

**1999 HOUSE EDUCATION**

**HB 1340**

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1340

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-2-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape #1	x		50.7 to end
Tape # 1		x	0.1 to 13.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joan Dees</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 .

Chairman R. Kelsch : Open the hearing on HB 1340 and ask the clerk to read the roll.

Rep Kroeber: District 48 (see written attached).

Max Laird: President of the NDEA and spoke in support of HB 1340.

Rep. L. Thoreson : Is there an implication in your testimony that we are less interested and don't  
care?

Laird: That was not my intent.

Rep. Mueller : What chance is there for a tax increase for the people of North Dakota?

Laird: Look at income tax as it relates to schools.

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Rep. Nottestad : What worries me is that those supporting public education don't vote.

Laird: Let me understand your comment, the no's are voting and the yes' are staying home.

I think you are accurate.

Larry Klundt: ND Education Leaders Association. spoke in support of HB 1340.

Chairman R. Kelsch : Anyone else wishing to speak in support of HB 1340. Anyone wishing to speak in opposition of HB 1340. Seeing none we will close the hearing on HB 1340.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1340-2-15-99

House Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-3-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape # 3		x	27.2 to 29.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joan Duns</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.

Chairman R Kelsch: We will take up HB 1340. What are the wishes of the committee?

Rep Nelson: I move a DO NOT PASS.

Rep Brandenburg: Second.

Chairman R Kelsch: Discussion. Have the clerk read the roll on a DO NOT PASS motion.

The DO NOT PASS motion passes 9 YES 6 No 0 Absent Floor Assingment Vice Chair Drovdal.

Date: 2-3-99  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1340

House Education Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Nelson Seconded By Brandenburg

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) 9 No 6

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Drovdal

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 3, 1999 6:08 p.m.

Module No: HR-22-1836  
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1340: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS**  
(9 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1340 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

**1999 · TESTIMONY**

**HB 1340**

**Testimony  
HB 1340  
Rep. Joe Kroeber**

**Chairperson Kelsch and Members of the House Education Committee:**

**I am Joe Kroeber, State Representative from District 48, and I am the sponsor of HB 1340. This legislation provides supplemental per-pupil payments to school districts and sets aside 60 percent of all monies distributed under this section for payment as salaries to teachers, administrators and other certified professional staff. This bill will make these payments, based on average daily membership during the 1997-1998 school year, at the time the July 1999 foundation aid payments are made.**

**The \$12 million for these supplemental payments is the minimum amount of the undistributed foundation aid from this biennium. The estimated per-pupil payment is \$107 ( $\$12,000,000 / 111,810.7$  pupil units = \$107). I have included with this testimony an example of the additional revenue that several school districts would receive if this bill were passed. You may be familiar with some of these districts.**

**This type of supplemental payment has been made in the past. The 1991 Legislature passed emergency legislation to distribute an additional \$7 million on a per student basis; in the 1993-1995 biennium, a surplus of \$5.67 million in foundation aid was likewise distributed. This biennium, there is \$12 million left over from the \$40 million budgeted for foundation aid.**



**It is my guess that when legislators left Bismarck at the end of the 1997 session, they planned on \$40 million going into elementary and secondary education foundation aid payments, not just \$28 million. During the 1998 campaign I listened to radio ads and read brochures about legislators who were proud to have appropriated \$40 million in foundation aid for schools. Let's make sure that the schools in fact get that amount, and keep that pride intact.**

**The proposed supplemental payment will hold down local property tax increases; it will also increase teachers' salaries in the state, which have been at the very bottom of the national rankings. This money has already been appropriated and it belongs back in your local school districts.**

**Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.**