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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1127

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 14, 2003

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1	x		655-1606
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Flechtner</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Kelsch** open hearing on bill.

**SUPPORT**

(720-950) **Mike Hillman**, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the North Dakota

University System. See Attached Testimony.

**Rep. Haas** : Give us some examples of other lenders?

**Hillman**: All of the banks in ND.

**Rep. Mueller**: What will the additional expansion cost? How many more dollars in student loans to make this change?

**Hillman**: Have a significant increase in the number of application, however the program is limited by the amount of funding available. What would happen is the applications would be funded according to priority and deadlines.

**Rep. Sitte** Total amount of money that you have in this pool and what is in Peggy Wipf's pool for education funding?

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**Hillman:** Peggy Wipf manages both of those programs, I will let her comment.

**Peggy Wipf, Director of Financial Aid for North Dakota University System:** The appropriations for the 01-03 biennium was \$400,000 which allowed us to put in 133,000 for the first year of the biennium. Our application pool was down. Some of the calls that we received, students didn't have a loan through BND, they had used their local lender. At that point the process stops.

**Rep. Sitte** Can you contrast that with the information that you provided on the State Grant Program?

**Wipf:** The original appropriations for the 01-03 for the State Grant Program was \$4,000,223 of that amount the actual amount to spend is a little over 3M. Reduction was do to some special funds that didn't come through and a reduction in Federal funding.

**Rep. Sitte** Specific dollar spent?

**Wipf:** 01-02 biennium 2,400 students in the State Grant Program, compared to the actual applications we had for the technology program we were able to fund 63.

**Rep. Williams (for Mr. Hillman):** Other lenders, are they typically banks?

**(1290)Hillman:** We have a representative from BND here to answer that. Eligible institution are banks and credit unions.

**Rep. Mueller:** Will it only be banks and credit unions in ND or are out of state included?

**Hillman:** Does require that the student must be in ND, have and internship with a ND business, and 3.50 gpa.

**Chairman Kelsch** Do they have to be an approved bank?

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**Julie from the BND :** Within the student loan program, the lender apply through the US Department of Education for an eligible school loan lender and receive a tracking number. So a student can use a lender from where ever, as long as approved.

**(1477) Rep. Sitte :** So then are we to assume that roughly 63,000 per year?

**Hillman:** Roughly \$1000 per student, but if the loan was only 800 that's what was paid. But the problem here is we have more money than applications. If we change the eligibility we should increase the number of applicant for the program.

**OPPOSITION - none**

1606 Close hearing.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1127

House Education Committee

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Hearing Date January 14, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	3869-4035
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Fiechter</i>			

Minutes:

**Chairman Kelsch** open hearing on bill.

**Chairman Kelsch:** Rep. Jon Nelson moves to DO PASS, Rep. Hawkens seconds the motion.

**Committee discussion:** Hearing none, roll was taken. DO PASS 14 yea, 0 no, 0 absent.

**Chairman Kelsch :** Rep. Norland would you like to carry this bill.

**Rep. Norland:** Yes with the guidance of Rep. Meier .

closed (4035)

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Date: January 14, 2003  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1127**

House HOUSE EDUCATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Nelson Seconded By Rep. Hawken

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	x				
Rep. Johnson	x				
Rep. Nelson	x				
Rep. Haas	x				
Rep. Hawken	x				
Rep. Herbel	x				
Rep. Meier	x				
Rep. Norland	x				
Rep. Sitte	x				
Rep. Hanson	x				
Rep. Hunskor	x				
Rep. Mueller	x				
Rep. Solberg	x				
Rep. Williams	x				

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ 14 No 0 Click here to type No Vote

Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Norland

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
January 15, 2003 12:49 p.m.

Module No: HR-07-0582  
Carrier: Norland  
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HB 1127: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS  
(14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1127 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1127

Senate Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03-04-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		33.8 - end
1		x	0 - 1.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Dan Johnson</i>			

Minutes: CHAIRMAN FREBORG called the committee to order. Roll Call was taken with all (6) members present.

CHAIRMAN FREBORG opened the hearing on HB 1127 relating to eligibility for the technology occupations student loan program.

**Testimony in support of HB 1127:**

MIKE HILLMAN, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs for ND University System, presented testimony. (see attached) He stated there was funding not awarded because there were not enough qualified applicants.

SENATOR LEE asked how the funding would be awarded if a loan is not from the Bank of ND.

MR. HILLMAN said credit would be worked through the Bank of ND and would be applied to other bank loans.

SENATOR COOK asked if there were any requirements for a student to be current on their loans.

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MR. HILLMAN stated he has no figures, but this program is only one year old and was approved by the last legislature. The students who received the first \$1000 have only been out of school for a year.

SENATOR COOK asked if it is possible for a student to graduate from college with \$5000 in student loans, apply for this program for five years, and have their entire indebtedness paid off through this program. MR. HILLMAN stated that is possible as long as the student has a loan balance of \$1000 remaining to be paid. If there is only \$600 left to be paid, then the program would only pay that much, also.

SENATOR COOK thought this program was for more specialized technology fields. This bill includes a lot more careers than he thought it would. He asked if ND University System has the latitude to allow the program areas that are funded to grow, and do they establish what the program areas are, and if so, what is the criteria for a program to be funded. MR. HILLMAN stated it was very difficult to define which program areas are technology areas and on the other side, after they graduate, which job occupations are technology occupations. The board drew from many resources, national and local. Also they had input from schools and administrators and they did review it with the campuses. They now have a pretty comprehensive list which includes every computer science area. The Board adopted this through the procedure process. They, campuses and students, are able to appeal it and if a strong case is made the Board will make changes if needed. MR. HILLMAN stated he can provide a list of all qualified programs.

SENATOR COOK asked if the defining process is ongoing. MR. HILLMAN answered yes.

SENATOR COOK asked if he thought there were shortages in some of the areas listed, and does

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he think this program will entice students to take courses or turn to careers in these areas. MR.

HILLMAN feels this is happening more and more, but not a dramatic increase.

SENATOR COOK asked if the deans of the state's colleges are aware of this program. MR.

HILLMAN said it is used as a recruiting tool by the colleges.

SENATOR FLAKOLL asked if this is in the higher ed budget. MR. HILLMAN stated it is in the higher ed budget in the incentive line item. He further stated that loan rates are pretty stable between institutions.

DANA BOND, Information Technology Council of ND, stated their support for this and feels it is a tool to move ND forward.

MIKE HILLMAN stated a student must not be in default in this program.

There was no opposition to HB 1127.

The hearing was closed.

SENATOR FLAKOLL moved a DO PASS. Seconded by SENATOR COOK.

Roll Call Vote: 6 YES. 0 NO. 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

Carrier: SENATOR FLAKOLL

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Date: 3/4/03

**Roll Call Vote #:** /

## 2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

## Senate EDUCATION

## Committee

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### Action Taken

**Motion Made By**

## Seconded By

## Seconded By

[illegible]**Total (Yes)**

No

**Absent**

## Floor Assignment

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 4, 2003 11:26 a.m.

Module No: SR-38-3835  
Carrier: Flakoll  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1127: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
**(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1127 was placed on the**  
**Fourteenth order on the calendar.**

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2003 TESTIMONY

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**Testimony before  
House Education Committee  
January 14, 2003  
HB 1127**

Madam Chairperson and members of the House Education Committee, my name is Mike Hillman and I am Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the North Dakota University System.

House Bill No. 1127 relates to the Technology Occupations Student Loan Program. The Technology Occupations Student Loan Program, a student loan forgiveness program, was first funded by the Legislature in 2001. The intent of the program is to reduce student loan indebtedness for individuals who have graduated in a technology related field, completed an internship with a business located in North Dakota, and been employed in a technology occupation in North Dakota for one year.

Funding recipients are eligible to receive \$1,000 per year in continued loan forgiveness for each consecutive year they are employed in an approved technology occupation in North Dakota, up to a maximum of 5 years or \$5,000. The Bank of North Dakota is responsible for applying loan forgiveness payments for funded recipients. Under current statute, an eligible recipient must have a student loan with the Bank of North Dakota to be considered for this program. Individuals must apply or re-apply annually for new or continued funding.

A brief summary of the program follows:

- For academic year 2001-2002, a total of 109 applications were received. Of the 109 applicants, 63 met all the qualifications for the program and were funded.
- The average student loan indebtedness of funded applicants, as reported on their applications, was \$9,445.
- The following is a breakdown, by program areas, of funded 2001-2002 applicants:



Program Areas of Funded Applications for 2001-2002	# of Applicants Funded
Agricultural Engineering	4
Biology, General	2
Business Computer Programming/Programmer	6
Business Systems Networking (LAN/WAN) and Telecommunications	5
Civil Engineering, General	3
Computer and Information Sciences, General	10
Management Information Systems and Business Data Processing Services, General	9
Manufacturing Engineering	1
Mechanical Engineering	4
Medical Laboratory Technician	2
Medical Radiologic Technology/Technician	9
Medical Technology	2
Respiratory Therapy Technician	3
Surgical/Operating Room Technician	2
Water Quality and Waste Management and Recycling Technology/Technician	1
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Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	4
Computer Control Programmers and Operators	1
Computer Programmers	15
Computer Software Engineers	5
Computer Support Specialists	5
Computer Systems Analysts	1
Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians	10
Engineers	4
Forest and Conservation Technicians	1
Industrial Engineers, Including Health and Safety	1
Mechanical Engineering Technicians	1
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