher education. But they are also investments. By increasing the monetary assistance from the state board of higher education to eligible students, the state is making an investment in its students. The state allows them to pursue their academic goals while ensuring they can stay in North Dakota. Because I believe this would benefit the future of the North Dakota labor force and current North Dakota students, I urge you to support HB 1031 and support North Dakota's future. Thank you Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee.