



2025 SB 2286
Senate Education Committee
Senator Todd Beard, Chairman
February 3, 2025

Chairman Beard and members of the Senate Education Committee, I am Tim Blasl, President of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA). I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 2286. I ask that you give this bill a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Hospitals support the passage of the bill because, as in many industries in our state, workforce is our number one challenge. Anything we can do to increase the numbers of well-trained health care professionals in our state is appreciated. We support the study of the development of a health professions collaborative facility at the University of North Dakota (UND) health professions and a study of health profession degrees provided by UND.

We also support the concept of a health professions collaborative facility to expand workforce capacity relating to health, behavioral health, and wellness in the state, and to foster a robust environment for research and discovery to enhance academic excellence. We believe in high quality, patient-centered care and that a collaborative approach can play an important role in improving care. Offering collaborative, team-based approaches to health care could be helpful not only in meeting those goals but in attracting and retaining more health care professionals to study and work in our state.

In summary, we support passage of this bill and hope that you will give it a **Do Pass** recommendation.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Blasl, President
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