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House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 31, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Cornie Easton</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Price, Vice Chairman Devlin, Rep. Dosch, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Klein, Rep. Pollert, Rep. Porter, Rep. Tieman, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Weisz, Rep. Cleary, Rep. Metcalf, Rep. Niemeier, Rep. Sandvig

Chairman Price: Open hearing on HB 1360.

Rep. Jensen: Introduced HB 1360 at the request of the Board of Nursing.

Chairman Price: This is not the only medical provider shortage we are looking at, do you have any thoughts on that?

Rep. Jensen: Certainly this is just one part of the puzzle.

Rep. Gulleason: I would like to provide my support. There is a great shortage of nursing. I think a center for nursing would bring all these issues together.

Chairman Price: Is there not the emphasize in the unlversities for nursing programs the way there used to be?

Rep. Gulleason: This session there are a couple of issues that are really hot, funding for teachers and the nursing shortage.

Rep. Galvin: There is already a Board of Nursing, is there not?

Rep. Gulleason: Right now the board does licensure, they don't do data collection.

Rep. Devlin: I would think that would be something the State Board of Nursing would provide.

Rep. Gulleason: This would be something else that could be added.

Mary Smith: President, Nurses Association. (See support of HB 1360 in written testimony.)

Offered amendment to the bill. I am speaking on behalf of the Nurses Association and I am here to talk about the need to develop a plan to ensure an adequate supply of nurses in North Dakota.

Rep. Pollert: Why couldn't the current Board of Nursing have their own advisory counsel in order to address these issues?

Mary Smith: We are looking at data the Board of Nursing is not collecting.

Rep. Niemeier: Do you think this center could make an impact on nurses salaries?

Mary Smith: We would look at this issue.

Chairman Price: Explain the associations function. What incentives does the profession look for as an association to keep members in North Dakota?

Mary Smith: In terms of our membership we do collect basic data such as educational level of the member that is joining, where they live, where they work. Those kinds of issues.

Chairman Price: How large is the membership?

Mary Smith: About 10% of the nurse population.

Rep. Niemeier: Is it true that the nursing school has enrollment limits?

Mary Smith: Yes, we admit 32 students per year.

Rep. Niemeier: Are there waiting lists?

Mary Smith: Yes, we have offered a variety of ways to address some of those issues.

Rep. Weisz: Is there anything from preventing you from sitting down with the medical providers to settle this issue.

Mary Smith: No.

Rep. Weisz: Wouldn't this legislation open those same questions as you presented as far as data base work related issues?

Mary Smith: This is a new center we are developing and I am not able to answer some of your questions.

Senator T. Mathern: I am here in support of this bill. There is considerable debate in the Senate regarding nursing issues in North Dakota. Passage of this bill would add creditability to debates we have in the future about nursing care in North Dakota. I encourage you to pass this bill.

Constance Kalanek: Executive Director, North Dakota Board of Nursing. (See written testimony.) The North Dakota Board of Nursing believes the data base center is a proactive approach to project future needs in the work place. The board appreciates your support of HB 1360.

Rep. Porter: What currently would stop Board of Nursing from doing this project?

Constance Kalanek: At this point in time we do not have enough staff, administrative support, or the dollars to implement this center. Currently our only funding is licensure.

Rep. Porter: The bill could really state "to give authority to the Board of Nursing" to do the data management and study the problem and authorize them to raise nursing licenses by \$15 a year in order to fund this.

Constance Kalanek: Certainly that would be a possibility. Right now we're looking at a \$10 increase per renewal cycle.

Rep. Porter: With this \$10 fee increase, what is licensing cost now?

Constance Kalanek: The current license renewal fee for the registered nurse is \$60. The increase would be \$70 and that is for a two year renewal cycle.

Rep. Porter: Part of the discussion stems around the nursing shortage in rural North Dakota, and also it comes back to wages. Where would you see additional funding coming from to provide increase in salaries?

Constance Kalanek: Rather than focusing on just salaries, work force issues also need to be addressed from the employee's perspective.

Rep. Weisz: Why aren't health care providers already doing this, it is a benefit to them. I am curious why there is silence on the part of the health care providers.

Constance Kalanek: There seems to be a resistance in disclosing some of that information. They aren't governed by open records. The Board of Nursing is governed by open records. So obtaining this information has been problematic.

Chairman Price: Do you know how much data BRAD has regarding some of these shortage situations or level of care?

Constance Kalanek: I don't have this information.

Rep. Metcalf: The last sentence of your testimony it says "the committee consider expansion of the data center to include all health care professionals". If center was expanded to include this information, would this board have input? Would they take that data from all professional or would they consider that each health profession would have their separate board?

Constance Kalanek: I would defer to Nurses Association for answering your question.

Mary Smith: Response to Rep. Metcalf's question. No information is available at this time.

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Jessie Lapp: Junior Nursing Student. (See written testimony.) I am concerned about the future of myself and all other nursing students. We urge a DO PASS.

Porter Rep.: What would keep you in North Dakota?

Jessie Lapp: Mainly my family and small town atmosphere.

Rep. Porter: What would make you move to say move to Elgin - would you go there if you needed a job?

Jessie Lapp: Depends on salary and what benefits they offer.

Chairman Price: Close hearing on HB 1360

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1360 A

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Hearing Date February 7, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1	X		0 to 1620
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Corinne Easton</i>			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE WORK: (All Committee Members Present.)

CHAIRMAN PRICE: HB 1360.

REP. PORTER: HB 1360 deals with the ongoing situation of rural under employment, and it deals with not only one specific sector of the population, but many sectors of the population. In looking at what is to be accomplished through this study, the Board of Nursing could easily undertake some of these responsibilities and get this done for their particular sector. I proposed some amendments to 1360. The \$140,000 fiscal note and being almost \$40,000,000 in the hole with the budget, I know that this is not going to be a very high priority from the Appropriations standpoint. I do realize there is a concern out there with this employment sector, and something needs to be done. The easiest thing to do would be to give the Board of Nursing the authority to do exactly what they want to do. Instead of creating a new board or a new center for nursing,

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just allow the Board of Nursing to address the issues of supply and demand for nurses and all the issues that are currently on this. (Explained amendments.) I would present that for discussion.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: (Discussed amendments.)

REP. KLEIN: In 1196 we're putting a study in there that addressed rural elderly problem - \$241,000. Are they addressing this in that bill as part of that?

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Only as it pertains to the elderly.

REP. PORTER: 1196 also has the loan program for rural communities.

CONSTANCE KALANEK: Executive Director, N.D. Board of Nursing. (Discussed Rep. Porter's proposed amendments and asked for consideration in other areas: recognition board and renewal activities, recognize in the studies both the review and study the nursing education requirements in North Dakota and to study nursing shortage, change in license fee, and adding an accountability section.) The Board of Nursing will report on the progress of the study to the Interim Budget Committee on Health Care and will provide a final report in 2007 Legislative Assembly.

REP. PORTER: In the accountability section, I would hate to think that we waited for six years to get the first answer of what is going on. Maybe there should be a report that is submitted annually to Legislative Council to talk about the progress.

CONSTANCE KALANEK: That certainly would be fine.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: My earlier understanding with you was that the progress would be something in the interim. I think Legislative Council would be a better wording in case we don't have a Budget Committee on Health Care. Dr. Kalanek, are you comfortable with the bill?

CONSTANCE KALANEK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: What are the wishes of the committee?

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REP. WEISZ: I would like to move the amendments.

REP. KLEIN: Second

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Further discussion? All in favor of amendment signify by say Aye (14 Yes). Also committee, I talked with Dr. Kalanek about the fact that we have the rural needs assessment and possibly they would be able to help with that in providing on areas for the long-term care. We have an amended bill, what are your wishes?

REP. CLEARY: I move a DO PASS.

REP. METCALF: Second.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Discussion?

REP. NIEMEIER: The North Dakota Nurses Association apparently hasn't had any input in these changes. Should we be hearing from them?

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Because they put the board right in the middle of it, is the reason Dr. Kalanek is here.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Further discussion? Seeing none I will have the clerk read the roll on a **DO PASS as amended.**

14 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT CARRIED BY REP. WEISZ

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/16/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: Engrossed
 HB 1360

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				\$165,000		\$165,000
Appropriations				\$165,000		\$165,000

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.*

The establishment of a Data Center to implement a nursing needs study requires an administrator plus technical support for data collection and analysis. Board of Nursing will use request for proposal (RFP) process for the nursing needs studies.

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.*

Non-revenue producing

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.*

Administrator - .5 FTE, Research Project Director - .5 FTE, Technical Support - 1 FTE

9 Board Member per diem plus expenses

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.

May increase licensure or registration fees up to \$15.00 to support the research project and reimburse board for actual expenses.

The board may also research other possible sources of funding for the project .

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