

2019 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1049

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB1049
1/8/2019
30536

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Ellen LeTang

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Signatures secured through distributed ledger technology.

Minutes:

Chairman Keiser: Opens the hearing on HB 1049.

Rep Toman~District 34, Mandan: Introduces HB 1049.

Rep M Nelson: Explain how a blockchain signature is not covered in the current definition of an electronic signature?

Rep Toman: Coming from my technology background, it's pretty broad.

Rep M Nelson: How is a signature secured to blockchain technology, not already covered by an electronic process?

Rep Toman: I think it is. If we have the definition, we can work on it next legislature when we get down the road.

Rep Adams: How does blockchain differ from a document signed?

Rep Toman: It an algorithm behind it.

Chairman Keiser: Anyone else here in support, opposition, neutral on HB 1049?

Jim Silrum~Deputy Secretary of State.

Chairman Keiser: You deal with electronic signatures all the time. Electronic signature could be a sound, symbol or process, why do we need to add digital technology? Is different than those 3 components?

Silrum: We would consider with the uniform electronic transmission's act, already in place in North Dakota, it's covered. I'm not an expert in blockchain, really can't speak how it's different. I think it's already covered but other feels it needed there for clarity, but we don't oppose it.

Chairman Keiser: What department who can answer that?

Silrum: The two good guesses would be IT & AG.

Shawn Riley: My interpretation of electronic signature would cover in blockchain.

Chairman Keiser: You are saying that we really don't need it but it would hurt if we put it in?

Riley: Correct.

Gross~ND Attorney General's Office for Consumer Protection Division: I would agree with Mr Riley's assessment.

Chairman Keiser: Closes the hearing. What are the wishes of the committee?

Rep Ruby: I move a Do Not Pass.

Rep C Johnson: Second.

Roll call was taken for a Do Not Pass on HB 1049 with 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent & Rep M Nelson is the carrier.

Date: Jan 8, 2019

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1049

House _____ Industry, Business and Labor _____ 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 Rep Ruby Seconded By Rep C Johnson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	X		Rep O'Brien	X	
Vice Chairman Lefor	X		Rep Richter	X	
Rep Bosch	X		Rep Ruby	X	
Rep C Johnson	X		Rep Schauer	X	
Rep Kasper	X		Rep Adams	X	
Rep Laning	X		Rep P Anderson	X	
Rep Louser	X		Rep M Nelson	X	

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep M Nelson

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1049: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1049 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.