



March 13, 2023

The Honorable Doug Larsen Chairman
Senate Industry and Business Committee
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Chairman Larsen and Committee Members,

The North Dakota Section of the Nebraska-Dakotas Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (Nebraska-Dakotas ASLA) support amendments to HB 1465 as presented on March 13th testimony by Craig Larson and introduced by Representative Longmuir, which strengthens the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. We urge you to vote yes to the proposed amendments and pass HB 1465.

Proposed amendments to House Bill 1465 would modify the total number of State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture seats from three to five. It would designate three seats for architects, one 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, such as Broadway Square in Downtown Fargo, the proposed Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, the Capital Grounds in Bismarck, 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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Nebraska-Dakotas ASLA Chapter

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North Dakota Section Chair

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