

SB2123

Senate Judiciary Committee

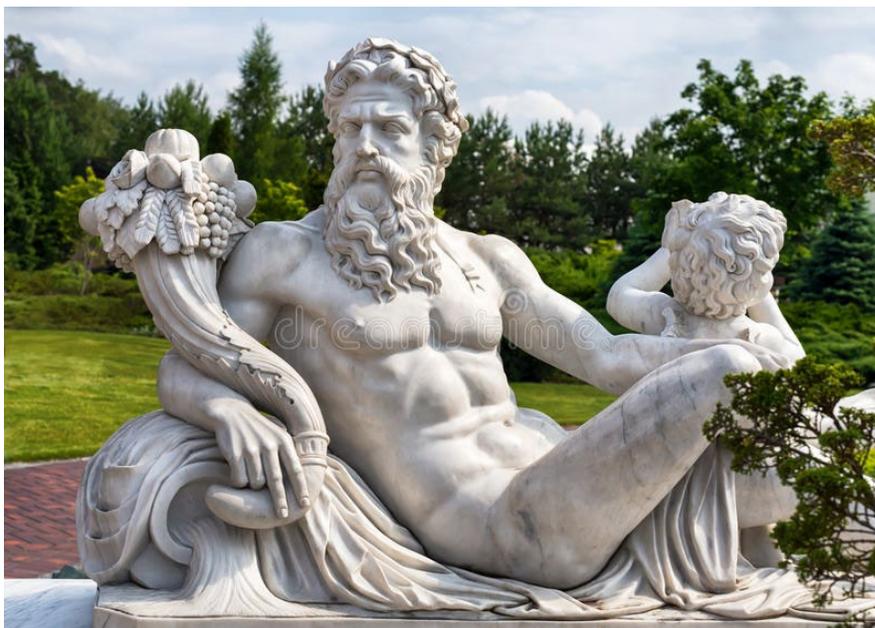
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Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Lisa Johnson, and I serve as the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs for the North Dakota University System. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota University System to provide neutral testimony related to SB2123 as the State Board of Higher Education has not met nor articulated a position related to SB2247.

This bill was moved up in the committee hearing schedule this week—which is fine. My only request is to amend the proposed bill to retain language that is proposed to be struck on Page 2, lines 1-2.

As early as 1883, North Dakota colleges and universities have successfully navigated aspects of what could be described as objectionable material, informing participants of images, scenes, or language that may be viewed by the public—including minors. There are numerous images within campus libraries, art displays, textbooks, and classroom materials that fit SB2123’s description of “nude or partially denuded figures”.



Statue of the god, Zeus, sitting with an angel.



May 5,2022: Exposition with antique Greek statues. Naked sculpture in the hall of Archeology Museum. Antalya, Turkey.

The NDUS respectfully requests retaining the language on Page 2, lines 1-2 in SB2123. I remain available to Committee members for questions.