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HB 1531 Testimony,

A change to HB 1531 will remove access to a more affordable education for students who bring a different perspective based on race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity or sexual preference to our campus.

- What waivers and scholarships will be impacted?
International, Canadian, and cultural diversity waivers and the ND Indian Scholarship will be affected at Dakota College at Bottineau.
- Who will be impacted on your campus? For International and Canadian students that are not eligible for any federal aid this waiver can help them afford to attend our institution and not have as much out of pocket expense. Many International and Canadian student must pursue financial options to help them pay for attendance at our institution as they do not have federal options to assist them.
The ND Indian scholarship is given to our students based on need and merit, the need-based scholarships help students who may not have the financial funds to afford college attend our school, all funds regardless of the amount help our students attend our institution. This scholarship (merit or need based) encourages enrollment of students who are underrepresented in higher education.
Diversity waivers help students who may be in underrepresented in higher education to receive an education. Enrollment of these underrepresented student can bring perspectives that may be different than traditional students, this encourages discussion in the education setting.

Thank you,



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