2011 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2094

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2094
1-11-2011
12763

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the deadline by which an emergency medical services operator must file its application for funding with the state department of health.

Minutes: You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Senator Judy Lee opened the hearing on SB 2094.

Tom Nehring, director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma for the ND Department of Health, testified in support of SB 2094. Attachment #1

Senator Judy Lee asked how it became out of sync with the state fiscal year.

Mr. Nehring explained that this year is particularly troublesome. He explained that there was funding in 2005 and additional funding in 2009. However the Office of Management and Budget determined that the extra added in 2009 was one time funding.

Senator Judy Lee asked if there was an advantage to the dept. and emergency services personnel to have an emergency clause on this.

Mr. Nehring said it would simplify things.

A short discussion took place on the relationship of this bill with HB 1044.
Ken Tupa, representing the EMS Association, addressed the committee and explained that 1044 is proposing changing the grant system. They are looking at funding areas instead of services. They are looking at how many systems in ND are going to be sustainable in the future. He also talked about the funding.

Senator Judy Lee asked if both bills are needed.

Mr. Tupa said probably not if 1044 passes as it currently is.

There was no opposing or neutral testimony.

The hearing on SB 2094 was closed.

Senator Gerald Uglem moved to adopt an amendment adding an emergency clause.

Seconded by **Senator Spencer Berry**.

Roll call vote 4-0-0. **Amendment adopted**

Senator Gerald Uglem moved a **Do Pass as amended**.

Seconded by **Senator Spencer Berry**.

Roll call vote 4-0-1. **Motion carried.**

Carrier is **Senator Gerald Uglem.**

11.8058.01001
Title.02000

Adopted by the Human Services Committee

January 12, 2011

1-11-11

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2094

Page 1, line 3, after "health" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, after line 12, insert:

"**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 1-11-2011

Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2094

Senate **HUMAN SERVICES** Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number Emergency Clause

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By **Sen.** Uglem Seconded By **Sen.** Berry

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		**Sen. Tim Mathern**		
Sen. Gerald Uglem, V. Chair	✓				
Sen. Dick Dever	✓				
Sen. Spencer Berry	✓				

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment

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

Date: 1-11-2011

Roll Call Vote # 2

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2094

Senate **HUMAN SERVICES** Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 11.8058.01001 Title 02000

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By **Sen.** Uglem Seconded By **Sen.** Berry

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		**Sen. Tim Mathern**		
Sen. Gerald Uglem, V. Chair	✓				
Sen. Dick Dever	✓				
Sen. Spencer Berry	✓				

Total (Yes) 4 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Sen. Uglem

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2094: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2094 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after "health" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, after line 12, insert:

"**SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

2011 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2094

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2094
February 15, 2011
Job # 14555

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to the deadline by which an emergency medical services operator must file its application for funding with the state department of health; and to declare an emergency.

Minutes: Testimony #1

Chairman Weisz: Opened the hearing on SB 2094.

Tom Nehring, Director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma for the ND Department of Health. (See testimony #1). I am here in support of this bill.

Rep. Paur: The bill doesn't change the deadline. It just removes the deadline.

Tom Nehring: It removes the deadline to allow us to establish a new deadline through rules as of May 1st of the year. What we have just run into is the states physical year ends on June 30, 2012. We have funding for staffing grants that we were only able because we don't know what is going to happen as of July 1 what the amount of money will be so we were only able to issue a six month staffing grant. That causes a lot of confusion with the ambulances services because they are use to at least in one year to apply for a yearlong grant and in these years where we end up with a changing biennium we only know how much money we will have for that six month period of time. It causes confusion for them sending in applications even though it is stated this is for a six month period of time. They are normally use to dealing with a year's period of time. They make mistakes and do it for a year's period of time instead of six months so it has to be returned and it slows the process down.

Rep. Paur: So basically you want to change the time frame.

Ken Tupa, ND EMS Association: We don't have a problem with this bill. You recall HB 1044 before this committee previously. That changes the grant process a little bit. It would actually repeal this section at the end of this year; Section 23-40. Passing this bill is probably not a bad thing because we don't know what the end result of 1044 is going to be.

Opposition: None

Hearing closed.

Chairman Weisz: If 1044 doesn't pass though this bill does make sense.

Do Pass Motion Made by Rep. Porter; Seconded by Rep. Hofstad

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent Carrier: Rep. Anderson

Hearing closed.

Date: 2-15-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2094

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Hofstad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ	✓		REP. CONKLIN	✓	
VICE-CHAIR PIETSCH	✓		REP. HOLMAN	✓	
REP. ANDERSON	✓		REP. KILICHOWSKI	✓	
REP. DAMSCHEN	✓				
REP. DEVLIN	✓				
REP. HOFSTAD	✓				
REP. LOUSER	✓				
REP. PAUR	✓				
REP. PORTER	✓				
REP. SCHMIDT	A				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Anderson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2094, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2094 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

SB 2094

#1

Testimony
Senate Bill 2094
Senate Human Services Committee
Tuesday, January 11, 2011; 11:30 a.m.
North Dakota Department of Health

Good morning, Chairwoman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Tom Nehring, and I am the director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma for the North Dakota Department of Health. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 2094.

Senate Bill 2094 removes the November 1 application deadline for the Emergency Medical Services Staffing Grant. Currently, emergency medical services personnel apply for the staffing grant by November 1 and are awarded the grant on January 1. To close out the fiscal records for the state fiscal year, however, these contracts end on June 30, while the grant period continues for an additional six months. This results in the need to issue new contracts for the remaining six months.

The removal of the November 1 deadline in Senate Bill 2094 will allow the Department of Health to align the grant timelines with the state fiscal year, eliminating the need to issue multiple contracts during a 12-month period. The Department of Health plans to institute the deadline of May 1 for grant applications, with the grants awarded July 1 of each year.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Testimony
Senate Bill 2094
House Human Services Committee
Tuesday, February 15, 2011; 9:30 a.m.
North Dakota Department of Health

Good morning, Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Tom Nehring, and I am the director of the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma for the North Dakota Department of Health. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 2094.

Senate Bill 2094 removes the November 1 application deadline for the Emergency Medical Services Staffing Grant. The removal of the November 1 deadline in Senate Bill 2094 will allow the Department of Health to align the grant timelines with the state fiscal year, eliminating the need to issue multiple contracts during a 12-month period. The Department of Health plans to institute the deadline of May 1 for grant applications, with the grants awarded July 1 of each year.

Currently, ambulance service personnel apply for the staffing grant by November 1 and are awarded the grant on January 1. To close out the fiscal records for the state fiscal year, however, these contracts end on June 30, while the grant period continues for an additional six months. This results in the need to issue new contracts for the remaining six months. Changing the deadline will solve that issue.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.