

2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 2338

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2338
2/10/2023

Relating to the state poet laureate.

9:05 AM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Nominating board
- Needed structure
- Term limit

Kim Konikow, Director of ND Art Council, testified in support #20038

9:25 AM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

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9:32 AM Chair Roers opened committee work. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Sen Cleary moved a DO PASS.

Sen Barta seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Cleary will carry the bill.

9:34 AM Chair Roers adjourned the meeting.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2338: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB
2338 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect
workforce development.

2023 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2338

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2338
3/2/2023

Relating to the state poet laureate.

9:02 AM Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager.

Discussion Topics:

- Term limits.
- NDCA funds.
- Honorary post.
- Lack of process system.
- Committee structure.

Senator Krebsbach: Introduced the bill. No written testimony.

Kim Konikow: Executive Director of the Arts, NDCA: Testimony #21293

Hearing closed at 9:44 AM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

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1:14 PM Chairman Longmuir opened the meeting. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager. Absent: Rep. Ostlie

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action.
- Reimbursement language.
- North Dakota resident.

Chairman Longmuir set up a subcommittee: Rep. Kleim, Rep. Mostenbacher, Rep. Hagar

Meeting closed at 1:20 PM.

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2338

3/3/2023

Subcommittee

Relating to the state poet laureate.

9:38 AM Rep. Klemin, Chairman, opened the subcommittee meeting. Members present: Rep. Klemin, Chairman; Rep. Mostenbacher and Rep. Hager.

Discussion Topics:

- Date revision.
- Amendment.
- Effective date.
- Proof of ND residency.

Rep. Motschenbacher: Introduced the proposed amendment. Testimony #21937

Rep. Hager: Voiced concern and suggested Legislative Management makes the appoints instead of the Majority Lead.

Rep. Motschenbacher moved amendment 23.0380.02001.
Seconded by Rep. Hager.

Representatives	Vote
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y

Roll call vote: 3 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. Motion Carried.

Meeting closed at 9:49 AM

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

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3/3/2023

Relating to the state poet laureate.

2:40 PM Chairman Longmuir opened the meeting. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Hatlestad, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey, Rep. Davis, and Rep. Hager. Absent: Rep. Ostlie, Rep. Davis.

Discussion Topics:

- Subcommittee report.
- Amendment
- Committee action.

Rep. Klemin reported the subcommittee report. Testimony #21937

Rep. Klemin moved the amendment 23.0380.02001.
Seconded by Rep. Motschenbacher

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	A
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	A
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Roll call vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Rep. Klemin moved a Do Pass as Amended;
Seconded by Rep. Warrey

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Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	A
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	y
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	A
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Roll call vote: 12 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Motion carried.
Carrier: Rep. Klemin

The meeting closed at 2:47 PM.

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Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2338: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2338 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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TESTIMONY

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2/7/2023

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Hello, my name is Kim Konikow, and I am Executive Director of North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA). I am here to speak about Senate Bill 2338, introduced by Sen. Krebsbach, Sen. Burckhard, Rep. Nelson, Sen. Piepkorn, Rep. Roers Jones, and Sen. Veda regarding the State Poet Laureate position.

North Dakota Council on the Arts fully supports SB 2338. Having the next Poet Laureate be named as Denise Lajimodiere is truly wonderful (SCR 4002). Her stature in the Native community, as a poet and writer, and as a woman is an important follow-up to the prior Poet Laureate.

As the Agency assigned for the pass through of funds related to the Poet Laureate position, NDCA requests that a structure be in place to support this position. SB 2338 addresses this.

First and foremost, it is recommended that the Poet Laureate position have a term limit. In keeping with the majority of other states we recommend two years. This would also align the position with the State's Biennial system.

When someone is offered a position, it is important that an outline of responsibilities be clearly stated. The goal is to help the candidate be successful. It is recommended that the Poet Laureate conduct four public events per fiscal year in ND. This could be a variety of public presentations or teaching opportunities that help to elevate poetry throughout the state.

There are funds already associated with this position at \$10,000 per biennium. NDCA was designated as the fiscal passthrough and overseer of fund distribution. We utilize an annual MOU on behalf of the state. NDCA suggests a request for funds be submitted following participation in the four events mentioned above. It would also be helpful to receive a program from these events, with a bit of data on the participants. This valuable information demonstrates outreach to NDCA's Federal funder, the National Endowment for the Arts.

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- Denise Lajimodiere – Belcourt – currently passed by SCR 4002
- Warren Sturlaugson - Bismarck
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**SB 2338**

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Klemin
March 3, 2023

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Representatives Nelson, Roers Jones

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2 Century Code, relating to the state poet laureate.

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- 17 e. One representative from the department of commerce appointed by the director
18 of the department of commerce.
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- 1 c. Three letters of recommendation: and
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