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HB 1349

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1349

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date Feb. 8, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature			

Edward D. Clayton

Minutes:

Rep John Nelson: Sponsor/Support HB 1349 to increase agriculture support in schools.

Rep Kenton Onstad: Cosponsor of bill.

Roger Johnson: Agriculture Comm. Written testimony in support.

LeAnn Harner: Ag Coalition Rep. Written testimony in support.

Rep Mark Fritz: We support.

Pat Pins: School Teacher This program would open our eyes to agriculture. We support.

Rep Renner: How many work shops were held?

Pins: There were five.

Wayne Kutzer: State Board Vo. Tech. Ed. We support this also.

Lowell Bernison: We support.

Chairman Nicholas: We'll close the hearing.

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Rep Mueller: I move a do pass with rereferral to Appropriations.

Rep Pietsch: I second.

9 yea, 2 nay, 4 absent

Carrier Rep Nicholas

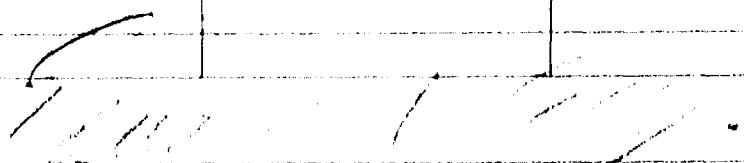
2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1349

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2--8--01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN NICLOLAS: WE WILL OPEN ON HB1349

I want the committees wishes. I want to get this bill off to appropriations.

Mr. Chairman. I move for a DO PASS by Representative Mueller and seconded by Rep.

Pietsch. Is there any discussion.

REPRESENTATIVE BERG: I am putting a protest vote in on this. I think the intent is good and we heard them two years ago as well and we encouraged them to go out a raise money for themselves because we though that Agr. in the classroom was so important and coordinate a lot of different groups. I think this appropriation is going to pay for FTE and not for the class room.

Representative LLOYD: I agree with Rep. Berg.

CHAIRMAN NICHIOLAS: ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

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House Agriculture Committee

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The clerk will take the roll for a RE REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATIONS.

THERE WERE *****10 YES*****2 NO*****3 ABSENT

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS CARRIED THE BILL.

2-8-01

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1309

House AGRICULTURE Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
- or
- Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number RE REFERRAL TO APPROP

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By RENNER Seconded By PIETSCH

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman	✓		Rod Froelich		
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg		✓	Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg			Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury	✓		Sally M. Slandvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner		
Edward H. Lloyd		✓	Dwight Wrangham	✓	
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 2

Absent 3

Floor Assignment NICHOLAS

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

2-8-01

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1349

House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number Re Referral To ADPRON
Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Mueller Seconded By Pietsch

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman	✓		Rod Froelich		
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg		✓	Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg			Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury	✓		Sally M. Standvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner		
Edward H. Lloyd		✓	Dwight Wrangham		
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 9 No 2
Absent 4
Floor Assignment _____

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

2001 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1349

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1349

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 16, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

The committee was called to order, and opened the hearing on HB 1349.

Rep. John Nelson: Here to speak for HB 1349 as the sponsor, which appropriates general fund money for the Ag in the Classroom program. Had written testimony, and read from that.

Chairman Timm: This was a section of law previously, so he assumes money was being spent on this program previously. Is there money now in the Agriculture Commissioner's budget?

Rep. Nelson: The money that is in the Agriculture Commissioner's budget is a spending authority up to \$96,000, that has been raised from private funds. There has been no state general fund money for this program.

Chairman Timm: It looks like the money would be spent just to pay for expenses for the additional four members of the council? Is the \$150,000 to be substituted for the \$96,000 from private donations before

Rep. Nelson: Would defer that question to the department who has a detailed proposal as to how those dollars would be budgeted for. As tot he money, whatever role the state plays for the funding, an effort would need to be made with private industry to compliment that. The \$150,000 total authority is what the program is based on.

Rep. Carlisle: Couldn't the Ag Extension provide some of this service now? Why the bill now.

Rep. Nelson: As Mr. Junkert will explain [no Mr. Junkert ever appeared at the hearing] they have only raised \$11,000 towards this program at this time. They need some reliability in a revenue source. It's a program that has some application in this state. He is disturbed of the growing ignorance in the state of agriculture economy.

Roger Johnson, Agriculture Commissioner: Handed out written testimony. The bill does as you can see two things, it expands the council by four members and it provides an appropriation from the general fund. The council expansion is a direct response from the council members. There is a substantial interest in this program, when we solicited names of persons to serve on the council we had a lot of folks who were nominated. The council believes they could benefit from having a few more people on the council. Primarily council expenses are just about zero. The organizations represented by the members pay the expenses. The appropriation is not for the increased membership on the council. All the council members are volunteers. The program is largely run by volunteers. Does want to refer the committee to the handouts in the pocket folder. A principal reason for the appropriation is for a person to organize a fund raising effort, and a coordinator for the council. The council is also very proud of the AGMACi found in the folder.

Rep. Monson: At the bottom of your first page of testimony you would like to increase the size of the council to have a more true representation of all interested parties. What other interested parties would you be looking at?

Roger Johnson: We have had substantial interest from some commodity groups, and we don't have enough seats to include all commodity groups. We have a selfish interest, in that we think that to give a seat on the council we may have a better chance of getting their money, and the private dollars we are after. We cannot just have commodity groups on the council, because the goal is to get this into the schools. So we have teachers, school board folks, administrators, vocational ed people, etc. We would like to expand it to reach out to some potential funding entities. No examples. The council meets about every couple months, at least 4 times per year. The folder contains some information about the program already in the schools.

Rep. Delzer: Did you include this in your budget request to OMB as part of the base budget or as part of an OAP??

Roger Johnson: I think it was put in as part of the optional enhancement request package. In our budget meetings, we did highlight this as a different bill coming before the legislature.

Rep. Delzer: It was put in and denied by OMB? [response not understood].

Rep. Koppelman: You talk about the potential of various groups having seats on the council, and their potential to participate financially, could that underwrite this \$150,000, or does it need to be taxpayer dollars?

Roger Johnson: Some of both. There would be some synergy that would come with having a stable funding source, and a coordinator. That is the goal of the council is to get the coordinator. My office cannot continue to do this because they have full time jobs. There is not an FTE request, and my presumption is that the council would contract with some entity to

provide this coordination service. Just a presumption, and the council has not made that decision yet. We so expect that if there is a coordinator one of their jobs would be to follow up on the funding activities. There is a lot to be done.

Rep. Wald: This Food, Land and People, is that a video?

Roger Johnson: It is a curriculum that goes into the schools.

Rep. Wald: Why can't we take the curriculum and send it to the schools and tell them to implement it into the system.

Roger Johnson: There is much more to Ag in the Classroom than just that.

Rep. Delzer: There is nothing currently that would restrict the council from hiring a consultant if they wanted to use some of their money to do that now is there?

Roger Johnson: The only restriction is that we don't have the money.

Rep. Skarphol: I believe in the last biennium you had spending authority for \$96,000 if you could raise it. You told us you raised \$11,000. What was spent?

Roger Johnson: If you look at page 4 of the annual report found in the pocket folder, you will see a budget summary breakdown.

Rep. Skarphol: Didn't you buy or receive a semitrailer that you fixed up and moved around the state.

Roger Johnson: Yes. If you look at line 3, under expenses, its the Ageitement learning lab. It was a FEMA trailer from the Grand Forks flood. The cost was pretty much related to buying materials. The Youth Correctional Center did the restoration, and other costs were volunteer.

LeAnn Harner: Landowner who lives in Oliver County in the Center area, and she represents the Ag Coalition on the Ag in the Classroom Council, and some may know me as the

Executive Director of the Landowners Association of ND (LAND). She supports HB 1349. She asks the committee how many people it takes to make a pizza. (She then explains how a teacher may expand on this, and what the children may learn). She explains the teaching curriculum from Food, Land, and People. They make agriculture real to the kids, and give them pride. We produce food, and end products. We can't ship this out and have the teachers do it, because they have not all grown up on a farm. They do not all understand all the background necessary. What the council has done, last year the council did 8 different workshops for teachers, to help teach them to use this curriculum. We finally make the local North Dakota connection. They want just once person to be the central coordinator to pull all the resources together. We have done a lot of things on our own, and a lot with volunteers. We put out the AgMag with volunteer and donated money. The only way we can move ahead at this point is with state dollars.

Chairman Timm: How long has this council been in effect?

LeAnn Harner: Its been in place in one form or another since 1985. Because it has never received state funding, it's received budget authority but never any state dollars, the program's recent activity is because of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Rep. Warner: Can you give some indication of upper grade limits of the curriculum?

LeAnn Harner: The lessons relate to various grades, and we will go up through high school. But we are primarily dealing with grade school students.

Doug Vanruden: Assistant supervisor for ag education. I work for the state board for vocational technical education. I represent the vocational technical education on the council for Ag in the Classroom. Agriculture education in ND takes many roads. We work with over 80 high school programs that have agriculture instructors and FFA chapters. We work with 12 college university programs that have agriculture programming, and 19 adult farm management

