

TESTIMONY OF
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Good morning, Chairman Headland, members of the committee. I am Colonel Cody Volk, Director of Installations and Environment for the North Dakota Army National Guard. I am here today to testify in support of HB 1520, which transfers 25.2 acres of real property from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Office of the Adjutant General.

The 25.2 acres will be the future building site for the Jamestown National Guard Readiness Center. Additionally, this project is the Adjutant General's number one Major Military Construction priority, which is competing for placement in the Future Years Defense Program for Fiscal Year 2032. The National Guard Bureau now requires land documentation to be completed before allowing an Infrastructure Requirements Plan score on any Major Military Construction project. If this property transfer is not completed by 1 June 2025, the Jamestown Readiness Center project will not receive a score. Without a score, the project will not compete for placement in the Future Years Defense Program for Fiscal Year 2032. Therefore, the Office of the Adjutant General fully supports the emergency clause in Section 2 of this bill.

In closing, I urge this committee to pass this legislation, which allows the Jamestown Readiness Center project to remain competitive for prioritization in the Future Years Defense Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.