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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3050

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 21, 2001

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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 HCR 3050.

Rep. Sandvig: Presented bill. I introduced the study resolution because after sitting on this committee for my fourth session I've seen how big the Department of Human Services is, and I think it could use a little bit of realigning. People have been in there for years and years. I talked to other several states like Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, Texas and Utah - all have put their Medicaid Department under the Department of Health and also their Aging Service Division. Part of the reason for that was they found that it has helped especially the elderly people to go in and apply for Medicaid if they need it and not think they are getting an entitlement program. They think the Department of Human Services is all entitlement programs. Some of the other

states like California, Wisconsin, and Wyoming that have had this in the past. The letter I have passed out from the State of Michigan tells how they went about realigning their departments. It seems it worked well for them. This originally was going to be a bill draft and it was decided it was a little too much to try to tackle in this session, so I thought we could look at it during the interim.

Chairman Price: I share some of your frustrations. I'm just not real optimistic as to what we can accomplish as we had that study in the previous interim that we spent \$90,000 on that didn't get anywhere. Do you foresee this being handled in a different way, like from a different direction? Any suggestions on how you think we can make this work?

Rep. Sandvig: I would just hope they would be more open to doing this. It seems like we need to do something. I don't see why we have to spend an awful lot of money on it and get an outside entity to see what needs to be done. I think that the departments could come in and talk about what's going on, like maybe this one could be combined with that one. The reason I gave up on the bill was that I found out that so many of the different departments are tied together. Aging Services is hooked in with the Human Service Centers. To try to tear them apart may be a bit difficult. We can try for the study resolution.

Rep. Tieman: How many employees are there in the Human Services Department?

Rep. Sandvig: I'm not sure.

Chairman Price: It is in excess of 2,000. Just for an example, Rep. Tieman, there is either 27 or 29 separate children's programs within the state. A lot of times they are kept separate because of the funding - the way the federal monies come in. It is very frustrating that we can't be a little bit more seamless.

Rep. Tieman: How does that compare to 10 years ago?

Chairman Price: There has been a lot of changes in the last 20 years. That was when the Aging Service Centers came. If it worked right, I think it would be a lot of pluses, but I don't think it is working right.

Vice Chairman Deylin: I would like to lend support to Rep. Sandvig's resolution. I would like the committee to at least consider moving some of the divisions from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Health or other agencies where it better serves the people of North Dakota. If we present this study for consideration, I think that it should be amended that way.

Chairman Price: Are you planning on preparing amendments before we act on this resolution.

Vice Chairman Deylin: I think we can amend it in committee very quickly. I will provide wording for that or it may be broad enough that we don't have to. When I originally talked about it with Rep. Sandvig she was talking about moving some of it to the Department of Health, and I think that is an idea that should at least be explored. That maybe too often we get into turf protection more than we do service and I think it would be appropriate for us to take a look at that.

Senator Fischer: I am here to support HCR 3050. I think that the department has some issues that we should be taking a look at.

Chairman Price: On this one we are pretty much taking a look at the elderly and disabled, do you think we should confine our first look at a couple of areas. If we do the whole thing, it is too much to chew.

Senator Fischer: Yes, rather than the whole department because it would take more than an interim to do that. Developmentally disabled should be looked at as well.

Chairman Price: What about adding Vocational Rehab?

Senator Fischer: That as well.

Chairman Price: Those two are pretty close.

Senator Fischer: I don't think that would take an awful lot more to do. Those I would certainly support as well.

Chairman Price: They have the same director. We will close the hearing on HCR 3050

COMMITTEE WORK:

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Let's go to HCR 3050.

VICE CHAIRMAN DEVLIN: Some suggestions that I would have would that on the end of line 2 where it says "Department of Human Services" put a comma "or moving some divisions or functions to the Department of Health or other state agencies". That gives us the flexibility we're talking about. It may not be the Department of Health, it may be somebody else that we think could do it better. On line 8, I would change the word "would" to "might". I would eliminate "if the department offered a one stop access to services" and replace with "restructuring". On line 9, I would take out the words "the realignment of divisions within" and change to read "whereas a study of".

CHAIRMAN PRICE: (More discussion on amendment.)

REP. WEISZ: I will move the amendment.

REP. TIEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: We have an amended bill. All those in favor signify by saying Aye (14 Yes).

REP. WEISZ: I will move a Do Pass as amended.

REP. TIEMAN: Second.

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CHAIRMAN PRICE: We will take a voice vote on this bill for a **DO PASS** as amended.

14 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT CARRIED BY REP. SANDVIG

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HCR 3050

HOUSE HS

2-20-01

Page 1, line 2, after "Services" insert "or moving some divisions or functions to the Department of Health or other state agencies"

Page 1, line 8, replace "would" with "may" and replace "if the department offered a "one-stop" access to services" with "through restructuring"

Page 1, line 9, replace the first "the" with "a study of", remove the first "of", and replace "within" with "and restructuring"

Page 1, line 14, after "Services" insert "or moving some divisions or functions to the Department of Health or other state agencies"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2.21.01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Subcommittee on _____
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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS ^{The Amendment} ~~as Amended~~

Motion Made By Weisz Seconded By Tiemman

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price, Chairman	✓		Rep. Audrey Cleary	✓	
Rep. William Devlin, V, Chairman	✓		Rep. Ralph Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Mark Dosch	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓		Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Wayne Tieman					
Rep. Dave Weiler					
Rep. Robin Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2-21-01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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Action Taken DO PASS AS AMENDED

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Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price, Chairman	✓		Rep. Audrey Cleary	✓	
Rep. William Devlin, V, Chairman	✓		Rep. Ralph Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Mark Dosch	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓		Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Wayne Tieman	✓				
Rep. Dave Weiler	✓				
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Sandvig

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3050: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3050 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Minutes:

REPRESENTATIVE SALLY SANDVIG, Sponsor, introduced resolution. Maybe something needs to be done to restructure Human Services Department. They are growing bigger all the time and have the largest budget in the state. Several other states have done this. Aging services, alcohol and substance abuse have been put in Dept. of Health. SENATOR MATERN: Does this make elderly deal with more agencies? REP SANDVIG: All aging services would be in the Dept. Of Health. One stop at Dept. Of Health for all elderly. The idea is to have a study to untangle projects from Dept. Of Human Services.

REPRESENTATIVE DEVLIN, cosponsor of bill, offered comments. This is no reflection on the Dept of Human Services, but confusion results to the people of ND. The department has gotten so big.

No more testimony. The hearing was closed on HCR 3050.

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Discussion ensued. SENATOR FISCHER moved a DO PASS. SENATOR ERBELE seconded the motion. Discussion. Roll call vote carried 5-0-1. SENATOR FISCHER will carry the bill.

Date: 3/13/01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Fischer Seconded By Sen Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Lee, Chairperson	✓		Senator Polovitz	✓	
Senator Kilzer, Vice-Chairperson	✓		Senator Mathem	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Fischer

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