

**2019 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SB 2164**

# **2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Education Committee**  
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

SB 2164  
1/16/2019  
30865

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Lynn Wolf

## **Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A bill relating to contents of tuition and fees statements.

**Minutes:**

Att. #1 – Senator. Vedaa

Chairman Schaible: Open the hearing for SB 2164. Senator Vedaa, District 6.

Senator Vedaa: See attachment # 1.

Chairman Schaible: Questions. Thank you.

Tammy Dolin, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs for the ND University System: We completely agree could improve the transparency for our students as to the cost and the state's contribution to their education. We have checked with the technology staff – it is something we can do relatively easily. The dollar amount would vary by institution because each institution receives a different funding level. It is something we can do and are supportive of this bill.

Chairman Schaible: Thank you. Other testimony. Hearing closed.

Senator Davison: I move a Do Pass on SB 2164.

Senator Rust: Second.

Chairman Schaible: Other discussion. Seeing none, clerk take the roll.

**Motion Carries; 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.**

**Senator Elkin will carry the bill.**

Date: 1-16-19  
Roll Call Vote #: #1

**2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2164**

Senate Education

## Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description:

Recommendation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Do Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Without Committee Recommendation
	<input type="checkbox"/> As Amended	<input type="checkbox"/> Place on Consent Calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> Rerrefer to Appropriations
Other Actions:	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconsider		

Other Actions:  Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen Davison Seconded By Sen Rust

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Elkin

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

Motion Carries  
1-0

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2164: Education Committee (Sen. Schaible, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).** SB 2164 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2019 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**SB 2164**

# 2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Education Committee  
Coteau A Room, State Capitol

SB 2164  
3/11/2019  
33524

- Subcommittee  
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Bev Monroe

**Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:**

A bill relating to contents of tuition and fees statements

**Minutes:**

Attachment 1, 2

**Chairman Owens:**

**Sen. Shawn Vedaa:** (Attachment 1)

**Chairman Owens:** Any questions of the committee?

**Vice Chairman Cynthia Schreiber-Beck:** When they were figuring, how did they arrive at that \$4,500 figure.

**Sen. Shawn Vedaa:** I do not know how they came up with that figure. I just assumed it was that appropriation amount like we come up with per student.

**Vice Chairman Cynthia Schreiber-Beck:** Per institution it is so varied and I wonder if it wouldn't be wise to do it per institution. I don't know if you would be conclusive to that. You said 'institution receives under this chapter'

**Chairman Owens:** My vice chair brings up an interesting point though. Two sessions ago, in tracking, we had never moved tuition in to the total cost of higher education as far as the budget says. We did that last session. It's not an exact amount but I can talk to Rep. Sanford on this as well. I am wondering if that 98 includes the total that was listed in the budget that would include tuition. We would want to take that tuition out of this. You're not aware of what number was used?

**Sen. Shawn Vedaa:** I just assumed that was the total amount that.

**Chairman Owens:** In 2013 what the budget reads is just what we appropriate. In 2017, we shifted to include appropriation and tuition paid to show all the monies that the schools get. So if the 2017 figure was used, that would be a little misleading because it would include tuition. We will check on that.

**Rep. Pat D. Heinert:** Was there any contact with the NDUS office in reference to this to see if there would be any programming charges or fees associated in doing this process?

**Sen. Vedaa:** On the last testimony in the Senate, they were in support of this bill.

**Chairman Owens:** Any further questions. Anyone else in support of SB 2164?

**David Krebsbach, Director of Finance, NDUS: (Attachment 2)**

**Chairman Owens:** Any further questions?

**Rep. LaurieBeth Hager:** Would there be a difference for how much aid an out-of-state student or in-state student receives? That's not the same amount. Is it the same amount for out-of-state aid for an out-of-state student? This looks good but it might be a bit more complicated.

**David Krebsbach:** I haven't been through the calculations with anyone at the system office. We have all kinds of data on enrollments – in-state or out-of-state. The institutions in the funding formula calculated a dollar amount for the biennium. As far as calculated per student I am thinking you'd probably have to use all of the students who go there. That's a good question.

**Rep. Brandy Pyle:** Is the funding formula based on a per credit basis so it doesn't matter if they are in-state or out-of-state? Is that a correct assumption?

**David Krebsbach:** That's correct.

**Chairman Owens:** The real difference in in-state and out-of-state is their tuition, not state funding. Is that correct?

**David Krebsbach:** That's correct.

**Rep. Mary Johnson:** If, through WICHY, Minnesota does fork over some dollars for the students by doing that formula that doesn't come into play

**Chairman Owens:** It's not a North Dakota thing from the standpoint of the state. We are not appropriating that money. When the Minnesota or South Dakota student goes there, we are still paying so much for their student base and then their tuition goes up and down. Any further questions?

**Rep. LaurieBeth Hager:** What if this formula was based on per credit versus per student and that is what would be on a statement? Is it calculable how much the state is paying per credit?

**David Krebsbach:** You could do the per student credit achieved calculation. The current formula uses achieved credit hours from two years back.

**Chairman Owens:** That may be misleading then.

**David Krebsbach:** Yes.

**Rep. Ron Guggisberg:** I think the language in here is pretty clear. It is just asking for the average dollar amount per student at the institution. It isn't like they are going to make a different number for each student. It is just informative and it explains what it is telling you.

**Chairman Owens:** Any further questions? Anyone else in support of SB 2164. Any opposition? Neutral testimony? Close hearing on SB 2164.

**Rep. Dennis Johnson:** I move a **Do Pass** on SB 2164.

**Representative Denton Zubke:** I'll **second** the motion.

**Chairman Owens:** Any further discussion?

A Roll Call Vote was taken: Yes 12, No 1, Absent 1. A **Do Pass** carries. **Rep. Dennis Johnson** will carry SB 2164.

Date: 3-11-19  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2164**

House Education Committee

Subcommittee

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Other Actions:  Reconsider  \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By Rep. D. Johnson Seconded By Rep. D. Zubke

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman M. Owens	✓		Rep. Guggisberg	✓	
V. Chair. Schreiber-Beck	✓		Rep. Hager		✓
Rep. Heinert	✓				
Rep. Hoverson	✓				
Rep. D. Johnson	✓				
Rep. M. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Johnston	✓				
Rep. Longmuir	✓				
Rep. Marschall	A				
Rep. Pyle	✓				
Rep. Strinden	✓				
Rep. Zubke	✓				

Total      (Yes) 12      No 1

Absent

Floor Assignment Rep. Dennis Johnson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2164: Education Committee (Rep. Owens, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(12 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2164 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**2019 TESTIMONY**

**SB 2164**

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1-16-19  
Att. # 1  
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## SB2164

Chairman Schaible and members of the education committee. For the record I am Senator Vedaa District 6. I am here today to introduce SB 2164.

Two years ago, I was with my son as he was paying his tuition at MSU Moorhead MN and on his statement, it included a line that stated " the state of Minnesota has contributed \$4500.00 toward your education at this institution". Not exactly positive it was that amount, but it was around that figure.

I don't have to tell the education committee how much the state of North Dakota contributes to our higher ed student's education. I wouldn't expect anyone not involved in government to know that figure right off the top of their head. The amount is \$9552.00 per student for 2017 according to Higher Education Committee Summary of Committee Findings, prepared by Representative Sandford November 2018.

That is the states total appropriations divided by the number of enrolled students. This bill would require each institution to include its state appropriations per student.

Mr. Chairman I think it is time we educate our students that their tuition does not solely keep these institutions going. It takes our taxpayers as well.

This concludes my testimony and I stand for any questions you may have.

	Room and Board Rates at University System Institutions Compared to Regional Averages							
	Research		Regional Master's		4-Year		2-Year	
	University System Average	Regional Average	University System Average	Regional Average	University System Average	Regional Average	University System Average	Regional Average
2013-14	\$6,944	\$8,843	\$5,467	\$7,471	\$5,413	\$7,162	\$5,940	\$5,773
2014-15	\$7,150	\$9,079	\$5,665	\$7,771	\$5,683	\$7,394	\$6,573	\$6,148
2015-16	\$7,369	\$9,327	\$6,008	\$7,810	\$6,128	\$7,535	\$7,201	\$6,471
2016-17	\$7,774	\$9,622	\$6,249	\$8,255	\$6,297	\$7,801	\$7,278	\$6,394

NOTE: Regional states used in the comparison include Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

### North Dakota Career and Technical Education Scholarships and Academic Scholarships

The following schedule details the number of students who received an academic or CTE scholarship during the fall 2017 semester:

	Type of Institution Attended by Scholarship Recipients (Fall 2017 Semester)				
	2-Year Public or Tribal Institution	4-Year Public Institution	Public Research Institution	Private Institution	Total
Academic scholarship recipients	161	307	2,303	347	3,118
CTE scholarship recipients	379	352	904	173	1,808
Total	540	658	3,207	520	4,926

### Open Educational Resources

Open educational resources (OER) are freely accessible learning materials that can be revised and redistributed for learning purposes. The following schedule details estimated student savings since 2015 as a result of institution use of OER.

Institution	Estimated Student Savings Since 2015
Bismarck State College	At least \$450,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	34,000
Dickinson State University <sup>1</sup>	
Lake Region State College	78,500
Mayville State University	935,500
Minot State University	130,000
North Dakota State College of Science	At least 158,000
North Dakota State University	At least 1,500,000
University of North Dakota	At least 6,000,000
Valley City State University	At least 1,000,000
Williston State College	150,000
Total	At least \$10,400,000

<sup>1</sup>Dickinson State University does not track estimated student savings as a result of the use of OER.

### Funding

The following table details information prepared by the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association regarding North Dakota higher education funding compared to national averages.

Year	Higher Education Revenues Per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Student				Total	
	Tuition Revenue	State Appropriations			North Dakota	National Average
	North Dakota	National Average	North Dakota	National Average	North Dakota	National Average
2000	\$3,789	\$3,829	\$7,805	\$9,281	\$11,594	\$13,110
North Dakota Rank 33			38		39	
2005	\$6,814	\$4,444	\$6,310	\$7,887	\$13,124	\$12,331
North Dakota Rank 10			42		26	
2010	\$7,579	\$5,093	\$7,943	\$7,506	\$15,522	\$12,599
North Dakota Rank 13			20		11	
2016	\$8,524	\$6,549	\$9,245	\$7,453	\$17,769	\$14,002
North Dakota Rank 18			8		8	
2017	\$8,774	\$6,572	\$9,552	\$7,642	\$18,326	\$14,214
North Dakota Rank 17			8		7	

NOTE: Funding amounts have been adjusted for inflation, cost of living, and other factors.

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## Senate Bill 2164

House Education Committee

March 11, 2019

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Chair Owens and Committee Members: My name is David Krebsbach and I am here today to testify and provide information on **Senate Bill 2164**. The bill would require NDUS institutions to modify tuition and fee billing statements to identify the average state funding received by the institution from the higher education funding formula.

We believe this change could improve transparency to students regarding the state's contribution to their education. NDUS Core Technology Service staff have evaluated the existing system and determined that this change could be made and would have no fiscal impact for either the initial implementation or the ongoing maintenance.

Therefore, we have no objections to this bill and would recommend its approval.

Thank you.