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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1041

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1041

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date January 21, 2003

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Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the hearing on HB 1041. All members of the committee were present.

Roxanne Weste Fiscal Analyst for Legislative Council, went through HB 1041.

Chancellor Larry Isaak testified in favor of HB 1041. Please see prepared testimony.

Rep. Wald On the bottom of page 2, it says the decision is still left to each legislature. Am I to assume that that means that the 05-07 would have to go through this same exercise?

Chancellor Isaak No, what I am referring to there is whether the appropriations are made by campus or lump sum to the board. In 97 part of the appropriation was lump sum to the board for allocation at that time. After that, the legislation in 99-01 appropriated everything by campus. The governor of this session has proposed lump summing everything to the board. The legislature is going to decide whether it does that or does it by campus. I would imagine the 05,

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07, 09 and so forth, that's an issue that may or may not come up, but there is a decision made to appropriate by campus or lump sum to the board by every session.

Rep. Aarsvold The concern I have about this legislation has to do with how we, as the elected representatives of the people out there, respond to questions about the impact of this on their individual institutions.

Chancellor Isaak HB 1041, passing it does not mean that you are passing a bill that says you are lump summing appropriations to the board. It just says you are going to appropriate in two line items, one for Operations and Capital Assets. You still do that by each institution if you wanted to do that. In terms of the lump sum issue, the board has taken a position to support that proposal that has been made by the governor. The board has a long term financing plan that it spent a lot of time developing that it was asked to develop that puts objectivity into the allocation of those funds. It does provide to keep a certain level of parity for every institution. In the end there is an objective process of allocating the funds that the board would put into place to do.

Rep. Wald On your yellow handout on page 2, it states eliminating restrictions on pay practices. Could you expand on that?

Chancellor Isaak That is not in any of these bills. That was in a bill last session. None of that is embodied in 1041 and 1042. There was a specific bill introduced on that issue last session that did not pass, and OMB has another bill in this session to clarify some of the reporting procedures that state agencies have to use on reporting of bonuses and incentives. It is our recommendation to do away with that legislation because it sends a signal as they are called an irregularity in statute. It doesn't provide a lot of incentive to manage things when people have to take on

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additional work load and so forth and then you have to come back to the legislature and report that as an irregularity. That is what that line referred to, it is not legislation.

Rep. Wald Do you recall the bill number last session and what was the rationale?

Chancellor Isaak I don't recall, but I could look that up and let you know.

Roxanne Weste directed the committee to look at the memorandum she handed out on page 2, for the bill the chancellor was referring to.

Chairman Martinson closed the hearing on HB 1041.

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Introduced by Legislative Council
 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-44.1-04 and 54-44.1-06 of the Nor
 Century Code, relating to budget requests and block grant appropriations for the Nor
 university system; and to declare an emergency.

01/07 House Introduced, first reading, (emergency), referred Appropriations **HJ 2**
 01/21 House Committee Hearing 08:30
 02/05 House Request return from committee **HJ 339**
 Withdrawn from further consideration **HJ 339**

http://www.state.nd.us/lr/assembly/58-2003/bill_actions/BA1041.html

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