

Senate Industry and Business Committee

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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Today as a State Registered Landscape Architect, I seek your support of HB 1465, with the inclusion of the amendment to include one registered landscape architect and one public member to the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

This bill seeks the inclusion of a registered landscape architect as a representative on the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. Currently the state law does not allow for this. The House approved a redrafted bill earlier this session, however as the bill sits today, there is ambiguity on the requirement for landscape architecture representation on the Board.

Recently, after the bill was approved at the House of Representatives, registered landscape architects collaborated with architects and representatives of architecture regulation to develop adjustments to the existing bill. These amendments include, changing language to:

- 1) Modify the three person board to a five person board with one new position as a landscape architect and the second new position as a public member.

The majority of the professional landscape architects residing in the State of North Dakota, under national and legal guidance from American Society of Landscape Architects and the Council of Landscape Architecture and Registration Boards, coordinated this proposed amendment with representatives of the architecture profession and we believe all parties agree on this proposed amendment. This amendment is also in keeping with how landscape architecture is typically regulated as a profession nation-wide.

By having a State Architecture board of 3 architects (as currently reflected in the law), and adding one new landscape architect, and one new public member, the public is guaranteed full representation and oversight to protect the public in health safety and welfare.

Please show your support of HB 1465 and the proposed amendment with a DO PASS.