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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3052

House Education Committee
 Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 26, 2003

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

Minutes: **Chairman Kelsch** opened HCR 3052

Rep. Hawken Introduced the bill, This bill is being put in to help solve some of the problems in data collection and the burden of reporting. We put in a lot of different data at different times to different agencies and when visiting with Dan Pullen, who has been involved with technology in our state for many years, he felt that this was one possible way of addressing this to find a method to get everyone on the same page with how we put the information in and how it comes out. It would make everyone's life easier, so that is the reason for this concurrent resolution.

200-400 Dan Pullen, ND Educational Technical Council, See Attached Testimony

Rep. Mueller I think this is a good idea. Another thought occurs to me, we talk about accountability here, but would it make sense for the agency themselves to be accountable for their usage of the required data. It opens up a whole other can of worms, possibly. We have these things come off from agencies, 'we need this information', and then we never hear any more about that. Can we make a case to put some accountability on the agencies for the usage of the data?

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Pullen: Certainly accountability is one of the issues that need to be put on the table with each of these systems. Accountability in the largest sense, has many different facets, and so in terms of how the data is collected and what it is used for and why it is needed, are separate issues under the broad heading of accountability. I think all of those kind of things need to be considered if we are going to have some sort of a interagency approach to this. I agree with you.

Rep. Herbel Is there a wide range in what information is being requested by each of these agency or is it the case of duplication?

Pullen: There is some duplication. But the data that is being collected is voluminous. In other words the data is collected at many different times during the school year and so data does change over time, and the reporting requirements for data at different times during the year is supported by agencies needing to get that data for federal programs and other purposes at different times of the year. So there is some duplication, but by in large the issue is the breathe of the amount of information that is needed and then where that information is located within the school district systems and how hold the pieces they need for this particular report to this particular agency at this particular time in the school year. It is a very complex problem and it is getting worse.

Mary Wahl, North Dakota Council of Education Leaders

We support this resolution. No school district should be required to submit material that is either duplicative or has questionable value. It appears that this one of the main issues that this resolution is going to try to address. Secondly we feel it is very important that the submission format be as user friendly as possible and we have had some experiences with less than friendly submission requirements that you have already dealt with in this session. The comment has been

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made, and I think it is a good one, we hope that this resolution would rise to the top and be selected for a study, however if that is not possible, I would suggest that perhaps the principal people involved in these submission of reports might never the less be able to get together and work through the duplication and eliminate any kind of unnecessary reporting.

Rep. Jon Nelson When members of the administrative staff that you represent notice a report that has some duplication in, and they should be able to work this out with Department of Public Instruction and other sources to work through the process to make a more friendly environment. Are there specific situations where you have had concerns and gone to Department of Public Instruction and have not been able to work it out, or is that just a general statement that you made.

Wahl: My comment was mostly of a general nature, but you do know that there has been incidence of reporting, for example on the compensation report,

Rep. Jon Nelson let's leave that one out.

Wahl: But beyond that I am not aware of any particular reports, beyond the two that you have already dealt with this session. However, I think in any kind of a business, esp. when you have more than one agency, as it states here, you have reports being asked for by Department of Public Instruction, ESPB, the Board for Vocational and Technical Education and the Educational Technology Council, whenever you have those reports you then have an additional problem. You have the requirement that might be within a given agency and then you have more opportunity for duplicative kinds of requests coming from another agency. But finally I would suggest to you, the more civil way of handling problems and more appropriate way of handling them is to say 'If a particular request comes in that is duplicative to be able to discuss with them why is this

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duplicative and solve the issue.

Rep. Jon Nelson One could argue that some administrators don't want to complete the reports, and so the burden of proof should be put on them. There are two sides to every story. I would think there would be some specific instances where you could draw on some examples.

Wahl: I don't have any to offer you at this time. I think that you have a presentation made that indicates the volume of the reports that are required and the duplication that does exist.

OPPOSITION none

Closed hearing on HCR 3052

Rep. Hawken: Just one comment and the reason for putting this in. Part of it is if we can figure out like a place that stores this information so that you don't have to keep putting in things that are standard when you are adding new ones. What can we do big picture wise that would make every ones life easier and making sure the information is reported and can be found easily.

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Hearing Date March 03, 2003

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

Committee work:

Rep. Jon Nelson moved a DO PASS, Rep. Hanson second

discussion: none

roll vote: 13-0-1 Rep. Hawken will carry the bill to the floor.

past and placed on the concent calendar

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Date: 3/03/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3052

House HOUSE EDUCATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number Concert calendar

Action Taken 000 Pass

Motion Made By Nelson Seconded By Hanson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	✓				
Rep. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Haas	✓				
Rep. Hawken	✓				
Rep. Herbel	✓				
Rep. Meier	✓				
Rep. Norland	AB				
Rep. Sitte	✓				
Rep. Hanson	✓				
Rep. Hunskor	✓				
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)
March 3, 2003 4:22 p.m.

Module No: HR-37-3803
Carrier: Hawken
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3052: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3052 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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