

2019 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1062

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

HB1062
1/7/2019
30476

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Ellen LeTang

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Appointment of workforce safety & insurance board members.

Minutes:

No Attachments

Chairman Keiser: Opens the hearing on HB 1062.

1:00

Chairman Keiser: Introduces in favor HB1062. This bill does two things. It changes the schedule for new board member who take office & serve for WSI. The dilemma was, we were appointing people right before the session began. That virtually impossible a steep learning curve. This will give them one year prior to the legislative session. So it simply changes the starting time to give the new board members some time.

Second item, there is some deleted language. This is old language which is out dated.

Vice Chairman Lefor: Any questions for Chairman Keiser.

Jody Bjornson~General Council at WSI: WSI board is in full support of HB 1062. The board likes the year to acclimate before jumping into the legislative session.

Chairman Keiser: Anyone else here to testify?

Russ Hanson~ Associated General Contractors of ND: This legislation makes a lot of sense. The only thing is why we didn't bring this several sessions ago, that was our fault.

Chairman Keiser: Anyone here to testify in support, opposition, neutral, closes the hearing. What are the wishes of the committee?

Vice Chairman Lefor: Moves a Do Pass.

Rep Kasper: Second.

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Chairman Keiser: Further discussion?

Roll call was taken on HB 1062 for a Do Pass with 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent & Rep Richter is the carrier.

Date: Jan 7, 2019

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2017 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1062

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 Lefor Seconded By Rep Kasper

| 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 | |
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Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Richter

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1062: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1062 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2019 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1062

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee Roosevelt Park Room, State Capitol

HB 1062
3/5/2019
Job #33243

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Amy Crane

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the appointment of workforce safety and insurance board members; and to provide for application

Minutes:

Att. #1

Chairman Klein: Opened the hearing on HB 1062. All members were present.

Representative Keiser, District 47: testified in support of the bill. This bill changes the terms during which the board will serve. The current language they may not serve more than 3 terms. What is important is that the terms begin January 1st of even numbered years. Right now the board members begin in odd numbered years, which means that you become a new board member in a very complicated arena and you are then asked to take positions on legislation, financing decisions, relative to the legislature. It is virtually impossible. WSI is very complicated. It just makes sense that their terms would begin January of even numbered years, so they would be serving on the board for a full year before a legislative session. This gives the board a chance to become more educated on issues and better prepared to represent the board.

Savannah Schmidt, Associated General Contractors of North Dakota: see attachment #1 in support of the bill.

Arik Spencer, President/CEO, Greater North Dakota Chamber: testified in support of the bill. Currently, I'm chair of the WSI coordinating committee that makes the recommendations to the governor's office and over the years a number of my members have been appointed to the WSI board and it's not uncommon to call me and ask what bills do. And even though they get them from WSI, it's a lot of information to absorb.

Jodi Bjornson, General Council at WSI: testified in support. Just wanted to let the committee know that the board supports this bill, they think it makes sense to be on the board for a year to get experience on these issues.

Chairman Klein: Closed the hearing on HB 1062.

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Roosevelt Park Room, State Capitol

HB 1062
3/5/2019
Job #33250

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Amy Crane

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to the appointment of workforce safety and insurance board members; and to provide for application.

Minutes:

None.

Chairman Klein: Opened the committee work session on HB 1062.

Senator Piepkorn: Moved a Do Pass.

Senator Roers: Seconded.

Chairman Klein: This just allows board members to be on the board for one year before having to decide issues like the ones we've heard today.

A Roll Call Vote Was Taken: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Motion Carried.

Senator Piepkorn will carry the bill.

**2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1002**

Senate 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 Piepkorn Seconded By Roers

| Senators | Yes | No | Senators | Yes | No |
|---------------------|-----|----|------------------|-----|----|
| Chairman Klein | X | | Senator Piepkorn | X | |
| Vice Chairman Vedaa | X | | | | |
| Senator Burckhard | X | | | | |
| Senator Kreun | X | | | | |
| Senator Roers | X | | | | |
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Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Piepkorn

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1062: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1062 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2019 TESTIMONY

HB 1062

Testimony HB 1062
Senate Industry Business & Labor Committee
March 5, 2019

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Industry Business & Labor committee, my name is Savannah Schmidt of the Associated General Contractors of North Dakota. AGC of ND is a 400 member association which has been in existence since 1951. Our membership consists of all aspects of commercial construction - highway contractors, vertical contractors, civil/heavy, specialty contractors, subcontractors as well as material and equipment suppliers.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this testimony in support of HB 1062. As outlined in this legislation, the AGC of ND and other business groups are charged with serving on a coordinating committee selecting the 3 finalists for the respective employer representative WSI board positions - for appointment by the Governor. Many times over the years, new members comment on how challenging it is to become familiar with the WSI legislative issues when they are appointed in December of an even numbered year and then are involved in WSI legislative policy discussions the next month – January of odd numbered. This past fall, 6 nominees for two employer representatives were submitted for appointment by the coordinating committee. The appointments were made in December 2018 and the situation previously outlined occurred – they were participating in the WSI legislative policy discussions within a couple weeks of appointment. With the enactment of the change proposed in HB 1062, all future WSI board appointees will have a full year serving on the WSI board prior to a legislative session and will be much more informed and be able to more fully participate in the important legislative issues WSI monitors.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on HB 1062 and we respectfully request the committee issue a Do Pass Recommendation. I'd be happy to address any questions the committee may have.

Board of Directors

North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance's (WSI) Director and Board of Directors are appointed by the Governor of North Dakota. The Board of Directors is an advisory board with members serving 4-year terms.

The 11 member board consists of:

- 6 members representing employers with active accounts with WSI
- 3 members representing employees
- 1 member is a member of the North Dakota Medical Association
- 1 member is appointed as a member-at-large

Vicki Kunz, Chief Governing Officer (CGO), Employee Representative
January 2019 – December 2022

Dean Anagnost, Vice-CGO, Employer Representative (under \$25,000)
January 2017 – December 2020

William Jerome, Employer Representative (over \$25,000)
January 2019 – December 2022

Charles Steffan, Employer Representative (at-large)
January 2017 – December 2020

Chris Whalen, (member-at-large)
January 2019 – December 2022

Brad Maier, Employer Representative (under \$10,000)
January 2017 – December 2020

Amber Schoenborn, Employer Representative (at-large)
January 2019 – December 2022

Ricky Richard, Employee Representative (WSI benefit recipient)
December 2018 – December 2020

Pamela Link, Employee Representative (organized labor)
January 2017 – December 2020

Dr. Laura Matzke Bitterman, ND Medical Association
January 2019 – December 2022

Eric Bischke, Employer Representative (over \$25,000)
January 2017- December 2020