

HB 1275

Senator Joan Heckaman

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Senator Joan Heckaman from D-23 and I am here to provide a few scenarios on how HB 1275 can be effective in your communities.

Just as a little background, I served on the Interim Legacy Fund Earnings Committee. As you already know our meetings were filled with suggestions on uses for the interest. I will highlight a few of these and how they relate to HB 1275.

Human Services and Health Stabilization Fund:

1. Support programs to alleviate homelessness presented by Mr. Cody Schuler from Fargo-Moorhead Coalition to End Homelessness.
2. Matching grants for donations to charitable organizations by your own Al Carlson, Fargo.
3. \$10 million to public health infrastructure fund for vaccines, workforce training and disease prevention from Mark Strand of Fargo.
4. Expand childcare assistance programs from Samuel Wagner, Casselton
5. Funding for health care worker recruitment and training, Ms. Denise Andress, Western ND Area Health Education Center.
6. 20% of the earnings for mental and behavioral health programs from John Odermann, Dickinson.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LIFELONG EDUCATION FUND:

1. Support after school programs, Mr. Michael Califf, Williston
2. Education initiatives, Sen. Patten, Watford City and Ken Vein, City Council, Grand Forks
3. Free hot lunch for students, Jason Boynton, Lunch Aid
4. Early care and education initiative, Murray Sagsveen, LSS
5. Transportation costs for education-Divide County schools

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUND:

1. Research and workforce training, Dr. Mark Hagerott, NDUS
2. Centralized, statewide development initiative, Margie Enerson, Williston
3. Research at UND and NDSU, Steve Burian, Valley Prosperity Partnerships
4. Workforce development programs, Shawn Wenko, Economic Development of ND
5. School district construction and renovations, Sarah Trustem, Dickinson

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

1. Red River Valley Water Supply, Tom Erdmann, Carrington
2. Park infrastructure-local and state, Jerry Rostad, Fargo Park District
3. Infrastructure Development, Keith Lund, Jay Scott, Mayor Tim Mahoney, Ken Vein
4. Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion, Joel Paulsen
5. School construction, several presentations from the east and west
6. Natural gas processing and transportation, Chris Kreger and Darrik Trudell

ND ARTS AND CULTURE ENDOWMENT FUND:

1. Arts programs and cultural education including ND Council on the Arts, Prairie Public, ND Humanities Council, ND Indian Affairs, State Historical Society, and ND Studies

Mr. Chairman and committee members, the list goes on for 7 pages and includes some similar requests but mostly unique investments in the future of North Dakota.

I ask for your favorable consideration of HB 1275 and would help answer questions.