

MICROFILM DIVIDER

OMB/RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
SFN 2053 (2/85) 5M



ROLL NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

23/2

2007 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2312

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

Senate Human Services Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 1-23-07

Recorder Job Number: 1640, 1712

Committee Clerk Signature

Mary K Mouson

Minutes:

Senator J. Lee, Chairman, opened the hearing on SB 2312 relating to the alternatives-to-abortion services program; to provide for reports to the legislative council; and to provide an appropriation.

Senator Aaron Krauter (Dist. 31) introduced SB 2312. See attached testimony #1.

Representative Kim Koppleman (Dist. 13) testified that SB 2312 is a continuation of a program that began during the last session. He supports the bill for two reasons. First, the program is really in its infancy and he thinks it needs an opportunity to flourish. Second, there probably is not a more divisive issue than abortion. This is an issue that can bring all the pro life and pro choice people together on the same page. Regardless how a person feels about the issue of abortion he thinks everyone agrees on one thing and that is abortion should be rare.

This bill simply creates an opportunity for counseling for alternatives to abortion to be funded through funds already available in the state from the federal government.

Representative Kerzman (Dist. 31) testified in support of SB 2312 saying that he felt very strongly that this is part of the equation for encouraging people to make the right decisions and do the right things.

Carol Cartledge, (Director of Public Assistance, DHS) provided testimony in support of SB 2312. (Attachment #2)

Senator Warner asked if there are also services available to the fathers with the idea of encouraging them to take responsibility or to form permanent partnerships.

Ms. Cartledge replied that she did not have that information.

Senator Warner said it would be useful to have a short video made of young men who have become fathers unexpectedly. Such a video would be useful to have it available to high school teenage boys.

Christopher Dodson (ND Catholic Conference) testified in support of this program. He commended the department for putting it together. (Meter 15:00) He also added that there are a lot of providers who do have services or programs for men, boyfriends, fathers, husbands.

Stacey Pfliiger (Legislative Director of the ND Right to Life Association) presented testimony in support of SB 2312. (Attachment #3 includes her written testimony, testimony from the First Choice Clinic, testimony from Christian Family Life Services, testimony from the Village Family Service Center in Fargo, and testimony from the Saint Gianna's Maternity Home.)

Senator J. Lee asked if there was a facility in Grafton.

Ms. Pfliiger said there is one in Park River and it is her understanding that they do not receive any funds.

There was no opposing testimony.

Senator J. Lee asked Brenda Weisz, Chief Financial Officer for the Dept. of Human Services) to answer some questions to clarify the funding and where it comes from.

Ms. Weisz answered that the funding source they are looking at for this service would be the temporary assistance for needy families. (Meter 21:40)

Senator J. Lee asked if 100% of the funding is for the block grant.

Ms. Weisz replied that funding for the block grant is 100% federal funds. There is a maintenance of effort requirement that the state has to expend x amount of dollars in state funds in order to continue to draw down the block grant.

Senator Heckaman asked if there is anything tied in to income.

Ms. Weisz said there is no income requirement for this service that meets the objective of formation of families.

Senator J. Lee asked if there is any other claim to the same TANF dollars so that there would be competition for this \$400,000 or is it safe to allocate it.

Ms. Weisz said they would not be taking it away from anywhere else.

The hearing on SB 2312 was closed.

Job #1712

Senator Warner moved a Do Pass on SB 2312.

The motion was seconded by Senator Heckaman.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. Motion carried. Carrier is Senator Heckaman.

Date: 1-23-07

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2312

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken No Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Warner Seconded By Sen. Heckaman

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Senator Joan Heckaman	✓	
Senator Robert Erbele, V. Chair	✓		Senator Jim Pomeroy	✓	
Senator Dick Dever	✓		Senator John M. Warner	✓	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Heckaman

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 23, 2007 4:55 p.m.

Module No: SR-15-1070
Carrier: Heckaman
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2312: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2312 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2312

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2312

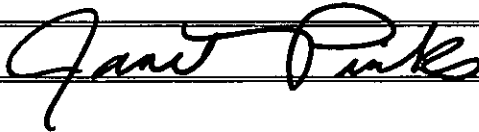
Senate Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 02/01/07

Recorder Job Number: 2505

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2312.

Aaron J. Krauter, District 31, Regent, testified in support of SB 2312, indicating this bill is the third time around and today the purpose of this bill is to make it a permanent program within the Department of Human Services. The reason it is here is because of the funding mechanism. He then briefly explained the program which is to help pregnant women in their situations and this bill will provide dollars on a reimbursable basis. This identifies the source of the money, being TANF dollars and some of the money is to be used for public information to get the word out that the services are available. Brochures will be distributed about the services.

Senator Fischer asked if the funds would be used for new providers. The response was yes.

Representative Kim Koppelman, District 13, West Fargo, testified in support of SB 2312 indicating the bill have been debated in the policy committee. He discussed the appropriation being all special funds.

Carol Cartridge, DHS, indicated she would respond to any questions on the program.

Senator Krebsback asked about the dollar expenditures in the program.

Senator Fischer asked about all of these funds being 100 percent TANF.

Page 2

Senate Appropriations Committee

Bill/Resolution No. 2312

Hearing Date: 02/01/07

Chairman Holmberg asked if the remainder of the funds would be expended by the end of the biennium.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing on SB 2312.

Senator Krauter moved a DO PASS on SB 2312, Senator Fischer seconded, No discussion, a written vote was taken resulting in 12 yes, 0 no and 2 absent. Senator Heckaman will carry the bill.

Date: 2/1/07
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2312

Senate Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Krauter Seconded By Fischer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Ray Holmberg, Chrm	✓		Senator Aaron Krauter	✓	
Senator Bill Bowman, V Chrm	✓		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	✓	
Senator Tony Grindberg, V Chrm	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Randel Christmann	✓		Senator Larry J. Robinson		
Senator Tom Fischer	✓		Senator Tom Seymour	✓	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	✓		Senator Harvey Tallackson	✓	
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Heckaman Hum Serv

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 1, 2007 9:25 a.m.

Module No: SR-22-1744
Carrier: Heckaman
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2312: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2312 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2312

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

House Human Services Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3844

Committee Clerk Signature

Judy DeRoach

Minutes:

Chairman Price: We will open the hearing on SB 2312.

Senator Aaron Krauter, District 31: See attached testimony. Review report attached. I asked the department to get out a brochure that I have handed out to you as well. It is quite informative.

Representative James Kersman, District 31: I feel strongly to all we can to promote life. With a crises pregnancy it is important to give them the proper information so they can make good sound choices. It is federal dollar, and I hate to see us save it.

Chairman Price: I think the last session and this session is to make sure the rural areas have access. This is not just a urban program.

Rep. Kerzman: It was address very well and there is a hot line. TANIF dollars is federal dollars and if the state doesn't spend it all it is dedicated to special programs. This is not an income requirement, anyone can use this.

Representative Kim Koppleman, District 13 West Fargo: Abortion is the most divisive issues to deal with. The reason this bill enjoys such broad support, I believe the one thing both sides agree abortion should be rare. This bill allows opportunity for counseling for alternatives to abortion and I think it is money put to very good use.

Representative Conrad: Another woman who has been through this does not get any support services is that right?

Rep. Koppleman: Not sure what other programs do, but this bill does not do that.

Christopher Dodson, Executive director to the ND Catholic Conferences: See attached testimony. There is hope for these women out there. There are people there to help women through this. These centers provide people who have had abortions and have had children. The brochure shows all the providers in ND. See attached.

Representative Conrad: Would you have any problem providing funding for services to women who have had abortions, and maybe we should give information about abortion if we are going to provide a full gamete of services.

Mr. Dodson: they would have to go through our social service agencies. It is not the states policy to provide counseling to women who have had abortions, and giving information on abortion would be going against the purpose of the program.

Stacy Pfliger, Legislative Director of the ND Right to Life Association: See attached testimony. Also attached are letter from various groups receiving funds.

Carol Cartledge, Director of Public Assistance of the Department of Human Services: See attached testimony, and the brochure that has been talked about.

Representative Porter: In the voucher system what is the dollar amount placed on a voucher? Inside of the bill the way it stand with the appropriations, how much of the money is figured for client contacts or vouchers and how much money is considered for other things such as advertisements, and what kind of advertisements are you looking at? How much of the 400,000 do you expect to use for vouchers?

Ms Cartledge: The vouchers are reimbursed at \$12.50. Currently to date we have not done anything about advertisement, so I don't know how much would be used. I believe based on

some estimates of expenditures we have anticipated around 218,000 would be for direct services we would need for vouchers, and we are including the expansions for the western ND.

Rep. Porter: You're thinking like about 120,000 is than available for other types of expenditures whether it be will bill boards or other types of media blitz?

Ms Cartledge: That would be true. I am not an expert on advertising so I can't say for sure. I am sorry I did not copy the outcome information. The report was completed by the department of Human Services from January through October of 2006.

Representative Conrad: How many abortions did we have in ND last year? Of the 1030 in 2006 survey do we know how many had already decided not to have an abortion? It seems to me Madam Chair we are giving incentives to people who had already made the decision to not have an abortion. This is not necessary an alternative to abortion, it seems good pregnancy counseling.

Ms Cartledge: I do not know, but I can get the number of abortions for you. We do not have anything to do with issues of abortion.

Senator Krauter: I could just address the appropriation aspect of it. When you look at the working of the way we do things in appropriation, the wording is up to 400,000 being of federal dollars. It is a voucher of reimbursement. It is not that the Department is going to go out and spend exactly 400.000.

Representative Porter: I was basing my questions on Ms. Pfliger's testimony about a media blitz. I was wondering from the Departments stand point what that dollar amount is going to be, and in following up with that appropriation of 400,000 is just for the voucher system and not a media blitz.

Senator Krauter: If you read the bill it also talks about getting the word out and informing the public. If you look at the statistics the areas in the state where data has been received back of individuals who have gone to some treatment or assistance. We need to get the word out to the entire state of ND.

Chairman Price: Any further testimony? Any opposition? If not we will close the hearing on SB 2312

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

House Human Services Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 27, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4017

Committee Clerk Signature

Judith Schock

Minutes:

Chairman Price: Take out SB 2312 for discussion. Does anyone need any information or questions, or bringing in amendments?

Representative Kaldor: I am bothered by the issue of bring in money for the media. There was a bit on conflict in the discussion. My understanding one of the individuals said that the \$400,000.00 would be used for these services and the promotion would come for advertising would come from somewhere else. 400 is the spending authority. What is going into services and what is going to go into promotion? I am assuming appropriations committee will want something more specific on the promotional side of this. I would have problems with that.

Chairman Price: On line 11, they could do 50-50 if they wanted the way it is written. How do you feel about bill boards? What are your wishes, do you want to put a limit on what is spent on media?

Representative Conrad: I really don't think unless they are putting it in the faces of people who are uncomfortable with this. I would think it is more than we want to do. The brochure seems fine. That is what we do with every other program I don't know why we now. I would like to think about it.

Stacy Flieger with Equal Rights: As you said with line 11 where it talks about getting the word out basically. In conversations we had in the interim with the department we talked about various ideas.

Representative Price: Don't you think that 119,000 is a little expectant for advertising?

Representative Conrad: I don't know a program in the State where we solicit clients.

Christopher Dodsen: The idea in the whole last session was that there is a place for central information. The emphasis was getting the program started. They could talk to the department on what they could use now for advertising and get some idea what that would cost. The brochure came out last month. Other states that have this program, and some strong beliefs in advertising.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

House Human Services Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 28, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4144

Committee Clerk Signature

Judy Dehock

Minutes:

Chairman Price: Take out SB 2312 for action.

Representative Schneider: Does the money stay in the Human Services Department?

Chairman Price: it provides services based on professional or non professional, in 15 minute intervals.

Representative Porter: This program was established last session it was established as a program that had both the counseling and the expenses to run the program. The changes that are made top it area with in reason to what was intent last legislative session. Having a blank open end of money knowing that there is an increase rise in the amount of calls and billed. The department will need to make sure they don't run out of money on the service end by spending it on advertising. I move a do pass RR/Appropriations, seconded by **Representative Weisz.**

Representative Conrad: In 2005 we had 878 abortions in ND residents. This is really a pregnancy program which we have been doing. We used to call it Family Planning. We always try to help them to prevent abortion. We have not added alternative to abortion possibly to political reasons. I would not have any problem with the program, but I say we take

75,000 out of here. Why do we need that kind of money for public information? I make a motion we substitute the motion, seconded by **Representative Potter**.

Chairman Price: We will take the roll on the motion with 5 yeas, 7 nays, and 0 absent. The substitute motion fails. We do have the other motion before us; we will take the roll on those 11 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 absent. **Representative Price** will carry to the floor.

Date: 4/28
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House HUMAN SERVICES SB 2312 Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken As Pass RR/APP

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Weisz

Representatives			Representatives		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Kari L Conrad		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vonnie Pietsch - Vice Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Lee Kaldor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chuck Damschen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Louise Potter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patrick R. Hatlestad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Jasper Schneider	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Curt Hofstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Todd Porter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Gerry Uglen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Robin Weisz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 11 "Click here to type Yes Vote" No 1 "Click here to type No Vote"

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Price

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

Just in

Date: 2/28
Roll Call Vote #:

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House HUMAN SERVICES

SB2312

Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Substitute Motion

Motion Made By Rep. Conrad Seconded By Rep. Potter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairman			Kari L Conrad	✓	
Vonnie Pietsch - Vice Chairman		✓	Lee Kaldor	✓	
Chuck Damschen		✓	Louise Potter	✓	
Patrick R. Hatlestad	✓		Jasper Schneider	✓	
Curt Hofstad		✓			
Todd Porter		✓			
Gerry Uglen		✓			
Robin Weisz		✓			

Total (Yes) 5 "Click here to type Yes Vote" No 7 "Click here to type No Vote"

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. _____

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 1, 2007 12:32 p.m.

Module No: HR-39-4178
Carrier: Price
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2312: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (11 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2312 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2312

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

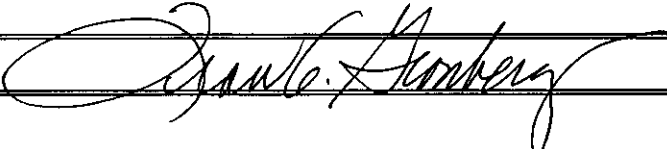
Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

House Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: 3-9-07

Recorder Job Number: 4772

Committee Clerk Signature 

Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan opened the hearing on SB 2312.

Rep Price, Dist 40: (distributed handouts - attachments A and B)

Last session we passed this bill, the alternative to abortion, we put a sunset clause on it so we would revisit it this session. There are adequate funds for this plus carryover into the next biennium. This program didn't get off and running that quickly this biennium, in fact it really started January 1, 2006, and in that time period through October 31, approximately 580 women in 22 counties received services. These are counseling services. The age range was between 12 and 44 years. I have passed out the publication they have put together with lists of services and where to get them. The current appropriation is \$400,000, the last biennium it was \$500,000. They didn't use all the money. They also used some of the money to pay for the 211 line.

Chairman Svedjan: This would be a continuation because it was sunsetted. This is not an enlargement of the program, but a continuation with the possibility of two new sites.

Rep Price: The only new language is on page 1, line 11.

Rep Kempenich: It is sunsetted again. Is it to keep following it?

Rep Price: It is the appropriation time frame. The sunset is out on line 7.

Page 2

House Appropriations Committee

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2312

Hearing Date: 3-9-07

Rep Ekstrom: What will the billboard look like? Are they going to advertise the service or are they going to do the : "are you pregnant" and go get an abortion etc.?

Rep Price: That was part of the conversation. On line 11 it says "about this program" . It is not the "abortion stops the beating heart" .

Rep Wald moved a Do Pass

Rep Weiland seconded the motion

(yes) 18 (no) 3 (absent) 3

Date: 3/9/07
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2312

House Appropriations Full Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Wild Seconded By Wieland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Representative Wald	✓		Representative Aarsvold	✓	
Representative Monson	✓		Representative Gulleon	✓	
Representative Hawken		✓			
Representative Klein	✓				
Representative Martinson		✓			
Representative Carlson	✓		Representative Glassheim	✓	
Representative Carlisle	✓		Representative Kroeber	✓	
Representative Skarphol	✓		Representative Williams	✓	
Representative Thoreson	✓				
Representative Pollert	✓		Representative Ekstrom		✓
Representative Bellew	✓		Representative Kerzman	✓	
Representative Kreidt	✓		Representative Metcalf	✓	
Representative Nelson	✓				
Representative Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 18 No 3

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Priv.

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 9, 2007 2:23 p.m.

Module No: HR-45-4890
Carrier: Price
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2312: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(18 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2312 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

SB 2312

SB 2312

Senate Human Service Committee

Sen. Judy Lee, Chair

Chairwoman Senator Judy Lee and committee members for the record my name is Aaron Krauter, State Senator from District 31 which is made up of the counties of Hettinger, Grant , Sioux and part of Morton, including the city of Mandan.

I am before you today to introduce SB 2312. Madam Chair and committee members this has been a long process but let me tell you that with your help we have made great progress in providing alternatives for pregnant women to have child birth and we still have a ways to go.

Last session SB 2409 was passed that started the "Alternative to Abortion" program within the Department of Human Service. It was set up to provide funding to providers to help with counseling and support services that assist pregnant women who believe they may be pregnant to chose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children. I am happy to report that the department started the

program and has set a voucher payment system to reimburse providers for the services.

The funding source are the federal TANF dollars which allow for the purpose of encouraging the formation and maintenance of two parent families. The state has experienced roll up TANF block grant dollars from previous biennium of 2001-03 \$6.8 million, 2003-05 \$10.8 million and I am awaiting the roll up dollars for the current 2005-07 biennium.

As part of SB 2409 from the 2005 legislative session the Department of Human Service gave periodic reports to the Judiciary Committee. I have attached its final report for your review.

Section 1 of the bill make permanent the "Alternatives to Abortion" program because the bill sunsets from the 2005 session.

Section 2 requires the department to make an annual report.

Section 3 appropriates up to \$400,000 for the program.

Madam Chair and committee members there are many here to testify in support of this bill and again I thank you for your support in previous sessions. I will stand for any question.

