March 14, 1997

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2018

- Page 1, line 2, after "hearings" insert "; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-57 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to hearings by the office of administrative hearings; and to amend and reenact subsections 1 and 2 of section 54-57-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to payment for administrative hearings"
- Page 1, line 5, remove "in the general fund in"
- Page 1, line 6, remove "the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and"
- Page 1, line 10, replace "708,993" with "707,251"
- Page 1, line 12, replace "all" with "special", after "funds" insert "appropriation", and replace "1,351,903" with "1,350,161"
- Page 1, replace lines 13 and 14 with:
 - "**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-57 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Hearings after judgment. The office of administrative hearings may not hold hearings on the same issue involving the same parties as the original hearing after a judgment has been rendered by a court concerning that issue unless authorized to or directed to by that court.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 54-57-07 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

- The office of administrative hearings may shall require payment for services rendered by any administrative law judge provided by it to any agency, to any unit of local government in this state, to any tribal government in this state, or to the judicial branch, in the conduct of an administrative hearing and related proceedings, and those entities must make the required payment to the office. Payment may must include payment for support staff necessary to render administrative law judge services. General fund moneys may not be used for payment by state agencies pursuant to this subsection except for those payments required of the department of human services and the state department of health. Moneys received by the office of administrative hearings in payment for providing an administrative law judge to conduct an administrative hearing and related proceedings must be deposited into the operating fund of the office of administrative hearings.
- 2. The office of administrative hearings may shall require payment for mileage, meals, and lodging in connection with services rendered by an administrative law judge provided to any agency, to any unit of local government in this state, to any tribal government in this state, or to the judicial branch, in the conduct of an administrative hearing and related proceedings, and those entities must make the required payment to the office. Payment for meals and lodging must be in the amounts allowable under section 44-08-04. Payment for mileage when using state vehicles

must be in amounts set for user charges under section 24-02-03.5. All other payments must be in amounts allowed for other state officials and employees. Either general fund or special fund moneys, or other income, may be used for the payment of mileage, meals, and lodging under this subsection."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 140 - OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

HOUSE - This amendment removes the \$248,196 general fund appropriation, provides the office's appropriation entirely from special funds from billing agencies for services, and reduces operating expenses by \$1,742 of special funds to remove risk management premiums.

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