

TESTIMONY



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LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman and members of the committee:

The North Dakota Association of Builders stands in support of the proposed study housed within SB 2170. We encourage the committee to study the issues outlined during the 2023-2024 interim session.

The demand for workforce development has never been so immense. While North Dakota faces a shortage of workforce with the skills and knowledge required to build, update, and maintain homes, the industry struggles to recruit due to strict federal guidelines for students. As the state continues to grow its Career and Technical Education programs, exploring additional avenues to help cultivate this expertise will result in building and diversifying the housing inventory the state so desperately needs.

Additionally, the Association is prepared to give input during the interim as needed.

Thank you for your consideration.