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2001 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1156

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1156

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01/12/01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#2	X		792-1469
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Committee Clerk Signature Lisa Gulbertson

Minutes:

Chairman Klein, Vice-Chair Grande, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Brusegaard, Rep. Clark, Rep. Cleary, Rep Devlin, Rep Haas, Rep. Hunskor, Rep. Kasper, Rep Klemin, Rep. Kroeber, Rep. Metcalf, Rep. Meier, Rep. Wikenheiser

Chairman Klein: How we'll open the hearing on HB1156, and take the testimony in favor.

Chuck Lang: (Office of Management and Budget) Refer to attached testimony and amendment.

Chairman Klein: It seems to me, we passed a bill similar to this last session.

Lang: I think the bill you're referring to is probably Section 1 of this bill, which says, if we had an agreement with another state to bypass the sales tax, then we could pay them.

Chairman Klein: So this one expands on it to refer to travel agencies and complete packages and so on.

Rep. Bellew: Does this just have to do with out of state travel?

Lang: Yes, because in ND, we probably aren't going to get combination packages or some kind of a deal. An example would be a World Perk's Vacation package, and there, you buy your airfare and your lodging, and you get a substantial break on your airfare and your lodging.

Rep. Devlin: What percentage of out of state travel is done with travel agencies?

Lang: I don't really know, I would guess that a substantial part is booked through a travel agency.

Rep. Devlin: Would the employees have the option of going to any travel agency they would like, or is there a travel agency that has a state bid?

Lang: They would have their choice of where they booked their travel.

Rep. Hunskor: If this is passed, is there a saving of time and effort on the side of the state?

Lang: I think it might, but I don't know if it does a lot, because we have to have something to pay anyway, there has to be some kind of invoice. I think probably it will alleviate some of the paperwork the employee has to do. Most of the time, I would guess, they would have one person in their office making these arrangements, dealing with these travel agencies.

Rep. Haas: Is there a separate statute that would cover political subdivisions for this same type of thing, because I know school districts have been doing this for a long period of time.

Lang: I don't know.

Chairman Klein: Any other questions? With no further testimony on HB1156, we'll close the hearing. In HB1156, the amendment was brought in last session, and this amendment modifies it and makes it more useful. Discussion.

Rep. Grande: I move we pass the amendment

Rep Kasper: Second

Chairman Klein: Discussion on the amendment

Rep. Bruseguard: I have a small concern about the state contracting for services. It would be tough to coordinate among all the state agencies, and I understand that, but this is the way special consideration to private businesses gets started. I'm not sure how to fix it, I'm not sure it can be fixed.

Chairman Klein: I can understand, but I think you also need to understand that someone from Williston is traveling and he has to use a travel agent from Fargo. It's probably a little harder to do.

Rep. Kasper: There's also the situation where travel agent's specials are fluid. I like the flexibility of being able to choose.

Rep. Cleary: I agree, I find more of a problem having one agency do it. Everything changes so often.

Chairman Klein: Now we'll take up the amendment on the voice vote. All in favor say 'ay'. Are we ready to act on the bill?

Rep. Haas: I move to DO PASS

Rep. Cleary: Second

Chairman Klein: Motion 14 DO PASS AS AMENDED 0 DO NOT PASS 1 ABSENT

Floor Assignment: Rep. Cleary

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/26/2000

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1156

Amendment to:

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Expenditures	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

2. **Narrative:** *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant your analysis.*

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

Name:	Pam Sharp	**Agency:**	OMB
Phone Number:	328-4606	**Date Prepared:**	12/27/2000

Office of Management and Budget
January 10, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1156

Page 2, line 1, after "provider" insert "or travel agency"

Renumber accordingly

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Adopted by Government and Veterans Affairs Committee 1/12/01
January 12, 2001

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1156 HOUSE GVA 1-12-01

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 1/12/01

Roll Call Vote #: 14 Do Pass As Amended Cleary Pass 1 Absent

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HSC

House **GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** Committee

☐ Subcommittee on

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Haas Seconded By Cleary

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN KLEIN	X		REP KROEBER	X	
VICE CHAIR GRANDE	X				
REP BELLEW	X				
REP BRUSEGAARD	X				
REP CLARK	X				
REP DEVLIN	X				
REP HAAS	X				
REP KASPER	X				
REP KLEMIN					
REP MEIER	X				
REP WIKENHEISER	X				
REP CLEARY	X				
REP HUNSKOR	X				
REP METCALF	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Cleary

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1156, as amended, Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. M. Klein, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 1, after "provider" insert "or travel agency"

Renumber accordingly

2001 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1156

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1156

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 2, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		13.8-19.2
Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes: **Chairman Krebsbach** opened the hearing on HB 1156 which relates to the direct billing of employee lodging expenses. **Chuck Lang** representing the office of Managment and Budget presented written testimony to the committee. A copy of his testimony is attached. **Senator Dever** inquired why something like this has to be necessary to be in code. **Mr. Lang** indicated the reason is it is in code now, the employees would be reimbursed. This bill allows OMB to by pass what is in code. **Senator T. Mathern** inquired what happens in this situation where you make a prearrangement and then there is sickness or something else comes up and the employee can't go. He supposes that is one of the dangers here. He knows from personal experience when he makes a prearrangement there is usually a penalty to make a change. How do we handle penalties under a deal like this? **Mr. Lang** indicated that will happen but he thinks a lot of times the amount of times that does happen compare to amount of times you save money is insignificant. Sometimes you can pay a surcharge and you can use like an airline ticket at a later date. The same rules would apply. **Senator Dever** inquired if we had a central travel

agency in the state that makes those kind of arrangbements for people. **Mr. Lang** indicated at one time there was but it didn't work that well so it only lasted about a biennium. There was nothing further. **Chairman Krebsbach** closed the hearing on HB 1156. A motion for a Do Pass on HB 1156 was made by **Senator Wardner,** seconded by **Senator T. Mathern.** Roll Call Vote indicated 5 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent or Not Voting. **Senator T. Mathern** will carry the bill.

Date: 3/02/01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1156 (Engrossed)

Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. T. Mathern Seconded By Sen. Wardner

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chr.	✓		Senator Carolyn Nelson		
Senator Dick Dever, Vice-Chr.	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Ralph Kilzer	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Sen. T. Mathern

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 2, 2001 1:08 p.m.

Module No: SR-36-4718
Carrier: T. Mathern
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1156, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1156 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1156

HB1156 – Friday, Jan 12, 9:00 AM – Fort Union Room – Gov't and Vets Affairs

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee;

My name is Chuck Lang with the Office of Management and Budget and I am here to introduce HB1156, which deals with the direct billing of employee lodging expense.

The proposed legislation adds section 2 to NDCC 44-08-04.5. The purpose for the legislation is to allow the state to recognize cost savings when purchasing out-of-state lodging as a package with other travel related expenses such as airfare. The bill permits the state to prepay employee lodging and to pay the lodging facility or travel agency directly if it results in cost savings to the state. Currently, employee lodging expense is reimbursed to the employee after submitting a travel voucher with proper lodging receipts and supervisor approval.

At this time I would like to introduce an amendment that allows payments to be made to either a lodging provider or travel agency. The current version of the bill only allows payment to a lodging provider. If a combination airfare-lodging package were to be purchased, a travel agency would probably be used rather than a lodging provider.

If anyone has any questions I'll be happy to answer them at this time.

HB1156 -- Friday, Mar 2, 11:00 AM – Missouri River Room – Gov't and Vets Affairs

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