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**Testimony of
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Nebraska Section of
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Committee on Health & Human Services
On
Licensure Requirements for Engineers
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

Good Afternoon. My name is Edward Prost and I am here today to testify on behalf of the Nebraska Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers¹ (ASCE) in the support of Nebraska Legislative Bill (LB) 742.

I am a Principal with the engineering consulting firm of Terracon, a national Top 50 engineering company, with offices in Omaha and Lincoln. I am a registered professional engineer with 27 years of experience. I have lived in Nebraska for the last 15 years.

I am the current President of the Nebraska Section of ASCE and I speak for the more than 750 members who practice in many capacities across the state. The Section is proud to lend its support towards Nebraska's effort to "Raise the Bar" for engineering practice for the betterment of all Nebraskans. The Section has been involved in this legislative effort from the beginning and fully endorses LB 742.

¹ ASCE was founded in 1852 and is the oldest national civil engineering organization. It represents over 140,000 civil engineers in private practice, government, industry and academia who are dedicated to the advancement of the science and the profession of civil engineering. ASCE is a non-profit educational and professional society organized under Part 1.501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

LB 742 will improve the quality of engineering in Nebraska and the nation. More than ever, the public looks to engineers to ensure the safety of our built environment. LB 742 will increase the minimum licensure requirements for engineering and help ensure the engineers of Nebraska are better educated and trained for the wide variety and ever expanding tasks and challenges they face.

The implementation of LB 742 will benefit the people of Nebraska by better preserving and protecting their health, safety and welfare. It is the job of an engineer to design, build, and oversee projects that, if they fail, can cause significant losses in terms of life, well being and property. An engineer must be properly prepared to manage these responsibilities

In closing the Nebraska Section of ASCE supports LB 742 and the effort to “Raise the Bar” for admission to the professional practice of engineering in order to advance engineering in Nebraska, to better protect the public and improve the quality of life for all.

We look forward to working with the legislature to ensure passage of LB 742

Thank you very much for your time in considering this important piece of legislation. If you have any questions I will be happy to address them now.

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