

Good morning Chairman Kasper, members of the committee. My name is Alex Anderson, and I am the Director of Governmental Affairs for the University of North Dakota's Student Government. As you may recall, last week I spoke before you in opposition of a bill that would restrict student's rights to vote where they attend college. Today I come before you once again as a representative of the Student Government to support a bill that would enable students to more easily vote where they reside for school.

HB1447 not only provides students with another valid form of ID for voting, but also requires the issuing institution to provide each student with information regarding voter eligibility requirements. This is such a vital thing that is so commonly misunderstood among college students. Ensuring that every student is aware of their voting eligibility, how, and where to vote is fundamentally important to our democracy. This bill opens yet another opportunity to bridge some of the gaps among college students and voting.

Given feedback from our constituents at the University of North Dakota, the UND Student Government Resolution's support is contingent on an amendment that we wish to see. This Resolution can be viewed in the written testimony. This ask is consistent with the resolution passed recently by the North Dakota Student Association.

Given some concern for security risks involved in carrying another form of ID with a student's personal information, we ask that an amendment is made to make this optional for students. Student IDs are more commonly exchanged for transactions, door entry, and access to dining centers. We heard from our fellow students that, given the high exchange rate of their student ID's, some worry about various individual security risks. In addition, not every student may need this if they intend to vote in their home district or have a driver's license that would already make them eligible to vote in their campus's district.

Therefore, the UND Student Government would support HB1447 with an amendment, making this optional for students to choose if they want the student ID that is recognized for voting, or a traditional student ID without their personal information.