

2015 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1470

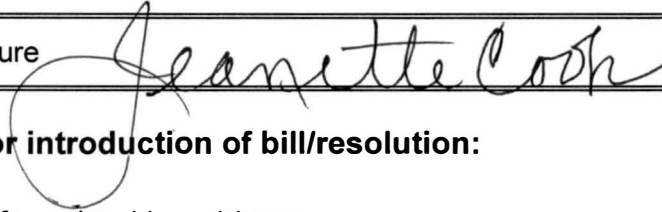
2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1470
2/5/2015
#23350

Subcommittee
Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to physicals for school bus drivers.

Minutes:

Chairman Dan Ruby opened the hearing on HB 1470.

Representative Kelsh, District 26, introduced HB 1470. He explained that a superintendent asked him to bring this bill forward. He stated that when schools require a bus driver to have a physical, often times the doctor will find something that may be wrong. At that point the person is referred to another doctor, such a specialist in a different town. Then the school is billed for all the medical costs, often a large amount. It happens more frequently because at this time it is very difficult to hire bus drivers, and older people are being hired. The schools would like the physicals to be billed to the person's insurance or Medicare with the remainder being paid by the school district.

Representative Rick C. Becker: Is the patient going to the physician with paperwork from the school district? I can't imagine that a physician will bill an employer, rather than the insurance company. What makes this different, that a physician will send the bill to the employer instead of the insurance?

Representative Kelsh: I don't know, except that the superintendent told me that they get the bill directly without it going to the insurance.

Chairman Dan Ruby: My employees have to have physicals too. The bill does not go on the employee's health plan on Blue Cross; it comes to me right away. It is usually about \$50 per employee. Is that what they are talking about?

Representative Kelsh: I know state law requires a bus driver to have a physical every year if they are over 65. Other schools have drivers over 70 years old, and if they find anything wrong locally, they send them to Fargo. Then an extensive physical is done before they allow them to drive. I don't have a problem with this, except that the insurance should pay and then if there is something still owed, the school will pay that.

Chairman Dan Ruby: Was there any discussion about having this apply to all CDL drivers instead of just school bus drivers?

Representative Kelsh: No, this was just a school issue.

There was no further testimony in support of HB 1470.
There was no opposition to HB 1470.

Chairman Dan Ruby closed the hearing on HB 1470.

Representative Rick C. Becker moved a DO PASS on HB 1470.
Rep. Mark Owens seconded the motion.

Representative Mike Schatz: I feel that it would be better to get bus drivers that are not so old. Heart attacks can happen at any time. I'm going to resist the motion.

Representative Rick C. Becker: I think this is unnecessary language. This is the way that it should be, and it seems strange that you have to have the language to say it. If it is needed, then I support it.

Chairman Dan Ruby: I'm surprised that the insurance companies didn't come in to speak about this.

There was no further discussion on HB1470.

A roll call vote was taken on HB1470: Aye 11 Nay 1 Absent 2
The motion carried.

Representative Rick C. Becker will carry HB1470.

**2015 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1470**

House Transportation Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar

Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Representative Rick C. Becker Seconded By Rep. Mark Owens

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby	X		Rep. Delmore	X	
Vice Chairman Meier	X		Rep. Hanson	X	
Rep. Rick Becker	X		Rep. Nelson	A	
Rep. Frantzvog	A				
Rep. Hawken	X				
Rep. Olson	X				
Rep. Owens	X				
Rep. Paur	X				
Rep. Schatz		X			
Rep. Sukut	X				
Rep. Weisz	X				

Total (Yes) 11 No 1

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Representative Rick C. Becker

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1470: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1470 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2015 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1470

2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1470

3/5/2015

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Subcommittee Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

To amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to physicals for school vehicle drivers

Minutes:

Attachments: 0

Chairman Oehlke opened the hearing on HB 1470, all committee members, except Senator **Campbell** and **Senator Sinner**, were present.

Representative Jerry Kelsh, District 26, the reason for this bill is that whenever a school vehicle driver gets a physical the school district gets billed instead of the driver's health insurance provider.

Senator Rust: when we sent them for physicals we get billed first because we pay. Are health insurance providers exempt from paying this because the employer is requesting it?

Rep. Kelsh: I don't know but the House had no problems with this bill, so there should be no problems here.

No additional testimony in favor, against, or neutral. Hearing closed

Senator Rust moved: do pass

Senator Axness: seconded

Roll call vote was taken: Yes 4 No 0 Absent 2

Senator Sinner voted yes.

Total votes: Yes 5 No 0 Absent 1

Carrier: Senator Rust

**2015 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL NO. 1470**

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Senator Rust Seconded By Senator Axness

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Oehlke	X		Senator Axness	X	
Vice Chairman Casper	X		Senator Sinner	X	
Senator Campbell	ABS				
Senator Rust	X				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Rust

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1470: Transportation Committee (Sen. Oehlke, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1470 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.