

**2023 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**HB 1031**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1031  
1/11/2023

Relating to student financial assistance grants, to provide an appropriation and to provide for a transfer
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**Chairman Heinert** opened the hearing at 3:00 PM

Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Hager, Hauck, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Student aid need based awards
- Dual credit tuition scholarships
- ND Career Builders program

**Representative Mark Sanford**, District 17, introduced HB 1031, oral testimony

**Brenda Zastoupil**, Financial Aid Director, NDUS, Testimony #12768

**Seth Lumley**, Executive Commissioner of Legislative Affairs for NDSU Student Government, Testimony # 12978

**Chairman Heinert** closed the hearing 3:11 PM

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk*

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## Education Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

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3:02 PM

**Chairman Heinert** opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber-Beck, Representatives Conmy, Dyk, Hager, Hauck, Heilman, Hoverson, Jonas, Longmuir, Marschall, Murphy, Novak, and Timmons.

### Discussion Topics:

- Proposed Amendment
- Committee Action

**Representative Murphy** Moves to amend HB 1031 to add the Emergency Clause to Section 1

**Representative Jonas** Seconded.

**Voice Vote Taken. Motion Carries.**

**Representative Schreiber-Beck** Moved a Do Pass as Amended on HB 1031 with 23.0152.01001 and rerefer to Appropriations.

**Representative Novak** Seconded.

Roll Call Vote:Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	N
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	N
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	N
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	N

**Motion Carries 10-4-0.**

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**Representative Novak:** Carrier

**Chairman Heinert** closed the hearing 3:07 PM

*Kathleen Davis, Committee Clerk by Bev Monroe*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1031

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "transfer" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, after line 5, insert:

**"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1031: Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1031 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "transfer" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, after line 5, insert:

**"SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** Section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**2023 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**HB 1031**

# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Appropriations Committee**  
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1031  
2/2/2023

Relating to student financial assistance grants; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to declare an emergency.
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**8:38 AM Chairman Vigesaa-** Meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

**Members present;** Chairman Vigesaa, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Bellew, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Hanson, Representative Kreidt, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Meier, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Schatz, Representative Schobinger, Representative Strinden, Representative J. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

Members not Present: Representative Mock, Representative O'Brien and Representative Kempenich

**Discussion Topics:**

- Student Financial Assistance
- General Fund

**Representative Heinert-** Introduces the bill.

**Brenda Zastoupil- ND University Systems-** Answers committee questions

**Chairman Vigesaa** Closed the meeting for HB 1031 at 9:00 AM

*Risa Berube, Committee Clerk*



# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

HB 1031  
2/13/2023

Relating to student financial assistance grants; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; and to declare an emergency.
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**6:54 PM Chairman Vigesaa-** Meeting was called to order and roll call was taken:

**Members present;** Chairman Vigesaa, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Hanson, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Mock, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative O'Brien, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Schatz, Representative Schobinger, Representative Strinden, Representative G. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

**Members not Present-** Representative Kempenich, Representative Bellew, Representative Kreidt, and Representative Meier

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee recommendation

**Representative Nathe** Moves for a Do Not Pass

**Representative J. Stemen** Seconds the motion.

Committee discussion

Roll call vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	A
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	A
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	A
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	A
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y

Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

**Motion Carries 19-0-4 Representative Sanford will carry the bill.**

**Chairman Vigesaa** Closed the meeting for 6:56 PM

*Risa Berube, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1031, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (19 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
Engrossed HB 1031 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

**HB 1031**



## HB1031

House Education Committee

January 11, 2023

Brenda Zastoupil, Financial Aid Director, NDUS

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Good afternoon, Chair Heinert, and members of the House Education Committee. My name is Brenda Zastoupil, and I serve as the Financial Aid Director for the North Dakota University System (NDUS). I am here today in support of HB1031, which provides an amendment to the ND State Grant and appropriations for three student aid programs.

The Student Financial Assistance Grant, called the ND State Grant, is the state's need-based award. On average, approximately 6,100 students benefit from this award annually. Awards are determined using data from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and are provided to the neediest students until funds are exhausted. The full-time award amount of \$1,100 per semester or \$733 per quarter (Rasmussen University-Fargo) has been in effect since the 2019-20 academic year. Students may qualify for a reduced rate for part-time attendance at the state's accredited public, private and tribal institutions. The current appropriation for this program is \$23,917,306. Section 1 would increase the State Grant per semester rate to \$1,650 and the per quarter rate to \$1,100. These changes increase biennial program costs by \$12 million, for which an appropriation is provided in Section 2.

The ND University System requests that the committee add an emergency clause for Section 1. The ND State Grant awarding process for the 2023-24 academic year begins as early as March to allow families time to plan for expenses and an emergency clause would assist in that effort.

Section 3 of HB1031 appropriates \$1 million to cover an anticipated shortfall in funding for the ND Academic, CTE and ND Scholarships for the 2023-25 biennium. Students earn this scholarship by taking challenging academic and technical coursework while in high school. Approximately 23% of high school seniors qualify for this award and on average, 5,230 students receive payment each year. The \$6,000 scholarship can be used for enrollment at the state public, private, and tribal institutions, including accredited private career schools. The award is disbursed at \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter or clock-hour term. Statute does not provide for a reduced award amount if appropriations are not sufficient to cover all disbursements. The current appropriation for this program is \$16,216,749.

Section 4 provides an appropriation for the Dual Credit Tuition Scholarship, which was created by the 2021 Legislative Assembly. This award is an additional incentive for high school students to take dual credit courses by rewarding them in college with a \$750 maximum scholarship. This program has proven very successful with 2,619 student currently benefiting, and a total of \$1.4M in awards. It is anticipated that the current appropriation of \$1.5M will be expended by June 30, 2023. The program is currently funded by the Bank of ND through a pool of funds also utilized for the ND Career Builders Scholarship & Loan Repayment Program (NDCB). That pool of funds is limited,



and it is anticipated that NDCB will require nearly all the remaining balance to fund workforce development scholarships and loan repayment in the 2023-25 biennium, creating a need for a separate funding source moving forward.

This concludes my testimony related to HB1031. I respectfully request a Do Pass, with the addition of an emergency clause to Section 1. I will stand for questions from Committee members.

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Seth Lumley, NDSU Student Government

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Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee: My name is Seth Lumley, and I am the Executive Commissioner of Legislative Affairs for North Dakota State University's Student Government. I am here in support of HB 1031 and to bring the perspective of NDSU students on HB 1031.

NDSU Student Government is an organization of students at NDSU elected and appointed to represent the interests of the NDSU student body both externally at places like the capitol and internally through our student senate. We are comprised of members from all academic colleges at North Dakota State University to ensure students from all majors and backgrounds have a voice. Our mission is to leave the university better than we arrived through ensuring that student perspectives are heard both on campus and here at the legislature.

Grants and scholarships allow more prospective students to pursue the careers they are most passionate about through higher education. But they are also investments. By increasing the monetary assistance from the state board of higher education to eligible students, the state is making an investment in its students. The state allows them to pursue their academic goals while ensuring they can stay in North Dakota. Because I believe this would benefit the future of the North Dakota labor force and current North Dakota students, I urge you to support HB 1031 and support North Dakota's future. Thank you Chairman Heinert and Members of the Committee.