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HB 1167

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1167

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 12, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Laura B. Fente</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HB 1167. A Bill for an act to amend and reenact section 24-02-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the amount of department of transportation education financial aid and to expand eligible areas of study.

Tom Freier, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation spoke on this bill introduced at the request of the Department of Transportation. See a copy of his testimony attached.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman: (3862) Are you currently able to find the 'kick-in' for the funds available?

Tom Freier: Yes. If I may expand, I think the increase in federal funding to the State of North Dakota has been about 50%. The is true of everybody else in the country and there programs are much larger than ours. The stress on the labor is greater there, thus we find folks who come to us leave and go to Minnesota or to Missouri or to New Jersey. We have difficulty in retention. But

we need as first step is to look at the recruitment. We would like to give our people in our Universities more of an incentive.

Rep. Polcat - Vice Chairman have you ever had problems in getting financial aid back due to the increased funding or are you 100% recovered?

Bob Evans, Human Resources Department of the DOT, I can't tell you for sure -- I know that we have very little difficulty with the repayment procedures through contacts by members of my staff. If we have problems we can turn that over to a collection agency, but it is not a big problem.

Rep. Thorpe (4184) Do you have any percentages of the number of students who take advantages of the program that go to work for the department? Or who works for the department for a short time and then goes on to take a different position or in other words what is the retention?

Bob Evans: Again I don't have the details but I would say that we retain 60 or 70%.

Rep. Ruby: Mr. Freier, I have problem of leaving out the specifications for civil engineers, civil engineering technology, geology, --- to reword it to meet the needs of the department. What other disciplines are you in need ?

Tom Freier: They are many, the purpose of that language is to reflect the current needs at any given time. Currently, we have a problem in the information technology area -- we also have problem in finding mechanics? The purpose of that language is to give the department some flexibility at a year or two or several years down the line.

Rep. Thoreson: (4425) You mention mechanics, just what you talking about there?

Are we talking about some special type of mechanic -- diesel mechanics, or ?

Tom Freier: They are folks who work in our district offices, we have about three per district.

They work on all of our snow plow trucks - diesel or otherwise.

Rep. Thoreson: (4545) Apparently they have to get their course work at institutions of higher learning?

Tom Freier: Yes and Whapeton does provide it.

Bob Evans: The day of the shade tree mechanic is past, at least for our organization we do need to hire individuals who have the training to be able to understand the electronics, the hydraulics, and those systems necessary to keep our equipment operating.

Rep. Thoreson: Does this training have to be done in state to get this funding?

Bob Evans: The training does not have to be at one of our institutions.

Rep. Thoreson: There are schools for mechanics but not higher education such as Hansons Trade school.

Bob Evans: I don't know if we could approve a course at the Hanson Trade school or not. My thought is we could if the program would meet the standards of studies we have.

Rep. Thoreson: Maybe that wording 'higher education' shouldn't be in there.

Bob Evans: I may have to look at that and get back to you.

Tom Freier: We will have to study that. All of these areas the sophistication is so much greater than the past. Those pieces of equipment are very expensive and we need to be able to fix them.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman: Rep. Thoreson, the current law says the education must occur in the State.

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Rep. Pollert - Vice Chairman: (4978) For these financial programs, do you have a set of guidelines? And what particular programs you are looking for? An do you also have an approval process where someone would have his A-okay and that you have checked his credentials and whatever?

Bob Evans: We do solicit verifications from the students. We do insure they are enrolled in the course of study before we provide the dollars to them through the institutions financial aid office. We also do follow up to make sure they are continuing to participate and maintaining satisfactory grade levels.

There being no one else wishing to appear for or in opposition the HB 1167 Chairman Weisz closed the hearing for testimony. (5020 - end of Side 1 Tape 1).

Discussion followed. (Tape 1 side B meter at about 2300).

Rep. Carlson: I move a 'Do Pass' on HB 1167.

Rep. Mahoney: I second that motion.

Roll call vote: 14 aye 0 nay 0 absent

Rep. Hawken was assigned to carry the bill on the floor.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/26/2000

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1167

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures				\$20,000		\$20,000
Appropriations				\$20,000		\$20,000

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

Current law allows the expenditure of \$10,000 annually for the scholarship program. The proposed legislation doubles the amount to \$20,000 annually.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

This legislation would increase the DOT expenditures for scholarships by \$20,000 per biennium.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Because this legislation would increase the DOT expenditures by \$20,000 per biennium, the DOT appropriation would likewise need to be increased by \$20,000.

Name:	Bob Evans	Agency:	NDDOT
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Phone Number: 84365

Date Prepared: 12/27/2000

Date: 01/12/01
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1167

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Carlson Seconded By Rep. Mahoney

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Howard Grumbo	✓	
Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman	✓		John Mahoney	✓	
Al Carlson	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt	✓	
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Elwood Thorpe	✓	
Kathy Hawken	✓				
Roxanne Jensen	✓				
RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓				
Clara Sue Price	✓				
Dan Ruby	✓				
Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Hawken

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 12, 2001 11:38 a.m.

Module No: HR-03-0935
Carrier: Hawken
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1167: Transportation Committee (Rep. Welsz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1167 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1167

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-2-01

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Suzette Schaf</i>			

Minutes: **HB 1167** relates to the amount of department of transportation educational financial aid and to expand eligible areas of study.

No one present to testify.

Hearing closed.

Senator Mutch motions to Do Not Pass. Seconded by Senator Espegard. Roll call taken. 4-0-2.

Senator Mutch is carrier.

Senator Mutch motions to reconsider HB 1167. Seconded by Senator Espegard. Voice vote.

5-0-1.

Hearing reopened on HB 1167 on 3-2-01.

Tom Frier: (NDDOT; Supports) See attached testimony.

Senator Stenchjem: Can you provide us with when these people received the scholarships?

Tom Frier: Some folks may have gone back to further their education. Most received this aid while in college.

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Senator Espegard: How many years do they have to work for you to not have to pay back the loan?

Tom Frier: As many years as life of loan is. So if have 3 years worth of aid, you would have to work for us for three years to not have to pay it back. This is another tool to help us stay fully staffed. Employees retire and this brings new employees in.

Hearing closed.

Senator Espegard motions to Do Pass. Seconded by Senator Trenbeath. Roll call taken. 6-0-0.

Floor carrier is Senator Mutch.

