

2023 JOINT APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1543

2023 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1543
10/23/2023

BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services and department of career and technical education for facility-related grants; to provide for a legislative management report; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide an effective date.

2:15 PM Chairman Vigesaa called the meeting to order and roll call was taken:

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

Chairman Bekkedahl, Senator Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Mathern, Meyer, Roers, Rust, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, and Wanzek.

Members not present; Representative Nathe, O'Brien, and Schobinger

Discussion Topics:

- Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund
- Department of Career & Technical Education
- Amendment

Brady Larson- Legislative Council- Introduces the bill and explains its purpose.

2:21 PM Wade Sick- Department of Public Education- Testifies in favor of HB 1543 (Testimony # 28021)

Representative J. Nelson- Proposed amendment 23.1163.01003 (Testimony #28038 #28036)

Representative J. Nelson- Move to adopt amendment 23.1163.01003

Senator Dever- Seconds the motion.

Committee Discussion

2:35 PM Pam Sagness- Department of Health & Human Services- Answers questions for the committee

Roll call vote was taken;

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Bekkedahl	Y	Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Senator Karen Krebsbach	Y	Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Senator Randy Burckhard	Y	Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y	Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y	Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y	Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y	Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y	Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y	Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y	Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Senator Jim Roers	Y	Representative Corey Mock	Y
Senator David Rust	Y	Representative David Monson	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y	Representative Mike Nathe	A
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y	Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y	Representative Emily O'Brien	A
Senator Terry Wanzek	Y	Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
		Representative David Richter	Y
		Representative Mark Sanford	Y
		Representative Mike Schatz	A
		Representative Randy A. Schobinger	A
		Representative Greg Stemen	Y
		Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
		Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 35-0-4 (House 19-0-4 Senate 16-0-0)

Representative Martinson- Prosed amendment 23.1163.01004 (**Testimony #28039**)

Representative Sanford- Explains his part of the amendment.

Representative Sanford- Move to adopt amendment 23.1163.01004

Representative Martinson- Seconds the Motion

Committee Discussion

Senator Davison- Moves to substitute the motion to adopt session 2 and section 3 of amendment 23.1163.01004 (**Testimony # 20839**)

Representative Meier- Seconds the motion

Roll call vote was taken;

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Bekkedahl		Representative Don Vigesaa	N
Senator Karen Krebsbach		Representative Keith Kempenich	N
Senator Randy Burckhard		Representative Bert Anderson	N
Senator Kyle Davison		Representative Larry Bellew	N

Senator Dick Dever	Representative Mike Brandenburg	N
Senator Michael Dwyer	Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Representative Gary Kreidt	N
Senator Curt Kreun	Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
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Senator David Rust	Representative David Monson	N
Senator Donald Schaible	Representative Mike Nathe	A
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Representative Jon O. Nelson	N
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	Representative David Richter	Y
	Representative Mark Sanford	N
	Representative Mike Schatz	A
	Representative Randy A. Schobinger	A
	Representative Greg Stemen	Y
	Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
	Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 23-12-4 (House 10-9-4 Senate 13-3-0)

Representative Martinson- Move to adopt section 4 of amendment 23.1163.01004

Representative Meier- Seconds the motion

Committee Discussion

Roll call vote was taken:

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Bekkedahl	N	Representative Don Vigesaa	N
Senator Karen Krebsbach	Y	Representative Keith Kempenich	N
Senator Randy Burckhard	N	Representative Bert Anderson	N
Senator Kyle Davison	N	Representative Larry Bellew	N
Senator Dick Dever	Y	Representative Mike Brandenburg	N
Senator Michael Dwyer	N	Representative Karla Rose Hanson	N
Senator Robert Erbele	Y	Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
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Senator Tim Mathern	N	Representative Lisa Meier	N
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		Representative Mark Sanford	Y
		Representative Mike Schatz	N
		Representative Randy A. Schobinger	A

	Representative Greg Stemen	Y
	Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
	Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Failed 16-20-3 (House 10-10-3 Senate 6-10-0)

Senator Mathern- Move for a Do Pass as Amended

Representative Richter- Seconds the motion

Roll call vote was taken;

Senators	Vote	Representatives	Vote
Senator Bekkedahl	Y	Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Senator Karen Krebsbach	Y	Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Senator Randy Burckhard	Y	Representative Bert Anderson	N
Senator Kyle Davison	Y	Representative Larry Bellew	N
Senator Dick Dever	Y	Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y	Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
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		Representative David Richter	Y
		Representative Mark Sanford	Y
		Representative Mike Schatz	N
		Representative Randy A. Schobinger	A
		Representative Greg Stemen	Y
		Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
		Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 33-3-3 (House 17-3-3 Senate 16-0-0)

Representative G. Stemen and Senator Davison will carry the bill

Additional Testimony Andrea Pfenning- Greater ND Chamber # 28024

3:26 PM Chairman Vigesaa Closed the meeting for HB 1543

Risa Berube, Committee Clerk

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

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- Appropriates \$8.5 million from special funds to Bismarck State College for a multipurpose academic and athletic center facility project; and allows the State Board of Higher Education to issue \$40 million of revenue bonds for the project.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1543: Joint Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Co-Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1543 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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TESTIMONY

HB 1543

Joint Appropriations Committee
October 23, 2023
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For the record, my name is Wayde Sick, I serve as the State Director for the Department of Career and Technical Education. I am here to provide testimony in support for HB1543, specifically Subsection 2, which sets aside \$26,500,000 to the Department of Career and Technical Education for the purpose of defraying inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area career center initiative grant program.

During the 68th Regular Session, the State Legislature approved the \$26.5 million to address the inflation costs of these projects. This funding was to be distributed proportionally based on the approved grant applications, which were approved in March 2022. This calculated to approximately thirty percent increase to each grant award.

The reason for the request for the inflationary funds was due to the delay in receiving the funds from the US Treasury. The grant applications were submitted in December 2021 and reviewed and approved in March 2021. We then had to wait for access for the funds, while the cost of materials, equipment and labor rose. To attempt to accomplish what was included in the approved applications, ND CTE and the approved applicants requested the additional dollars.

Since the session adjourned, projects moved forward with construction, bidding, etc. To date, \$6,003,882 dollars have already been disbursed to two projects, specifically the Minot Area Skills Center (Minot) and the Bakken Area Skills Center (Watford City). Others are close to requesting the inflationary funds. Others that are not as far in the process but have sought out bids with the new dollar amount, as approved in SB2015. Not having access to the inflationary funds would be detrimental. Some of the funds have already been spent. Other projects are close to requesting the funds and others have gone out for bids or accepted bids with a new dollar amount.

I appreciate the support for these projects during the regular session and again ask the Legislature to support this initiative and allow our projects to complete their work.

Thank you for your time. I will stand for any questions you may have.



GREATER NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER
HB 1543
Joint Appropriations Committee
October 22, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, my name is Andrea Pfennig with the Greater North Dakota Chamber. GNDC is North Dakota's largest statewide business advocacy organization, with membership represented by small and large businesses, local chambers, and trade and industry associations across the state. We stand in **support** of House Bill 1543.

Access to workforce continues to be an issue impacting businesses in North Dakota. GNDC recently completed an economics and employer membership survey in which 74% of respondents indicated they were having trouble hiring employees.

Our members support maximizing the flexibility and responsiveness of K-12, two and four-year educational institutions, and other expanded educational opportunities to meet local training needs and demands.

The Department of Career and Technical Education's Statewide Area Career Center Initiative grant program is an important resource that will help train the next generation of North Dakotan workers learn high demand job skills.

We hope you will support the \$26.5 million in funds to help defray inflationary costs of existing approved projects and urge a Do Pass recommendation on HB 1543. Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, this concludes my comments. Thank you and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

23.1163.01003

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

Introduced by

Legislative Management

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 and department of career and technical education for facility-related grants; to provide for a
3 legislative management report; to provide for retroactive application; and to provide an effective
4 date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
7 **FUND - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DEPARTMENT OF CAREER**
8 **AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - ONE-TIME**

9 **FUNDING.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, there is
10 appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state
11 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following amounts, or so much of the sum as may be
12 necessary:

13 1. \$8,250,000 to the department of health and human services for the purpose of
14 providing a behavioral health facility grant or other services as provided in this
15 subsection. The department of health and human services shall ~~provide the grant~~ use
16 the funds as follows:

17 a. A grant of \$8,250,000 must be provided to establish a behavioral health facility in
18 the badlands human service center service region. The grant recipient must
19 provide matching funds of \$1,950,000 to establish the facility.

20 b. The department shall require an entity receiving funding under this subsection to
21 operate the facility for a period of at least ten years and require the grant amount
22 to be repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. The
23 amount repaid must be prorated based on the amount of time the program
24 remains in operation.

- 1 c. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant
2 recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this subsection.
- 3 d. If by June 1, 2024, the department does not have a grant recipient secured to
4 establish a behavioral health facility in the badlands human service center
5 service region, \$6,400,000 of the funds appropriated in this subsection may be
6 used to expand community-based services by transitioning the badlands and
7 northwest human service centers into certified community behavioral health
8 clinics. This funding may be used to expand services provided directly by the
9 department or through contractual relationships with behavioral health providers
10 or organizations.
- 11 e. The funding provided under this subsection is a one-time funding item.
- 12 2. \$26,500,000 to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of
13 defraying inflationary costs of existing projects approved under the statewide area
14 career center initiative grant program during the 2021-23 biennium. The department of
15 career and technical education shall distribute the funding to existing career academy
16 projects proportionally based on funding allocations provided to each project during
17 the 2021-23 biennium. If funding approved in this subsection is provided for a career
18 academy project and the funding becomes uncommitted during the 2023-25 biennium,
19 the department of career and technical education may redistribute the funding for
20 existing projects under the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
21 ending June 30, 2025. The department of career and technical education shall report
22 to the legislative management during the 2023-24 interim and to the appropriations
23 committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly regarding the amount of inflationary
24 funding provided for each project and the construction status of each project. The
25 funding provided under this subsection is considered a one-time funding item.

26 **SECTION 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 2023.

27 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with
28 the secretary of state.

23.1163.01003
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Lefor
October 23, 2023

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SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF LAND AUTHORIZED - EXEMPTION. The state of North Dakota, by and through the state board of higher education, may convey certain real property consisting of twenty-four acres south of sixth avenue north in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, excluding the south third of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter consisting of sixteen acres, of section 5-151-50 in the records of the city of Grand Forks, if determined appropriate by the state board of higher education. If any of the real property authorized to be conveyed under this section is conveyed, the terms of the conveyance must be determined jointly by the state board of higher education or a designee of the board and the commissioner of university and school lands. Sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5 do not apply to the transfer authorized by this section."

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Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment:

- Provides a \$8.5 million appropriation from special funds to Bismarck State College for a multipurpose academic and athletic center capital facility project;
- Allows the State Board of Higher Education to issue revenue bonds; and
- Allows the State Board of Higher Education to convey state-owned land located in Grand Forks.