

Testimony HB 1380
Senate Finance & Taxation Committee
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Chair Bell and members of the Senate Finance & Taxation committee, my name is Russ Hanson of the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota. AGC of ND is a 400 member association which has been in existence since 1951. Our membership consists of all aspects of commercial construction - highway contractors, vertical contractors, civil/heavy, specialty contractors, subcontractors as well as material and equipment suppliers.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this testimony in support of HB 1380. This concept of funding the critical infrastructure is being considered at the right time, for projects already being planned, and in the right concept of using the Legacy Fund earnings for projects which will truly be a Legacy to North Dakota.

Having legislation introduced and considering a bonding option this session is appreciated and we hope when the 2021 Legislature adjourns, there is a package to begin working on the critical infrastructure projects sooner, rather than later. We encourage restoring the mechanisms to fund future infrastructure projects that were included in the original bill.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on HB 1380. We respectfully request the committee issue a Do Pass Recommendation.