

**2025 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**HB 1331**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1331  
1/28/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

11:13 a.m. Chairman Heinert called the hearing to order

Members Present: Chairman Heinert, Vice Chairman Schreiber- Beck, Representatives, Conmy, Hager, Hatlestad, Hauck, Heilman, Jonas, Longmuir, Maki, Marchall, Morton, Novak, Osowski

### Discussion Topics:

- Replacement for turf surface
- Turf Maintenance
- Renovations
- Local taxpayer funds

11:14 a.m. Representative Mitskog introduced the bill and submitted testimony. #32162

11:19 a.m. Reggie Jackson, Athletic Director, NDSCS, testified in favor.

11:23 a.m. Representative Hatlestad moved a Do Pass.

11:23 a.m. Representative Maki seconded motion

Representatives	Vote
Representative Pat D. Heinert	A
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick R. Hatlestad	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Matthew Heilman	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Anna S. Novak	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y

Motion Carries: 13-0-1

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Bill Carrier: Representative Novak

11:25 a.m. Vice Chair Schreiber-Beck Adjourned the meeting.

*Saydee Wahl for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1331 ([25.1108.01000](#))**

**Education Committee (Rep. Heinert, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1331 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

HB1331

House Education Committee

January 28, 20025

Chairman Heinert and House Education Committee Members:

My name is Alisa Mitskog, I represent District 25 including the North Dakota State College of Science.

HB 1331 is a simple bill that would *give NDSCS authorization* to proceed with a turf project. The current NDSCS football field is a shared grass field with the Wahpeton High School football team.

A few of the reasons why turf is needed for the field:

- Maintenance of the existing field can be challenging during wet and rainy fall seasons leaving it difficult to play on.
- Women's soccer will be added as a new sport beginning in the fall of 2025. This new artificial turf playing surface will be highly beneficial to this team.
- The new playing surface will also allow NDSCS to offer more intramural sports and activities for all students to use and enjoy.
- This would be the only turf playing surface in SE North Dakota

The project will be paid for with *local dollars* including donations and revenue from dining services. **No** general fund or appropriated dollars will be used for the project.

The reason for the emergency clause is to expedite the project so the turf will be ready for the 2025 fall sports season.

This is an important project for NDSCS and the Wahpeton community and I respectfully ask for your support.

The NDSCS Athletic Director, Reggie Jackson is here today and can answer any additional questions.

Thank you.

**2025 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

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# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

HB 1331  
2/13/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

8:54 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Vigesaa, Vice Chairman Kempenich, Representatives Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Mitskog, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, O'Brien, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Wagner

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Voting

8:54 a.m. Representative Heinert introduced the bill.

8:57 a.m. Representative Murphy moved a Do Pass.

8:57 a.m. Representative Martinson seconded.

8:57 a.m. Roll Call Vote.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	A
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glen Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	A
Representative Mark Sanford	Y

Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

8:57 a.m. Motion 21-0-2

8:57 a.m. Representative Novak will carry the Bill.

8:57 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa closed the meeting.

*Sierra Schartz, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1331 ([25.1108.01000](#))**

**Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1331 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2025 SENATE EDUCATION**

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# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Education Committee**  
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1331  
3/10/2025

To provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

11:00 a.m. Chairman Beard called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Beard; Vice-Chairman Lemm; Senators: Axtman, Boschee, Gerhardt, and Wobbema.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Turf project authorization
- Funded locally

11:00 a.m. Representative Mitskog, District #25, introduced the bill and submitted testimony #39985.

11:06 a.m. Reggie Jackson, Athletic Director, ND State College of Science, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39987.

11:10 a.m. Chairman Beard closed the hearing.

*Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk*

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Senate Education Committee

March 10, 2025

Chairman Beard and Senate Education Committee Members:

My name is Alisa Mitskog, I represent District 25, including the North Dakota State College of Science.

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Thank you.

March 10, 2025

To: Senate Education Committee Members, Chairman Beard

This is in support of the emergency bill to allow NDSCS to move forward with our artificial turf project.

The project is 100% paid for with privately fundraised donations. Getting this done in SE North Dakota would make it the only artificial surface field south of Cass County.

There are many benefits to the greater community as it will allow outdoor sports to practice and play when conditions are not favorable on a natural service field.

This would be completed August of 2025.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RJ', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Reggie Jackson  
Athletic Director  
North Dakota State College of Science

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Education Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1331  
3/11/2025

To provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

9:25 a.m. Chairman Beard called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chairman Beard; Vice-Chairman Lemm; Senators: Axtman, Boschee, Gerhardt, and Wobbema.

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

9:26 a.m. Senator Axtman moved Do Pass and Rerefer to Appropriations.

9:26 a.m. Senator Gerhardt seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Todd Beard	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Michelle Axtman	Y
Senator Josh Boschee	Y
Senator Justin Gerhardt	Y
Senator Mike Wobbema	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

Senator Axtman will carry the bill.

9:28 a.m. Chairman Beard closed the hearing.

*Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1331 ([25.1108.01000](#))**

**Education Committee (Sen. Beard, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1331 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

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# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

HB 1331  
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota state college of science; and to declare an emergency.

4:36 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Bekkedahl, Vice-Chairman Erbele, and Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Dever, Dwyer, Magrum, Mathern, Meyer, Schaible, Sickler, Thomas, Wanzek.

Members Absent: Senators Davison, Sorvaag.

### Discussion Topics:

- Authorization for Use of Funds

4:36 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl introduced the bill.

4:37 p.m. Senator Mathern moved a Do Pass.

4:37 p.m. Senator Wanzek seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	A
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	A
Senator Paul J. Thomas	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion Passed 14-0-2.

Senator Axtman will carry the bill.

4:38 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

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*Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1331 ([25.1108.01000](#))**

**Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1331 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.