

2015 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4004

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SCR 4004
2/10/2015
23552

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Donald Myeller

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to continue to study dental services in the state, including the effectiveness of case management services and the state infrastructure necessary to cost effectively use mid-level providers to improve access to services and address dental service provider shortages in underserved areas of the state.

Minutes:

Attach #1: Testimony by Sheila Sandness
Attach #2: Testimony by Rod St. Aubyn

Sheila Sandness, LC Management, introduced SCR 4004 to Senate Human Services Committee. Neither for nor against the bill. (attach #1) (time end 3:55)

Rod St. Aubyn, representing North Dakota Dental Hygienist Association, testified IN FAVOR of SCR 4004 (attach #2) (4:15-6:39)

OPPOSITION TO SCR 4004

No opposing testimony

NEUTRAL

No neutral testimony

Closed Public Hearing

V. Chairman Oley Larsen asked in the testimony just heard, there were some challenges - what are the specific challenges? Will the mid-level providers be able to take the expanded pre-natal dental in the marketplace insurance?

Chairman Judy Lee if mid-level provider project goes forward, it will take some time to do. This is not entirely with the resolution. They are not at all looking to be independently reimbursed; they will be under supervision of the dentist. The other information will likely come up when we discuss SB 2354. The interim committee had information that was brought forward that couldn't be disputed about areas of the state where there is inadequate service provision. There were many things considered: the case management proposal is something the dentists brought forward; sealant opportunities; changes to the loan repayment programs for consistency; and other areas. This resolution continues what

came out of the interim committee, to see if some of the proposals which may move may have an impact on access and availability.

Chairman Judy Lee recommended holding vote for SCR 4004 until SB 2354 discussion.

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2/16/2015
23902

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Minutes:

No attachments

Chairman Judy Lee recapped SCR 4004. It is a continuation of the study of the past two years. No recommended amendments during testimony.

Senator Dever moved a DO PASS for SCR 4004 from the Senate Human Services Committee. The motion was seconded by **V. Chairman Oley Larsen**. No discussion.

Roll Call Vote

6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent. Motion passed.

V. Chairman Oley Larsen will carry SCR 4004.

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4004**

Senate Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Dever Seconded By Larsen

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee (Chairman)	✓		Senator Tyler Axness	✓	
Senator Oley Larson (V-Chair)	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Larsen

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4004: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4004 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2015 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4004

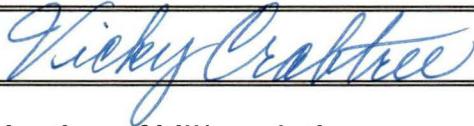
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Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SCR 4004
3/11/2015
Job #24657

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Legislative Management to study dental services in the state.

Minutes:

Testimony #1

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on SCR 4004.

Sheila Sandness: From the Legislative Management gave information on the bill. (See Testimony #1)

NO OPPOSITION

Chairman Weisz closed the hearing on SCR 4004.

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SCR 4004
3/11/2015
Job # 24697

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

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Vicky Crabtree

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz took up SCR 4004.

Rep. D. Anderson: Didn't they say there were only 7 dentists short in ND.

Chairman Weisz: That is what they said.

Rep. Muscha: I discussed this with my dentist and he said there is no shortage in ND, but it is a distribution issue.

Chairman Weisz: I would agree with that.

Rep. Damschen: Since it is a study resolution it is still a may, right?

Chairman Weisz: Yes.

Rep. Fehr: I motion a Do Pass.

Rep. Mooney: Second.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Weisz: This should be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Bill Carrier: Rep. Fehr

2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SCR 4004
3/11/2015
Job #24701

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature *Ticky Crabtree*

Minutes:

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Rep. Porter: I was unclear on the vote for 4004 and would request a roll call vote.

Rep. Hofstad: Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 y 5 n 0 absent

MOTION CARRIED

Bill Carrier: Rep. Fehr

Date: 3-11-15
Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4004**

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. Fehr Seconded By Rep. Mooney

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz			Rep. Mooney		
Vice-Chair Hofstad			Rep. Muscha		
Rep. Bert Anderson			Rep. Oversen		
Rep. Dick Anderson					
Rep. Rich S. Becker	<i>Voice Vote</i>				
Rep. Damschen					
Rep. Fehr	<i>Motion Carried</i>				
Rep. Kiefert					
Rep. Porter					
Rep. Seibel					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Fehr

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

Date: 3-11-15
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4004**

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee

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 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. PORTER Seconded By Rep. HOFSTAD

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz		✓	Rep. Mooney	✓	
Vice-Chair Hofstad		✓	Rep. Muscha	✓	
Rep. Bert Anderson	✓		Rep. Oversen	✓	
Rep. Dick Anderson		✓			
Rep. Rich S. Becker		✓			
Rep. Damschen		✓			
Rep. Fehr	✓				
Rep. Kiefert	✓				
Rep. Porter	✓				
Rep. Seibel	✓				

Total (Yes) 8 No 5

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Fehr

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4004: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (8 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4004 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2015 TESTIMONY

SCR 4004

Madame Chair, members of the committee:

J# 23552

Attach #1
SOR 4004
02/10/15

For the record, my name is Sheila Sandness and I am a Senior Fiscal Analyst for the Legislative Council. I am here to present information on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4004 directing the Legislative Management to continue to study dental services in the state, including the effectiveness of case management services and the state infrastructure necessary to cost effectively utilize mid-level providers to improve access to services and address dental service provider shortages in underserved areas of the state. I appear neither for nor against the bill, but just to provide information and answer any questions you may have.

Section 1 of House Bill No. 1454 (2013) directed a study of how to improve access to dental services and ways to address dental service provider shortages, including the feasibility of utilizing mid-level providers, whether the use of incentives for dental service providers to locate in underserved areas in the state may improve access, and whether the state's medical assistance reimbursement rates impact access to dental services. This study was assigned to the interim Health Services Committee.

The interim Health Services Committee received information regarding access to dental services, programs to provide dental care in the state, programs to encourage dental service providers to serve unserved populations in the state, the dental health workforce, training available at North Dakota State College of Science, and mid-level dental service providers in Minnesota and Alaska. The committee also received a report from the North Dakota Center for Rural Health regarding findings included in its preliminary report titled *North Dakota Oral Health Report: Needs and Proposed Models, 2014*. The report was the result of a Center for Rural Health assessment of the oral health needs in the state. The committee also conducted a tour of Family HealthCare, Fargo, one of four safety net dental clinics in the state. The committee learned patients are served regardless of ability to pay, and services are billed on a sliding fee scale.

The interim Health Services Committee determined more study was needed and recommends Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4004 directing the Legislative Management to continue to study dental services in the state, including the effectiveness of case management services and the state infrastructure necessary to cost effectively use mid-level providers to improve access to services and address dental service provider shortages in underserved areas of the state.

The Health Services Committee's findings and recommendation regarding the dental services study can be found in the "Report of the North Dakota Legislative Management".

That concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Testimony for SCR 4004
Senate Human Services Committee
February 10, 2015

Attach #2
SCR 4004
02/10/15
J# 23552

Madam Chair and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, for the record my name is Rod St. Aubyn, representing the ND Dental Hygienist Association. I appear this morning in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4004. This study resolution is basically an extension of the study that was heard during the 2013-14 interim by the Health Services Committee.

During that study, it was confirmed that our state faces serious challenges regarding access to dental services. You have and will hear several bills this legislative session addressing some of these issues. Immaterial if any of these bills pass this session, it is very important to continue this study to monitor progress on issues identified last interim. Whether it is the Seal! ND program, a case management program, revisions to the dental loan repayment program, or the creation of a new dental mid-level provider program that you will soon hear about, it is extremely important that the legislature continue its study to evaluate the effects of these programs in addressing the issues of dental access and affordability in the underserved areas of our state.

Access to dental services for our Medicaid population and our Native American Reservations is something that must be monitored and improved. Programs approved this session must be reviewed to ensure their effectiveness and need for expansion, revision or possibly deletion. The effectiveness of the mid-level provider programs in Minnesota and other states in addressing access and affordability are important to decide their possible application for our citizens.

I am aware of no program that remains static, but must be continually "tweaked" as they evolve. That is exactly what must be done with dental programs within our state. Though this study seems somewhat simple, its importance to our citizenry is paramount. The NDDHA offers our continued assistance to the legislative committee that is assigned this study. For these reasons, the ND Dental Hygienist Association urges your support for a Do Pass Recommendation on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4004. I would be happy to answer any questions that your committee may have.

Thank you.

SCR 4004
3-11-15

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