



January 30, 2023

The Honorable Scott Louser, Chairman
House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Louser and Committee Members,

The North Dakota Section of the Nebraska-Dakotas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (Nebraska-Dakotas ASLA) supports House Bill 1465, which strengthens the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. We urge you to vote yes to pass HB 1465.

House Bill 1465 would modify the total number of State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture seats from three to five. It would designate two seats for architects, two for landscape architects, and one for a member of the general public. These changes would improve the board in several ways. First, it would provide landscape architecture subject matter expertise that's needed to adequately set standards for landscape architecture practice requirements, review landscape architect licensure applications, and help investigate complaints against unlawful practice. Secondly, increasing and diversifying the board's subject matter expertise will make the board more adept at regulating and overseeing the professions, including answering questions that relate to practice overlap between the two professions.

Landscape architects play a vital role in stewarding the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Dakota. The professional practice includes the design of multimodal transportation systems, parks and outdoor recreation spaces, nature-based infrastructure projects, and projects that help communities both prepare for and recover from natural disasters. The expertise that we bring to the design table truly benefits the communities we live in and the State of North Dakota that we love. Our work can be seen throughout North Dakota – Broadway Square in revitalized Downtown Fargo, the future location of Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, historically the Capital Grounds of North Dakota, originally designed by Landscape Architect Frederick Law Olmsted, and hundreds of other public and private projects in North Dakota communities big and small. Our ethic of public health and safety is part of the proud legacy of landscape architecture in the state of North Dakota.



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Once again, Nebraska-Dakotas ASLA asks that you support HB 1465 to strengthen the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. The changes proposed by this bill will strengthen, increase, and diversify the board's subject matter expertise, thereby ensuring that the unique perspectives of both professions and the public are represented.

Sincerely,

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