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Chairman Warrey and members of the Industry, Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Matt Heilman, and I am a state representative from North Dakota's seventh legislative district in Bismarck. I am here today to testify in favor of HB 1309 relating to state contracts. This bill was brought to me by one of my constituents. This bill caught his attention because it had passed in the state of Idaho. The goal of this bill is to have contracts with companies that have aligned values with North Dakota.

In this bill, a government entity may not enter a contract with a company if they participate in a boycott as described in subsection one. This bill applies to a contract between a government entity and a company that is paid wholly or partly by public funds. Section one number four does offer an exception.

Examples of companies doing this include Duke Energy planning to have net-zero emissions by 2050 by phasing out coal and increasing renewable energy use. Google also plans to be 100% carbon-free by 2030. Other businesses taking similar steps are Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, and PepsiCo.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I will certainly stand for any questions you may have.