



HB 1199

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Chair and Members of the Committee: My name is Rylee Lindemann, and I am the Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for the North Dakota Student Association and I am testifying in support HB 1199

The North Dakota Student Association is a student organization established in 1969 dedicated to ensuring that students have a voice at the table in policy that affects Higher Education. We consist of delegates from each of the 11 public institutions meeting monthly to engage students in ND Higher Education policy. Our mission is to empower students, create collaboration between the student bodies of the North Dakota public universities, and to give a student perspective on higher education policy.

HB 1199 would have a significant positive impact for the state. The NDSA represents students from eleven institutions of higher education, including five community and technical colleges that would directly benefit from the allocations proposed in HB 1199. By continuing to support and expand options for career development and technical education, HB 1199 would greatly assist by funding opportunities to break into high-value industries. The appropriation of funds and expansion lines of credit, to the department of career and technical education will help provide the financial resources necessary to adequately fund projects and grants that will in turn promote technical educational opportunities as well as supporting career initiatives.

Moreover, this would result in an increase in the number of opportunities for students in North Dakota. At a time when our state is investing more than ever in efforts to retain the population, HB 1199 would relieve that pressure by providing North Dakotans with further opportunities for

education and career growth. HB 1199 effectively funds the department most adept at finding the projects, grants, and solutions that will provide opportunities to develop a career within North Dakota. On behalf of the North Dakota Student Association, I urge the committee to provide a DO PASS recommendation on HB 1199.