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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3024

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February ⁵~~4~~, 2003

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Minutes: **Chairman Kelsch** opened HCR 3024

Please refer to HCR 3023, these two HCR were introduced By Rep. Warnke together.

(1809) Rep. Tom Bruegard, District 19

Veterinary services in ND are in trouble, there is a serious shortage. There are not enough vets to serve the individuals around the state. Legislation for a study is beneficial, to establish a school of Veterinary Medicine. Probably will have prohibitive start up costs, But let us not convince ourselves we can't do something until we have looked at it. I have friends of mine who have graduated as doctors from UND and are practicing in ND, The quality of the product they put out is phanamoinal and they are willing to practice in the small towns in ND. Modeling on that concept, in both Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences, practical experience during your education in rural ND is extremely important.

Rep. Herbel Reinforce what you said, My son is a medical doctor and never questioned coming back to ND, and really enjoys it.

Rep. Tom Bruegard: It is the practical experience that is so important.

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Rep. Sitte Are we encouraging our ND students who are in other universities to return to ND?

Rep. Tom Bruegard Through WICHE, there are scholarships, there are problems. I had a neighbor girl who was extremely bright, she was trying to get into Nebraska. There was a problem with the timing of when we allocate money to WICHE and when applications had to be in. As a result she was unable to attend the school of her choice, the school that wanted her, because she didn't have the funds, because we had not appropriated them. Right now our current thinking is if we give them a scholarship they will come back, that is not enough.

Rep. Hanson How many slots do we have? **Rep. Tom Bruegard** 4-6 slots. \$300K per biennium.

Rep. Jon Nelson Another problem is there are 2 segments, large and small animal, obviously the small animal practice, your schedules are more desirable and you are not out at all hours. The large animals are harder to work on. Is there a way to draw the large animal veterinary.

Rep. Tom Bruegard. There is a definite split in the large and small animal practices. My thought on that it there is only a certain number that are going into the field and maybe if we retained half of the people who want to be large animal vets, were are going to make a dent in the problem. It is obvious that small practices are more lucrative then the large animal practices.

Rep. Herbel: what WICHE stands for:

Chairman Kelsch It stands for: Western Institute Commission on Higher Education

Nancy Kopp, ND Veterinary Medical Association

provide some of the information that we gave the appropriations program. There is approx. \$300K for professional exchange for Vet students. Most of them are attending Iowa State, and we basically provide tuition. There is 2 going to Colorado State, and reciprocity agreement with the University of Minnesota. The extreme amount of debt that the students are incurring. Coming

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out of college they are in excess of 100K. If they come back, the average starting salary is 40-50K. Shortage is in rural, large animal veterinary. And the number of women going into the science, they will not come back to ND and practice in the rural areas in large animal.

Rep. Jon Nelson Previous legislation from last year, the scholarship program, requirements to forgive some of the loan, did that pass?

Kopp: The bill was introduced by Sen. Heitkamp to pay back the loan, That is unfair, we don't require UND students to repay any state dollars that we provide, that did not pass.

Rep. Jon Nelson The bill was if they didn't stay in ND they would be required to pay it back.

Rep. Herbel Are there any communities that are attempting to fund a veterinary that will come back and serve that community?

Kopp: The Dickinson area, they would provide a clinic setting, and they can't find a vet.

Rep. Meier Do you have a number of how many doctors we are short of in ND?

Kopp: we have about 3-4 areas without any vets.

Chairman Kelsch When I was a Junior in High School and I was considering either Nursing or Vet Science, and our school counselors discouraged us from going into the field. You can't stay in the state for your college and the debt is so high. Part of it is we need to be educating our counselors at least to tell them where the shortages are and to help the student get into the field.

Rep. Sitte Could we restructure the scholarship program in some way to better entice the students to return to the state. Right now we are giving up 300K in scholarships and no one is returning to the state. If you return the scholarship would be forgiven.

Kopp Again, it is a equity issue. If we require just vets & dentistry students to repay their loans for the amount of money that the state has invested in these students if they don't come back,

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then look at the UND medical students who don't come back.

Chairman Kelsch In Dickinson have they looked at anything creative as far as paying the loans?

Kopp Maybe this can be part of the rural economic development program, I agree with you.

Rep. Haas I don't know that there is anything happening in Dickinson, but in Mott, with the dental service, the doctor is retiring, and they are having a terrible time finding someone to come to Mott, the doctor is willing to give his total facility to a dentist. He is working with the local chamber to do something to get some one there.

Rep. Herbel Community can offer to pay for the schooling if they would guarantee to come back and serve a certain number of years. The young people don't want to serve in the smaller communities, they want to have options. It is going to be difficult to get them in the rural parts of the states. A son-in law in Hettinger said it is not so much getting the doctors, they recruit the spouses so that they are happy to stay.

Chairman Kelsch Is there vet insurance that you can take out **Kopp** yes.

Wade Moser, Stockman's Association

This is not the first time this suggestion has come forward. In 1976, Old West Region Commission looked into a five state, ND, SD, NB, WY, MT creating a vet school for those five states. We were running into a problem getting our students into the other universities. Mainly Kansas, Iowa and Colorado. What happened as a result of that it really opened up the opportunities for the students to get into those three states. They were very restrictive on out-of-state people coming in and it gave our students an opportunity. However over that time period, the opportunity has been taken away from us again by high tuition not enough funds to pay down those costs, and the fact that they had to have a 4. GPA it is very difficult to get in. A

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lot of good ag kids that are to 4.0 and have the desire to be a large animal practitioner. We are asking to have the schools to look at different criteria. Some of the graduates don't want to be in large, and if they do there is a high turnover because of the burnout. They are the only vet in the area and they just can't handle it. The Board of Higher Ed allowed the ND to participate in that study and may have a lot of information from that to get this rolling again. 1981 when they completed the study it was going to cost 29.2M to build a school and furnish the school to get started. I'm thinking we don't want to go it alone, that we want to look at the other states who are having similar problems to do something jointly. The cost, an article sent to me by a veterinarian about rising tuition, U of Minnesota the tuition has doubled in the past two years, 19%, 16% respectively, so an out-of-state student now pays 27,264 per year for school. Iowa had the largest increase, 29%, 32% back to back years and the out of state is 25,600 per year. If you are not accepted into the professional exchange program it is almost impossible to make ends meet on that. We would encourage you to support this and See Attached Testimony what we can come up with.

Opposition: none

closed hearing.

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Minutes: **Chairman Kelsch** recapped the bill, reviewed the amendments proposed,

Rep. Meier made motion to accept amendments, Rep. Norland second

voice vote passed.

Rep. Meier moved a DO PASS as amended, Rep. Sitte seconded.

discussion:

roll vote, Passed 13-0-1, Rep. Hanson will carry the bill to the floor

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HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3024 HEDU 2-12-0

Page 1, line 2, after "System" insert "and of establishing a joint school of veterinary medicine with surrounding states"

Page 1, line 22, after "System" insert "and of establishing a joint school of veterinary medicine with surrounding states"

Renumber accordingly

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