2023 SENATE INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

SB 2039

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry and Business Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2039
1/10/2023

A Bill relating to the office of administrative hearings case tracking report to the legislative management and workforce safety and insurance pilot program status report to the legislative management; relating to workforce safety and insurance pilot programs and safety grant programs reports to the legislative management.

9:24 AM Chairman D. Larsen called the meeting to order.
Members Present: Chairman D. Larsen, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senator Barta, Senator Boehm, Senator Klein.

Discussion Topics:

- Quarterly report requirements
- Status reports
- Biennial report requirements

9:24 AM Senator Scott Meyer introduced the bill and testified #12692 in favor of SB 2039.

9:33 AM Jodi Bjornson, General Council, ND Workforce Safety and Insurance, testified verbally in favor of SB 2039.

9:38 AM Chairman D. Larsen closed the hearing.

Brenda Cook, Committee Clerk

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10:45 AM Chairman D. Larsen opened the Committee Meeting.

Members Present: Chairman D. Larsen, Vice Chairman Kessel, Senator Bata, Senator Boehm, Senator Klein.

Discussion Topics:

- Bill review

10:44 AM Jodi Bjornson, General Council, ND Workforce Safety & Insurance, was asked to clarify a portion of SB 2039.

10:45 AM Senator Barta moved Do Pass on SB 2039.
Senator Klein Seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Greg Kessel	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Keith Boehm	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator D. Larsen will carry the bill.

10:50 AM Chairman D. Larsen closed the meeting.

Brenda Cook, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2039: Industry and Business Committee (Sen. Larsen, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2039 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2023 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2039

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee
Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2039
3/1/2023

Relating to workforce safety and insurance pilot programs and safety grant programs reports to the legislative management.

Chairman Louser called meeting to order 1:16 PM

Members Present: Chairman Louser, Vice Chairman Ostlie, Representatives Boschee, Koppelman, Ruby, Schauer, Thomas, Tveit, Wagner, Warrey.

Members absent: Representatives Christy, Dakane, Johnson, Kasper.

Discussion Topics:

- Pilot program
- Safety program

In Favor:
Representative Dan Ruby, District 38, Minot, ND, (no written testimony)
Jodi Bjornson, General Counsel, ND Workforce Safety, and Insurance, (no written testimony)

Representative Thomas moved do pass.
Representative Warrey seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Josh Boschee	Y
Representative Josh Christy	AB
Representative Hamida Dakane	AB
Representative Jorin Johnson	AB
Representative Jim Kasper	AB
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	AB
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Motion passed 9-0-5

Representative Ruby will carry the bill.

Chairman Louser adjourned the meeting 1:21 PM

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2039: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Louser, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 5 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2039 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2039

Senator Scott Meyer
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Senate Bill No. 2039

- Is a bill repealing the reports provided to the Workers' Compensation Review Committee.
- Section 1:
  - Page 1, lines 21-23. Removes the requirement that OAH and WSI provide a quarterly report on the statistical information regarding results under the case processing standards and policies to Legislative Management. OAH will still provide the report to the state advisory council on a quarterly basis.
- Section 2:
  - Page 2, lines 22-23. Removes the requirement that WSI provide a status report on current pilot programs in accordance with NDCC Section 65-01-19.
- Section 3:
  - Page 2, lines 24-25. Repeals NDCC Sections 65-01-19 and 65-03-05.
    - Section 65-01-19 removes the requirement that WSI provide legislative management with an annual report on the status of any current pilot programs and pilot programs completed within the previous twelve months.
    - Section 65-03-05 removes the requirement that WSI provide legislative council (this committee) with a biennial report on data relating to safety grants issued under Chapter 65-03.

Remember, just like any other agency, any individual lawmaker can request reports on pilot programs etc. Also, WSI already lists these programs on their website.

I ask the committee for a Do Pass recommendation, and I'll stand for any questions.