

2013 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1110

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1110
January 9, 2013
Job # 17036

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Dicky Crabtree

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to eligibility decisions for child care assistance.

Minutes:

Attached Testimony.

Chairman Weisz: Opened the hearing on HB 1110.

.50 **Carol Cartledge:** Director of Economic Assistance Policy Division testified in support of the bill. (See testimony #1).

1:58 **Chairman Weisz:** What you say sounds logical, but is there a down side to the families in some cases where they are not going to have a decision as quick as they would like?

Cartledge: We have determined the down side in the time period is that it is a penalty to the family because it does not give them enough time to provide additional information. The decision making of the application within the 30 days is in line with some of the other programs. The biggest issue is the benefits when they are paid out rather than the application.

Rep. Silbernagel: How many such transactions does the department process on annual basis?

Cartledge: On a monthly basis the child care assistance case load is about 2600 for this biennium.

Rep. Fehr: My question is the 15 versus 30 days. As I understand it, procedurally the time starts when they turn in an application so there is a time period and if there are more questions on supporting documents, it may not happen in the 15 days. If not enough evidence, then by default it is denied. If denied they would have to reapply?

Cartledge: That is correct.

Rep. Muscha: The payments start as the date of application or acceptance?

Cartledge: Starts on application date. If they apply April 1 and approved by the April 15, then benefits start from April 1.

Rep. Laning: The 30 days is the maximum? Can be shorter than that?

Cartledge: That is correct. If they need more info that can cause a delay.

Rep. Muscha: Are other programs time frames similar to the 30 days?

Cartledge: Fuel Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps and SNAP are all within 30 days. Medicaid has 45 day limitation.

Rep. Muscha: You feel 30 days is plenty?

Cartledge: For child care 30 days is appropriate.

Rep. Keifert: If a person comes in on a timely fashion and provides everything needed, could this person be put off for 30 days?

Cartledge: Normally that would not happen. There may be a delay if someone in the county is out ill.

Rep. Oversen: Have you seen in increase of requests and are they affecting the timeline and the need to increase the timeline?

Cartledge: Have not seen an increase, but a decrease in numbers. Due to income in ND is higher and we have to implement a copayment structure which plays into that.

Shari Doe: Director of Burleigh Co. Social Services. Most directors and workers are in favor of this because sometimes it takes clients longer to get the information needed.

Chairman Weisz: Asked if any further support or opposition. There was none and the hearing was closed.

Chairman Weisz: Any discussion or motions?

Rep. Silbernagel: I move a Do Pass.

Rep. Fehr: Second.

Roll Call Vote: 12 y 0 n 1 absent

Bill Carrier: Rep. Silbernagel

Date: 1-9-13
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1110

House Human Services Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Silbernagel Seconded By Rep. Lehr

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REP. MOONEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VICE-CHAIRMAN HOFSTAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REP. MUSCHA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REP. ANDERSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REP. OVERSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REP. DAMSCHEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. FEHR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. KIEFERT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. LANING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. LOOYSEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
REP. SILBERNAGEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Silbernagel

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1110: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1110 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2013 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

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2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee Red River Room, State Capitol

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Relating to eligibility decisions for child care assistance.

Minutes:

See attached testimony.

Chairwoman J lee opens the hearing HB 1110

Carol Cartledge Director of the Economic Assistance Policy Division, for the Department of Human Services. See attachment #1 (end 2:19)

Chairwoman J. Lee asked for further explanation for the child care assistance program.

Senator Dever questioned about the 15 days. (Meter 4:00)

Chairwoman J Lee made a comment about the eligibility and time frame of eligibility.

Chairwoman J lee. Questioned how many are on the program per month also if there was in an increase in demand of the program. (meter 5:50)

Carol Cartledge commented that there was a decrease in demand in the program at this time.

There is no other testimony

Senator Anderson motioned for Do Pass

Senator Larsen Seconded

Senator Dever expressed that he was more comfortable with time for families to provide information however stated that he is concerned with getting the assistance in a timely matter. (Meter 7:47)

There is a discussion about getting the need to the families and the eligibility workers.

Roll call vote Do pass 5-0-0

Senator Larsen will carry to the floor.

Date: 2-19-13
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1110

Senate Human Services Committee

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Motion Made By Sen Anderson Seconded By Sen larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senator	Yes	No
Chairman Judy Lee	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Vice Chairman Oley Larsen	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				
Senator Howard Anderson, Jr.	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Sen larsen

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1110: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1110 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2013 TESTIMONY

HB 1110

#1

Testimony
House Bill 1110 – Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Weisz, Chairman
January 9, 2013

Chairman Weisz, members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of the Economic Assistance Policy Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to support House Bill 1110, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

The Department is requesting an amendment to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-33-02.2 (Child care assistance – Application for benefits – Applicants duty to establish eligibility – Decisions – Rules). The proposed change would increase eligibility decision making time frame by the county social service eligibility workers from 15 days to 30 days. This would allow applicants and the county social service eligibility workers more time to establish eligibility for the Child Care Assistance program.

Without this change, applications for Child Care Assistance may be denied within 15 days. The change to eligibility decision making time frame within 30 days allows time for the family to provide additional information necessary to determine eligibility for the program.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.

Testimony
House Bill 1110 – Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Lee, Chairman
February 19, 2013

Chairman Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Carol Cartledge, Director of the Economic Assistance Policy Division, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to support House Bill 1110, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

The Department is requesting an amendment to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-33-02.2 (Child care assistance – Application for benefits – Applicants duty to establish eligibility – Decisions – Rules). The proposed change would increase the eligibility decision making time frame by the county social service eligibility workers from 15 days to 30 days. This would allow applicants and the county social service eligibility workers more time to establish eligibility for the Child Care Assistance program.

Without this change, applications for Child Care Assistance may be denied within 15 days. Changing the eligibility decision making time frame to 30 days allows time for the family to provide additional information necessary to determine eligibility for the program.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions.