

1999 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1287

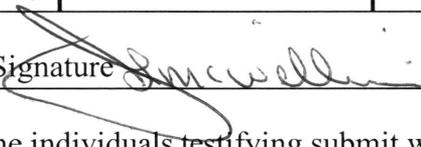
1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1287

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-21-1999

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1		X	48.1 - 59.6
2	X		0 - 8.9
3	X		27.7 - 36.3
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: Some of the individuals testifying submit written testimony. When noted please refer to it for more detailed information.

Representative Klein, Chairman of the GVA Committee opened the hearing on January 21, 199.

Summary of the Bill: Relating to a disability telecommunications advisory council.

Testimony in Favor:

Representative Maragos, Appeared before the committee to introduce the bill. Series of bills sponsored by the ND Association of the Deaf.

Mark Hill, ND Association of the Deaf appeared before the committee and stated that this is a simple bill. The council gives advice to three agencies, 1. Information Services Division 2. The PSC 3. The Vocational Rehabilitation Division. Both programs are essential to our lives and technological advances. It will make our lives better and easier

Representative Klemin, Section 1 and 2 refer to Senate bills, what are they about?

Hill, That's not my responsibility.

Alan Peterson, ND Association of the Blind submitted written testimony to the committee which was read for him by an interpreter (**please refer to his testimony**).

Testimony in Opposition:

Wanda Gier, Program Administrator for Vocational Rehabilitation/ND Human Services submitted written testimony which she read in it's entirety (**please refer to her testimony**).

Representative Klemin, SB2043? What is this bill?

Gier, Not sure.

Representative Winrich, How are these boards chosen?

Gier, I believe they are appointed on a local level. Additional boards.

Jim Heck, OMB-ISD submitted a written testimony which he read in it's entirety (**please refer to his testimony**). The bottom line is that it adds administrative fees. HB 1287 is additional legislation to the century code. SB 2043 is reorganizing the ISD code, it makes us a separate entity and not part of OMB.

Representative Hawken, What is a telecommunication relay?

Heck, It's a person who takes your text and relays it on to the next individual or persons.

Representative Klein, Closed the hearing on HB 1287.

Committee Action:

Representative Thoreson, Made a motion for a Do Not Pass.

Representative Haas, Seconded the motion.

Representative Cleary, I think we need to get a handle on this and it's not such a bad idea.

Representative Grande, The blind were not even mentioned in this bill.

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Representative Devlin, We have had these groups in other committees and I don't think they really spell out any specifics at all. I can understand that, but I don't see any need for it.

Representative Haas, They didn't mention at all that their needs weren't being met already.

Motion Passes: Do Not Pass **11-4-0**.

Representative Kliniske, Is the carrier for the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 10 copies)

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1287 Amendment to: _____

Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-13-99

- 1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

- 2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds	General Fund	Special Funds

Revenues:

Expenditures:

- 3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the appropriation for your agency or department:

- a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: _____
- b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: _____
- c. For the 2001-03 biennium: _____

- 4. County, City, and School District fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

If additional space is needed, attach a supplemental sheet.

Signed Jeff Larshus

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Date Prepared: 1-18-99

Fiscal Note - HB 1287

Estimated Fiscal Impact of HB 1287:

Estimated Expenses for Advisory Council Members (five-non-state employees).

Lodging:	\$	425
Meals:	\$	300
Mileage:	\$	500
Total per Year:	\$	1,225
		x 2

Estimated Special Fund Cost per Biennium

\$ 2,450

Assumptions:

These estimated expenses are assuming, that these council members would all live outside the Bismarck - Mandan area.

Lodging

One Night per Meeting	\$	42.50
Meetings per Yr.		x 2
Total per Person	\$	85
# of Council Members		x 5
Estimated Lodging Ex. per Year	\$	<u>425</u>

Meals

Four Meals per person =	\$	30
Meeting per Yr.		x 2
Total per Person	\$	60
# of Council Members		x 5
Estimated Meals Ex. per Year	\$	<u>300</u>

Mileage

Estimated Miles per Trip per Person		200
Meetings per Yr.		x 2
Total Miles		400
State Mileage Rate		x .25
Total per Person	\$	100
# of Council Members		x 5
Estimated Mileage Ex. per Year	\$	<u>500</u>

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Date: 1-21-99

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
- or
- Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By THORESON Seconded By HAAS

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN KLEIN	✓		REP. WINRICH		✓
VICE-CHAIR KLINISKE	✓				
REP. BREKKE	✓				
REP. CLEARY		✓			
REP. DEVLIN	✓				
REP. FAIRFIELD		✓			
REP. GORDER	✓				
REP. GRANDE	✓				
REP. HAAS	✓				
REP. HAWKEN	✓				
REP. KLEMIN	✓				
REP. KROEBER		✓			
REP. METCALF	✓				
REP. THORESON	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment KLINISKE

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 22, 1999 7:48 a.m.

Module No: HR-14-0999
Carrier: Kliniske
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1287: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Klein, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1287 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY
HOUSE BILL NO. 1287
HOUSE GOVT/VETS AFFAIRS
JANUARY 21, 1999

Chairman Klein and members of the House Governmental and Veterans Affairs Committee. My name is Wanda Gier, Program Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation, North Dakota Department of Human Services. I appear before you today in opposition of the proposed House Bill 1287.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation has been the agency responsible for the implementation of the Equipment Distribution Program in North Dakota since 1993. Since then, we have worked with entities to distribute equipment for deaf, hearing impaired and speech impaired in relation to use of the telephone system. It is extremely important that this process have input from the people that are served. There are presently 3 advisory councils in place to provide advice and information. All three councils are federally mandated and consist of at least 51% persons with disabilities. All 3 councils are required to have multi-disability representation. The 3 councils are: Rehabilitation Services Advisory Council, State Independent Living Council and the Boards of Independent Living Centers.

At this time, it is our contention that there are systems already in place which serve in an advisory role to Vocational Rehabilitation on matters concerning the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program and allocating the resources available to the program.

Thank you.

TESTIMONY ON HB1287
To the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
By the Information Services Division
Thursday, January 21, 1999

In July 1993 the Information Services Division (ISD) started providing a telecommunications relay service to the communications impaired community in accordance with Section IV of the Americans with Disability Act. ISD entered into a contract with Sprint to provide the service and pays for the cost of the service by assessing a surcharge to each telephone access line, radio and cellular service. The surcharge is .04 per access line, radio and cellular service. We pay .79 per minute for all calls placed through the relay service provider. Since we started the service, ISD has received two complaints about the service and the vendor has corrected them immediately. We also, at the request of individuals from the communications impaired community using the service, have enhanced the service by adding new features. We do not have any outstanding complaints or requests for additional features to the service today. We do not believe that an Advisory Council will improve the relay service but only add administrative costs.