

Bill number: HB 1142
House Appropriations Human Resources Division
Representative Nelson, Chairman

Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Ella Gabel. I am a sophomore at Bismarck High School, and this is my first year with being a part of HOSA. HOSA is becoming an important part of my educational journey because it is giving me the opportunity to learn about medical careers outside of the classroom. Continued funding will help students like me to continue to explore medical careers and further develop their leadership skills.

HOSA is giving me an opportunity to learn more about the field of sports medicine as I begin to prepare for my upcoming state competition. I have been able to learn more about different hands on techniques that I wouldn't otherwise be able to learn. This is helping me to solidify my decision in a career pathway.

Our chapter has been involved in helping in the community in years past, and although we have not had many of these opportunities this year because of COVID, I look forward to these opportunities in the future. Being involved with serving our community helps myself and others to develop leadership skills.

I urge you to pass HB 1142. Doing so will ensure that students like myself will be able to be enriched by this wonderful program. HOSA will help to bridge the gap of the healthcare worker shortage by encouraging students to pursue careers in healthcare. I look forward to being involved in HOSA throughout my high school career.

Respectfully submitted,

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