

1999 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1191

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1191

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-20-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#1	x		5.4 to 27.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joan Diers</i>			

Minutes:

The chair called the committee to order with the following present: Chairman R. Kelsch , Vice-Chair Drovdal , Rep Brandenburg , Rep Brusegaard , Rep. Haas , Rep. Johnson , Rep. Nelson , Rep. Nottestad , Rep. L. Thoreson , Rep. Grumbo , Rep. Hanson , Rep. Lundgren , Rep. Mueller , Rep. Nowatzki , Rep. Solberg .

Chairman R. Kelsch : Open the hearing on HB 1191. Clerk read the title.

Rep Hoffner: Is a bill requiring the state department of public instruction to gather information on local, state and federal travel expenditures of the school board, the superintendent and all other school personnel. Why is the bill here. Dealing with other school personnel, especially teachers. The teachers should be at the top of the list for travel dollars.

Rep. Grumbo : The types of jobs the teachers are doing and now you tell us there is not that type of education or in-service available.

Hoffner: A lot of the schools are working hard to bringing in-service to the teachers. There are times when you have to travel to other cities and other states to get in-service.

Rep. Solberg : Is there anyway to use the Internet to update.

Hoffner: I believe there is. We need to look beyond.

Rep. Nelson: Data is collected and go to the DPI, would they administrate how local districts decide the travel allotment?

Hoffner: This bill only collects the data.

Rep. Nelson : The current policy is the data is collected internally. You want to take the local control away from the school districts and centrally locate it within the Department of Public Instruction.

Hoffner: No.

Rep. Haas : All in-service requires travel?

Hoffner: No.

Rep. Haas : Great deal of in-service training where teachers do not have to travel, how would a summary of travel expenditures would give you the amount of in-service that is delivered.

Hoffner: Those expenses can be a part of it.

Rep Brusegaard : Change of administrator, shouldn't a school board should make their own decision as to where travel dollars are spent. New administrator may need more help then teachers at that point.

Hoffner: I agree, but the same goes for new teachers.

Rep. L. Thoreson : Is this directed toward any sized district?

Hoffner: This would be state wide.

Rep. Mueller : Should this bill pass, the data be studied , the concern would be , the mandate would be to spend more money on teacher travel, and we do that at the expense of in-service . Are we putting the emphasis on training or travel.

Hoffner: The school district would still be able to spend their travel dollars as they wish.

Rep. Mueller : Concern is the gauge we use to determine may not in all cases be travel expenses.

Hoffner: School districts could do a great amount of in-service training. The result may be that we leave it along.

Vice-Chair Drovdal : Where are we going with this? Do we require this kind of bookkeeping with other other expenses?

Hoffner: Yes.

Rep. Haas : If the expenditures for teachers on in-service were to increase, would in-service take place during the school year? Is it more important to schedule in-service that are outside of the school day, or to have teachers out of the class room away from the students. Isn't the priority to have teachers with their students?

Hoffner: I agree.

Vice-Chair Drovdal : Focus of the bill is on in-service for teachers, why are we including school board?

Hoffner: Get the information, but not get too complicated. Just the three catagories.

Chairman R. Kelsch : Any one else wishing to testify in support of HB 1191? Anyone wishing to testify in opposition of HB 1191?

Ron Torgerson: I represent the North Dakota Council of Education Leaders. This bill is not needed. The reporting mechanizim is already there. Is there a fiscal note attached?

Chairman R. Kelsch : There is no fiscal note attached.

Richard Ott: With the North Dakota School Board Association. The information is available at the district level. Every dollar spent must go before the board and be approved by the school board. There is a public review of these records as there records are open to the public.

Rep. Nowatzki : Is there any information as to the percentage of school district travel expenditures that goes to the teacher for in-service training?

Ott: I'm not aware of any?

Rep. Nowatzki : Do you have an estimate?

Ott: No.

Chairman R. Kelsch : Any further questions? Anyone else that wishes to appear in opposition of HB 1191? Seeing none we will CLOSE THE HEARING ON hb 1191.

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Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#2	x		7.5 to 11.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joan Diers</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman R. Kelsch , Vice-Chair Drovdal , Rep Brandenburg , Rep Brusegaard , Rep. Haas ,
Rep. Johnson , Rep. Nelson , Rep. Nottestad , Rep. L. Thoreson , Rep. Grumbo , Rep. Hanson ,
Rep. Lundgren , Rep. Mueller , Rep. Nowatzki Rep. Solberg - present

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REP. HAAS : Moved a DO NOT PASS.

Rep Brandenburg : SECOND.

CHAIRMAN R. KELSCH : Discussion.

Rep. Haas : May I give my reasons for the motion. I believe that the bill is unnecessary. You can walk into the business of any school in the state, and pick up copies of travel vouchers.

Rep. Solberg : Has there been an abuse of expenditures on travel vouchers?

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Rep. Haas: There was a time when people were given an un-vouchered travel allowance, but that has been since eliminated.

Chairman R. Kelsch : Clerk call the roll on HB 1191. HB 1191 PASSED with a DO NOT PASS motion. 14 YES 1 NO 0 Absent Floor assignment Rep Thoreson.

Date: 1-25-99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Education Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Haas Seconded By Brandburg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. ReaAnn Kelsch-Chairperson	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓	
Rep. David Drovdal-Vice Chair	✓				
Rep. Michael D. Brandenburg	✓				
Rep. Thomas T. Brusegaard	✓				
Rep. C. B. Haas	✓				
Rep. Dennis E. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Laurel Thoreson	✓				
Rep. Howard Grumbo	✓				
Rep. Lyle Hanson		✓			
Rep. Deb Lundgren	✓				
Rep. Phillip Mueller	✓				
Rep. Robert E. Nowatzki	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 1

Absent Ø

Floor Assignment Thoreson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 25, 1999 4:23 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1191: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS
(14 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1191 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.