

2017 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HCR 3005

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union, State Capitol

HCR 3005
1/26/2017
27474

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Directing the Legislative Management to study statutory changes necessary to transfer duties and responsibilities of the State Treasurer to other state agencies and officials

Minutes:

Attachment 1

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing on HCR 3005.

Rep Mike Nathe appeared in support of HCR 3005. This resolution directs the Legislative Management to study statutory changes necessary to transfer duties and responsibilities of the State Treasurer to other state agencies and officials. That plays into Rep. Steiner's question on the last bill where she asked if there were any studies in regard to this. This study would come about after the election. Legislative Council told him that this study could also come out prior to the election too.

Opposition:

Kelly Schmidt, State Treasurer, appeared in opposition. I believe that HCR 3005 is to create a problem. Doesn't Legislative Management have to choose the study that they process through, and so I don't know if this would be a study that would be chosen in an effort to provide information to the public?

Chairman Kasper: It depends on the wording in the resolution. In this case it is directing so it is mandatory.

Chairman Kasper closed the hearing.

Bill Wocken, North Dakota League of Cities, brought Attachment 1 on 1-30-17. He was unable to attend to testify in a neutral position.

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HCR 3005
2/10/2017
28217

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Directing the Legislative Management to study statutory changes necessary to transfer duties and responsibilities of the State Treasurer to other state agencies and officials

Minutes:

Chairman Kasper opened the meeting on HCR 3005.

Rep. Schneider made a motion for a DO NOT PASS on HCR 3005.

Rep. Johnston seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. 14 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

Rep. Laning will carry the bill.

Date: 2-10-17
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3005**

House Government and Veterans Affairs 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 Schneider Seconded By Johnston

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Jim Kasper-Chairman	X		Pamela Anderson	X	
Scott Louser-Vice Chairman	X		Mary Schneider	X	
Jason Dockter	0				
Craig A. Johnson	X				
Daniel Johnston	X				
Karen Karls	X				
Ben Koppelman	X				
Vernon Laning	X				
Christopher D. Olson	X				
Karen M. Rohr	X				
Vicky Steiner	X				
Steve Vetter	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Laning

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3005: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HCR 3005 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2017 TESTIMONY

HCR 3005

Attachment 1
3005
1-26-17

Neutral Testimony on House Concurrent Resolutions 3004 and 3005
January 26, 2017
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Bill Wocken on behalf of the North Dakota League of Cities

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. For the record, my name is Bill Wocken, appearing on behalf of the North Dakota League of Cities. These resolutions address a potential change in the office of State Treasurer. HCR 3004 structures a Constitutional amendment and calls for a vote on the measure at the 2018 general election. HCR 3005 calls for an interim study of statutory changes that would be required if the present duties of the State Treasurer were re-assigned.

I am appearing in a neutral position on HCR 3004 and HCR 3005 since we do not know what changes the study will propose and what, if any, changes we will experience in service delivery.

The League of Cities will, however, tell you that it has an excellent working relationship with the present State Treasurer and her office. The office of State Treasurer is of great assistance to cities throughout the state providing a very efficient and timely transfer of revenues to political subdivisions. The office is always very timely and considerate to our requests for information. The State Treasurer's Office assists the League with projections and calculations on budgets and revenue forecasts which we share with cities. They are accurate, courteous and professional in their dealings with us and our member cities. In short, we are receiving a high level of service from the office.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.