



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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To the Honorable Jonathan Warrey and Member Representatives of the Industry, Business, and Labor Committee

RE: House Bill 1036; Supportive testimony for the creation of the division of apprenticeship within the department of labor and human rights.

Representing workers in the commercial, industrial, and residential construction industries, foundation to finish, we are committed to promoting, recruiting, and developing careers in the skilled trades. Construction is a rewarding career, and we are fully committed to passing this industry along to new generations of skilled craftsmen and craftswomen. Utilizing Registered Apprenticeship Programs is the primary means of training new workers to the industry, and as such, we are in support of HB 1036.

A Registered Apprenticeship Program is a post-secondary educational model that combines hands-on training with classroom instruction. All registered programs in North Dakota are the through the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. This entity ensures the content of any registered program in the state is equitable to any other program across the country for the apprentice and sponsor.

This Bureau is staffed with one person and is challenged to fulfill the numerous duties of the program, such as program certification and compliance, monitoring apprentice progress, and expanding new programs. Additional resources from the state with staffing within the Department of Labor and Human Rights will foster more opportunities for growth for workforce development for the business community.

Therefore, the North Dakota State Building and Construction Trades Council urges for a Do Pass recommendation for HB 1036 to the Committee.

With Kindest Regards, I am

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