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2003 HOUSE EDUCATION  
HB 1468

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1468  
House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 28, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Linda Feichtner</i>			

Minutes: **Chairman Kelsch** opened hearing on HB 1468

**Rep. Sandvig, District 21, Fargo, See Attached Testimony**

I am the sponsor of this bill and would like to recommend a DO NOT PASS the reasons why are:

I wanted to go after the medical practitioners who were default n their loans. There is only one person and they are currently trying to collect on the loan.

**Chairman Kelsch** there was another bill that was withdrawn after the hearing, we will pass it our with a do not pass.

**Chairman Kelsch** I found this to be an interesting bill, only for ND residents in the state and how many who no longer live n the state?

**Sandvig:** No I didn't but I spoke with the US Department of Health Services.

**Rep. Haas** motioned a DO NOT PASS, seconded by Rep. Mueller

13-0-1, Rep. Hawken to carry the bill to the floor.

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

House HOUSE EDUCATION H68 Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By Haas Seconded By Mueller

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	✓				
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Haas	✓				
Rep. Hawken	✓				
Rep. Herbel	✓				
Rep. Meier	✓				
Rep. Norland	✓				
Rep. Sitte	✓				
Rep. Hanson	✓				
Rep. Hunsakor	✓				
Rep. Mueller	✓				
Rep. Solberg	✓				
Rep. Williams	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Hawken -

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

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 28, 2003 3:46 p.m.

Module No: HR-16-1229  
Carrier: Hawken  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1468: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS**  
**(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1468 was placed on the**  
**Eleventh order on the calendar.**

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HR-16-1229

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2003 TESTIMONY

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# NORTH DAKOTA

## Taxpayers foot the bill for Defaulted Health Care Providers

Do you know there are 17 defaulted health care providers in North Dakota costing taxpayers \$810,921 ?

These defaulters have failed to repay their DHHS educational loan or service scholarship obligations. Those excluded from participating in Medicare/Medicaid are listed on the reverse.

North Dakota Legislation addressing licensure penalties for defaulted health care providers:

- HB 1286 covers state educational loans only
- nothing pending addressing federal educational loan and service scholarship defaulters

Individuals who default on their federal educational commitments owe the Government a substantial monetary debt. More importantly, needy communities lose the services of essential clinicians when they fail to meet their service obligation. As these defaulters have received the substantial economic benefits of a health professions career education at taxpayer expense, it is imperative that they be required to honor their service/loan obligation.

DHHS is committed to reducing defaults and is pursuing actions against these defaulters. State legislatures are directly involved in approving health professionals for practice in their state. It is our hope that state licensure legislation will motivate defaulters to honor their commitments and will deter other participants from defaulting on their service/loan obligations.

Spin a Web with the Feds - let's work together to get your State's defaulters into repayment. Let's talk licensure!



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Defaulted Borrowers Web Page as of November 2001 North Dakota Defaulters  
http://www.defaulteddocus.dhhs.gov

Last Name	First Name	City	Amount Due
Johansen	Kelly	Devils Lake	\$195,575 (218,000)
Armitage	Sherri	Edgeley	\$48,887

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## Why State Legislatures Should Care about Health Care Defaulters

### taxpayer Liability

As numerous Federal officials have publicly stated, these defaulters have created a taxpayer liability and there needs to be aggressive pursuit of individuals who default on their State and Federal obligations. Health care defaulters owe taxpayers more than \$694 million.

### Public Outrage

Taxpayers are generally outraged when they realize they are being required to foot the educational bill for individuals who have reneged on the repayment obligation of a Federal or State loan or scholarship which gave them access to a career as a health professional.

### Exclusion from Medicare/Medicaid

These defaulters have been excluded from participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and as such, they are unable to practice in many of the neediest and most underserved areas.

### Direct Relation to Health Professional's Ability to Practice

Defaulters would not be practicing health professionals had programs not been available to help finance their education. While it is not possible to "repossess" the education which these programs allowed them to obtain, it is possible to "repossess" the results of that education, i.e., their ability to practice by suspending their licenses.

### Deterrent Effect

It is our expectation that, once a system to take action against licenses of these defaulters is in place, the deterrent effect will be extremely effective. In other words, once these scholarship and loan recipients are aware that default can result in licensure suspension, they will take steps to avoid reaching that point.

### Precedent for Simplified Approach In Other States

Maryland, New York, Georgia, and Texas have enacted legislation that takes a direct approach to suspending or revoking the licenses of scholarship and loan defaulters. Other states have a variety of legislative provisions addressing defaults, but they do not include Federal programs.



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