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Subject: HB 1531

Re: HB 1531

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to share information about the impact of HB 1531 as amended.

My name is Dr. Brian Huschle, VP of Academic Affairs at Mayville State University.

There are several reasons why Mayville State University is submitting testimony regarding HB 1531 as amended.

First and foremost, our charge as a CAEP (Council for Accreditation of Teacher Preparation) accredited institution is to develop goals and track progress for the recruitment of high-quality teacher candidates from a broad range of backgrounds and diverse populations.

One concern that we have is the need to address progress towards recruiting a candidate pool that reflects the diversity of America's P-12 students ([CAEP Standard 3.1](#)). Towards these efforts, Mayville State University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Diversity Committee have developed and supported funding for cultural diversity waivers that allow us to meet our goal of attracting and retaining racially, culturally, and ethnically diverse students. These waivers can be used to cover costs associated with their education, including **tuition, textbooks, and housing**.

Cultural diversity waivers are a measurable way we have to show evidence of progress towards our goal. HB 1531, as amended, would eliminate our ability to offer cultural diversity waivers to those students who are considering an education degree at Mayville State University. The passage of this bill could put at risk our capability to offer education degrees.

The CAEP standards transcend all 13 teacher education preparation programs across North Dakota so the impact would be felt by more than just Mayville State University.

Mayville State University holds a strong commitment to fostering an inclusive campus community that values, respects and supports diversity in multiple forms.

In closing, we ask that you thoughtfully consider **the impacts** this bill would have as it would be detrimental to our ability to meet the accreditation requirements at Mayville State University and across the state of North Dakota.