

1999 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HCR 3001

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3001

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01-06-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Annunzio</i>			

Minutes:

Chairwoman Price opened the hearing on HCR 3001 at 10:30 a.m.

Senator Aaron Krauter introduced and supported HCR 3001. He spoke of the of benefits. He mentioned that the Report of the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning booklet dated June 1998. He recommended that everyone receive a copy of the report because many of the issues in the report will be dealt with in the legislative session. The task force was made up of members from the Dept. of Human Services, Dept. of Health, and other members around the state relating to long term care. Senator Krauter stated that ND has only one school for training of physicians at UND School of Medicine. The services listed in the report are very limited in rural areas. The resolution is asking legislation to look at this study.

Mr. Paul Kramer, Legislative Interim Budget Committee on Long Term Care spoke on Legislative services available. He specifically added that services are available through the library and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Fred Larson, Depart. of Health, testified and in favor of HCR 3001. (See attached testimony)

Ms. Shelly Peterson, was unable to attend, however, she provided written testimony. (see attached)

Motion by Representative Kliniske for do pass for consent calendar, Second by Representative Niemeier.

By voice vote, 15 Representatives voting yes, 0 voting no, motion passed.

Floor assignment is Representative Niemeier.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 12, 1999 4:49 p.m.

Module No: HR-06-0517
Carrier: Niemeier
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3001: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3001 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date MARCH 8, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paul Koladychuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing on HCR3001 was opened.

PAUL KRAMER, Legislative Council, explained the resolution. It provides for a study to expand psychiatric and geropsychiatric training at UND School of Medicine. SENATOR DEMERS asked if there would be money attached to this if needed. MR. KRAMER said it would be up to the committee at the time of study completion. This is just to get the ball rolling and take a look at it.

FRED LARSON, Dept of Health, supports bill with written testimony. SENATOR DEMERS: Where do you see this going? MR. LARSON answered that depends on the outcome of the study. We need to supply support services to nursing homes. Anything we can do to enhance this service is important.

SHELLY PETERSON, ND Long Term Care Association, supports bill. It would be advantageous to look at curriculum to expand to older generations. SENATOR DEMERS asked about PA's. MS. PETERSON replied that they are working out very well. They have a very good working relationship, not only in the rural areas, but in the larger cities in the state.

DAVID WILSON, Dean of Medical School, supports the bill. We are looking at an aging population. It will probably cost money, but would be great to do more. There is an unmet need.

SENATOR KILZER asked if there was exposure in curriculum to mental health and geropsychiatric care. DR. WILSON replied that there are 2 students out in the field; next year there will be 4. We are doing what we can at present. We would like to see more done. We are always looking for ways to increase education. SENATOR THANE: If family physicians were trained would they be able to recognize symptoms. DR. WILSON: Yes, you are often dealing with depression. If the family doctor recognizes it telemedicine can be linked up with psychiatrist. SENATOR LEE: It is important to see how long term/ hospice works and what happens as life ends. It is no failure of the doctor when a patient dies; it is an eventual happening in life. DR. WILSON: Physicians need to be made comfortable with patient dying. We must teach them how not to shy away. SENATOR DEMERS: Should this include all primary care practice?

The hearing was closed on HCR3001.

Discussion commenced. SENATOR DEMERS moved to amend page 1, line 2 "primary care replacing general practice and family". SENATOR FISCHER seconded it. As a point of discussion SENATOR MUTZENBERGER related several instances in his ministry that would also benefit from training in this field.

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Roll call vote carried 6-0-0. The amendment was adopted. SENATOR DEMERS moved a DO
PASS AS AMENDED. SENATOR LEE seconded it. Roll call vote carried 6-0-0. SENATOR
MUTZENBERGER will carry the bill.

Date: 3/8/99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3001

Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number Amendment

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By Sen DeMers Seconded By Sen Fischer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Page 1 - line 2 primary care replacing
general practice + family practice.

Date: 3/8/99
Roll Call Vote #: 2

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3007

Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as Amended consent Calendar

Motion Made By Sen DeMers Seconded By Sen Lee

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Mutzenberger

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3001: Human Services Committee (Sen. Thane, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3001 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, replace "general practice and family practice" with "primary care"

Page 1, line 19, replace "general practice and family practice" with "primary care"

Renumber accordingly

1999 TESTIMONY

HCR 3001

From: Shelly Peterson@ndltca on 01/05/99 09:12 PM

To: Clara Sue Price/NDLC/NoDak@NoDak

cc:

Subject: HCR's 3001 and 3004

Dear Chairman Price:

I see from the hearing schedule that your committee will be reviewing HCR's 3001 and 3004 on January 6, 1999. I am sorry but I will be in D.C. on January 5 & 6, 1999 and will be unable to attend the hearing. Normally I would have tried to get some written testimony to the committee but I'm already finding myself behind. Please accept these brief comments. The NDLTCA is on record supporting HCR's 3001 and 3004 and urges your committee's support. These two resolutions are supported by the Taskforce on LTC Planning and the Interim Budget Committee on Long Term Care. Swing Beds were not studied by the Taskforce on Long Term Care Planning and feel the study resolution will help address some unresolved issues. Thanks for the opportunity to send these brief comments. I will be at the Capitol Thursday and Friday and will try to contact you to see if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Shelly Peterson

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 1999**

Fred Larson
State Department of Health

Chairman Price and members of the committee, I am Fred Larson of the Department of Health. I am here to testify on behalf of the Task Force on Long Term Care Planning in favor of HCR 3001.

The Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly passed HCR 3004, which was subsequently adopted for study by the Legislative Council. HCR 3004 called for, among many other things, a study of the adequacy of geropsychiatric services, referencing a plan to provide outreach support for nursing homes, and identifying the State Hospital as a potential source for those support services. I was assigned chairmanship of a committee charged by the Task Force on Long Term Care Planning with this investigation. Membership of this committee is included in Appendix B of the Task Force Report you have received today.

We noted that mental health services are far less accessible than optimum, particularly in rural North Dakota. Several national studies suggest that as high as sixty percent of the total persons affected by mental disorders seek treatment in primary care settings. Rural and frontier primary care practitioners tend to play an even larger role according to these studies. The Task Force identified several options for helping to remedy this situation, some of which are already under way and really only need some administrative "tweaking" to bring to fruition. The recommendations for administrative action are found on Page 22 of the Task Force Report.

One specific recommendation for legislative action adopted by the Task Force is embodied in HCR 3001:

Consider a legislative study resolution to explore expansion of psychiatric and geropsychiatric training for general practice and family practice physicians at the UND School of Medicine.

The purpose of this recommendation is to enhance, if possible, the mental health service capacity of primary care providers in rural North Dakota. The Interim Budget Committee on Long-Term Care extended the resolution to include nurse practitioners and physician's assistants as well as physicians. I request your favorable consideration of HCR 3001.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. I will be happy to address any questions from the committee.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 1999

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