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2007 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HCR 3057

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3057

House Finance and Taxation Committee

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Hearing Date: February 21, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3529

Committee Clerk Signature

Mickie Schmidt

Minutes:

Chairman Belter opened the hearing on HCR 3057.

Representative Wrangham: I think the title pretty much sums it up. What we're asking here is the study of some possible tax incentives which would be linked directly to the employment of payroll employments in ND. Most if not all States are doing some things to encourage economic development and businesses to locate in our State and this resolution studies incentives which encourage employment in ND. This resolution is targeted to encourage new and current employers to employ within ND to economic development.

Representative Vig: Does this include entrepreneurs as well?

Representative Wrangham: I am very sure it would. The study can go into many different areas and the idea was included in here to specify employers who are self employed as long as they employ other people.

Representative Froseth: This looks familiar. Has this resolution been introduced as a study resolution previously? And this is a directive here, the Legislative Counsel to study it.

Representative Wrangham: Not to my knowledge and when I asked for this to be drawn, it did take a while and they did some research. They had not indicated that to me.

Chairman Belter: The way this language reads, the Counsel still has the option of whether to study this or not.

Representative Froseth: I think the way this reads is directing them to do the study and I think they have to do it.

Chairman Belter: I think there's an out for them...

Representative Wrangham: That was not necessarily my intent, I'm sure that this resolution would stand on its own whether we're to demand them this study or just give them the option.

Chairman Belter: Any other testimony in support? Any opposition? Any neutral? Ok, we'll close the hearing on HCR 3057.

The Chairman asked the Intern to call John Walstad to see if there's an out for them. The Intern reported that they said they put it on a list for them to do, but if they don't have time to do it, they don't do it.

Chairman Belter: So what are your wishes on 3057?

Representative Froseth: I move a Do Pass and Put it on the Consent Calendar.

Representative Owens: Second it.

Chairman Belter: Is there any discussion? If not, all of those in favor signify by saying aye.

The motion carries. Rep. Wrangham will carry the Bill.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3057: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (11 YEAS, NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3057 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HCR 3057

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HCR 3057

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: March 16, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 5187

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Borg

Minutes:

Vice Chairman Olafson called the Senate Political Subdivisions committee to order. Four members present and Senator Cook absent.

Vice Chairman Olafson opened the hearing on HCR 3057 a resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the corporate and individual income tax laws to determine the feasibility and desirability of providing income tax benefits for employers to encourage expansion of employment opportunities in the state.

Representative Wrangham, District 8, introduced and testified in support of HCR 3057.

(Attachment # 1)

Senator Hacker: One of the things I keep hearing is not so much a lack of jobs but a lack of people. How does this fit in? Is this going in the opposite direction?

Representative Wrangham: I don't see any negative in this. The idea is to encourage business to stay in North Dakota and hire North Dakota labor instead.

Senator Hacker: Maybe this could be a tool to fight under employment and help the folks working two to three jobs. Create more high impact jobs.

Representative Wrangham: I think you have observed this very well.

No further testimony in support, opposed or neutral on HCR 3057.

Vice Chairman Olafson closed the hearing on HCR 3057.

Senator Hacker moved a Do Pass on HCR 3057.

Senator Anderson seconded the motion.

Discussion

Vice Chairman Olafson: We will leave the vote open and the offer to carry for Chairman

Cook.

Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: **Senator Cook**

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March 19, 2007 8:47 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3057: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3057 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HCR 3057

Testimony on HCR 3057
Representative Dwight Wrangham

Mr. Chairman

HCR 3057 asks the Legislative Council to study the corporate and individual income tax laws to determine the feasibility and desirability of providing income tax benefits for employers to encourage expansion of employment opportunities in North Dakota.

The objective of legislation which may result from this study would be to encourage business development and increased hiring within the borders of North Dakota. The income tax benefits would result in a positive fiscal impact on state revenues because of offsetting benefits of expanded and improved wages.