



NDSA-17-2425

A Resolution in Support of HB 1128: The Creation of a Higher Education Infrastructure Loan Fund

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1128 allows for NDUS institutions under the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) to receive loans from the Bank of North Dakota for up to \$10 million at an interest rate of 3.5% at a maximum of 20 years to improve auxiliary infrastructure such as student housing, student dining, and campus heating; and,

WHEREAS, NDUS institutions have demonstrated that there is a critical need for additional funding to renovate and repair their residence halls where needed funding far exceeds the appropriated amount; and,

WHEREAS, in October 2024 the NDSA passed NDSA-02-2425 "A Resolution in Support of Appropriating State Funds for the Improvement of On-Campus Housing" which outlined how NDUS institutions and their auxiliaries are financially burdened by the cost of maintaining campus housing, particularly deferred maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, since many of these residence halls opened in the 1960s and 1970s offering traditional-style residence halls with shared common areas, the housing needs of students has shifted to suite-style residence halls with preference to private spaces over common areas; and,

WHEREAS, a concern of NDUS students is the limited security measures in residence halls and a lack of camera surveillance in and around resident halls which poses a significant security risk for on-campus students; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports HB 1128.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, January 25th, 2025*