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Chair Heinert and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Lisa Johnson, and I serve as the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs for the North Dakota University System. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota University System and its eleven institutions and the four TrainND quadrants across the state to provide supporting testimony related to HB1032.

TrainND, operating from the campuses of Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Williston State College and the North Dakota State College of Science, provided customized training to 14,468 individuals in 1,729 businesses across the four quadrants of the state in 2022.

Two TrainND’s top training programs are for individuals pursuing a commercial driver’s license or certification to be a nursing assistant.

The TrainND directors from each of the four quadrants were asked for an estimate of the length of these two programs, the number of individuals enrolled in those two programs for the last two years, and the cost associated with each program.

TrainND – Enrolled Participants

7/1/2020 through 6/30/2022

Program Name	Training Hours	Average Cost	Total Participants
Certified Nursing Assistant	75-80 hrs	\$942	556
Commercial Driver’s License	120-160 hrs	\$6,263	373

A total of 556 individuals completed CNA training and 373 individuals completed CDL training during the two-year period of 2020-2022 through TrainND. Note the length of training for CDL programs is almost twice as long to complete and the cost to participants in a CDL programs is significantly more than that of the CNA program.

With the proposed appropriation of \$1 million associated with HB1032 in mind, one suggestion from the TrainND directors was to increase the CDL scholarship from \$500 to \$1,500 per individual. As currently proposed, the \$500 scholarship covers about half of the CNA training but only about 8% of the CDL training.

This concludes my testimony related to HB1032. I respectfully request a “Do Pass” with the consideration of an amendment to increase the scholarship amount associated with the CDL programs in the amount of \$1,500. I stand for questions from Committee members.