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2003 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1308

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1308

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-31-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		32.6-end
1		x	0-5.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joseph Renke</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Klein: called the hearing to order on HB 1308. All committee members were present.

Representative Gulleon: was present and gave testimony in favor of HB 1308. Gave out testimony from Linda Lembke who could not be here today (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

HB 1308 will raise the limits on grants to be accepted in this state. We ask our agencies to look more and more toward outside sources for funding. And I've introduced this bill in an effort to lower some of the barriers so that outside grants and other sources of funding can be accepted with the least amount of bureaucratic hoops. Writing competitive grants is tough work, they require a tremendous amount of time, planning, cooperation, between many multiple groups. When you receive them it is a very big deal, we had a situation last fall that was particularly disappointing to the child care community in the state. They had written a very large competitive grant at the national level, ended up receiving the grant and then for a time lost it because of

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some of the hoops that we have in place in the barriers in this state, had to go to the emergency commission for approval. The current limit is \$50,000, well in reality you don't write many grants for \$50,000 anymore. You are usually writing grants upwards \$200-\$300 thousand dollars. That is just the way it is. There are about 10 different groups at all levels in the state working on it, including the Dept. of Human Services. Really what this bill will do is it raises the limit from 50,000 to 500,000 and then we have added a provision there which I think gives us a certain amount of security if you will. On page 2 a new section 2 has been added to make sure everybody is in the loop on this.

Lori Heiber, Voices for North Dakota's Children: appeared in favor of HB 1308. (SEE

ATTACHED TESTIMONY).

Representative Williams: will this solve the problem that almost buried on this 324,000 dollar grant?

Lori Heiber: not only will it solve it, but it was embarrassing I must say to find out that our state lost that to Delaware, who was last in the grant application, and they got the money, fortunately though, with our great Representatives of the state, we were able to get that back .

Al Jaeger, Sec. of State, Emergency Commission: I'm mainly coming in my secretarial functions in terms of this particular bill, and I can answer some questions.

The situation really did not have to do with the process of Emergency Commission in the budget section, The Dept. of Human Services was under the full understanding that they could follow our normal approval process, and all of a sudden on the 11th hour, they said no they cannot wait for that process.

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There are provisions in it that do allow the Emergency Commission to except funds when ever there is a threat of financial loss to the state. Had we known that in time, Emergency Commission could have met and could have received those monies. There was a misunderstanding and thats all there was, and yet the Emergency Commission caught a lot of heat. The intent of this bill I do understand what they are attempting to do. I do however need to make the committee aware that HB 1421 is a bill that is being heard by the House Appropriations Committee that I spoke in, that will establish the language consistent of across that chapter the language would hit. Those funds could have been accepted, but we weren't given that chance because of the timing. This bill would not have made any difference because we already had the laws in place to accept those funds. Other funds that come from private foundations that money is received under the provisions of this chapter, anything that comes from the federal government is actually received under the chapter specific to federal funds, again all of those things are being addressed in HB 1421.

Representative Winrich: when was the 50,000 dollar limit put into statute, how old is it?

Al Jaeger: yes I do, 1995 Legislature, changed that law.

Here ends testimony.

Hearing closed.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1308

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-07-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		51.5-end
2		x	0-11.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>James Romick</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Klein: opened the hearing on HB 1308. All committee members were present.

Representative Winrich: made a motion to **AMEND** HB 1308 as presented.

Representative Potter: **SECOND** the amendment to HB 1308.

Representative Winrich: moved to **DO PASS AS AMENDED** HB 1308 and re-referred to appropriations.

Representative Potter: **SECOND** the do pass motion.

Motion carried.

VOTE: 8 YES 6 NO 0 ABSENT.

Representative Winrich: will carry the bill to the floor.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1308 Engrossed

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-14-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-12.7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jody Rucke</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Klein: called the hearing to order on Engrossed HB 1308. All committee members were present.

Representative Klein: stated that appropriations kicked this bill back to us meanwhile, HB 1421 was passed on the 12th of February and what HB 1421 does, I honestly don't believe we need HB 1308. Basically what this bill was trying to do is call it under new language in HB 1421. This bill came about because there was a possibility of something with Human Services missing out on some Federal money. It got into the wrong track as the Secretary of State testified, and got blown out of proportion, it could have been handled but because of the possibility they did put this extra language in HB 1421 saying if there is a possible loss of money, you don't need to go through the budget section. But you still need to go through the Emergency Commission. The appropriations committee doesn't want to lose that control, so they did put that in there.

Representative Winrich: made a motion to **AMEND** Engrossed HB 1308.

Representative Grande: **SECOND** the motion to amend HB 1308.

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Hearing Date 2-14-03

All in favor Motion to amend HB 1308 passed.

Representative Grande: made a **DO NOT PASS** motion on HB 1308.

Representative Sitte: **SECOND** the do not pass motion.

VOTE: 12 YES 2 NO 0 ABSENT.

Representative Klein will carry the bill to the floor.

Meeting adjourned.

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1308 GVA 2-10-03

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Date: 2-7-03

Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1308

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken to Amend 1308 page 2 line 5

Motion Made By Rep Winrich Seconded By Rep Grande

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman M.M. Klein			B. Amerman		
Vice Chairman B.B. Grande			L. Potter		
W.R. Devlin			C. Williams		
C.B. Haas			L. Winrich		
J. Kasper					
L.R. Klemin					
L. Meier					
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Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

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