

2023 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2085

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2085
1/4/2023

Relating to system registries for a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system.

3:02 P.M. Madam Chair Lee called the hearing to order. Senators Lee, Cleary, Clemens, K. Roers, Weston are present. Senator Hogan was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Data registries
- Cardiac registries

3:04 P.M. Tim Wiedrich, Health Response and Licensure Section Chief at the ND Department of Health and Human Services, introduced SB 2085 testimony in favor. #12294

3:07 P.M. Senator K. Roers makes a motion DO PASS
Senator Cleary seconded.

Roll call vote was taken.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	AB
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion passed. 5-0-1

Senator Clemens will carry SB 2085.

3:10 P.M. Madam Chair Lee adjourned the hearing.

Patricia Lahr, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2085: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2085 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2085
3/7/2023

Relating to system registries for a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Brandon Prichard, , Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby and Rep. Karen M. Rohr not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Continuous quality improvement
- Statewide database

Christine Greff, the Cardiac and Stroke Systems Coordinator at the Department of Health and Human Services, supportive testimony (#22161).

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 4:14 PM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2085
3/15/2023

Relating to system registries for a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 9:56 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps. Kathy Frelich, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis, and Gretchen Dobervich present. Reps. Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Clayton Fegley, and Brandon Prichard not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2085.

Rep. Porter discussed the progress on amendments to SB 2085.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2085
4/14/2023

Relating to system registries for a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system.

Chairman Weisz called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

Chairman Robin Weisz, Vice Chairman Matthew Ruby, Reps., Karen A. Anderson, Mike Beltz, Dawson Holle, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Todd Porter, Karen M. Rohr, Jayme Davis were present. Reps. Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Kathy Frelich and Brandon Prichard were not present.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

Chairman Weisz called for a discussion on SB 2085.

Representative Porter moved to amend SB 2085 with #27784

Representative M. Ruby seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

Representative Porter Moved a Do Pass as Amended on SB 2085 #23.8059.01001

Representative McLeod seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Brandon Prichard	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y

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Motion Carried 14-0-0.

Representative Porter will carry the bill.

Chairman Weisz adjourned the meeting at 11:10 AM.

Phillip Jacobs, Committee Clerk

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2085

Page 1, line 1, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 1, after "23-47-02" insert "and 39-21-41.4"

Page 1, line 2, after the second "system" insert "and safety belt usage by emergency medical services personnel; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

"SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 39-21-41.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-21-41.4. Use of safety belts required in certain motor vehicles - Enforcement - Evidence.

Subject to the limitations of this section and section 39-21-41.5, a driver may not operate upon a highway a motor vehicle designed for carrying fewer than eleven passengers, which was originally manufactured with safety belts unless each front seat occupant is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. This section does not apply to a child in a child restraint or safety belt in accordance with section 39-21-41.2; to drivers of implements of husbandry; to operators of farm vehicles as defined in subsection 5 of section 39-04-19; to rural mail carriers while on duty delivering mail; to an occupant with a medical or physically disabling condition that prevents appropriate restraint in a safety belt, if a qualified physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse states in a signed writing the nature of the condition and the reason restraint is inappropriate; to an occupant who is an emergency medical services personnel, during the provision of direct patient care; or when all front seat safety belts are in use by other occupants. A physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse who, in good faith, provides a statement that restraint would be inappropriate is not subject to civil liability. A violation for not wearing a safety belt under this section is not, in itself, evidence of negligence. The fact of a violation of this section is not admissible in any proceeding other than one charging the violation.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall conduct a comprehensive study of the delivery of emergency medical services in the state. The study must include consideration of funding, taxation, access critical areas, demographics, volunteer training, volunteer retention, systems approach to rural areas, employment options, including access to a public safety pension, and educational reimbursements. The study shall also include consideration of distressed ambulance services, which are ambulance services that have indicated an intention to close or change their license level, or an ambulance service that fails to meet performance standards as established by the department of health and human services. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2085: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2085 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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ReNUMBER accordingly

TESTIMONY

SB 2085

Good afternoon, Chairwoman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee. I am Tim Wiedrich, the Health Resources and Licensure Section Chief at the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) and I am here in support of Senate Bill 2085.

The Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical System century code helps to establish and maintain a comprehensive emergency cardiovascular medical system for the state. This includes standards for a system plan, prehospital emergency services, a hospital designation program, system registries and a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement.

Section 23-47-02 d. (1) of the Acute Cardiovascular Emergency Medical System century code states, "In implementing this plan, the department shall maintain a statewide STEMI heart attack database that aggregates information and statistics on heart attack care. The department shall utilize the ACTION registry-get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." The ACTION registry-get with the guidelines platform no longer exists. The registry broke into two parts that now exist individually as the American College of Cardiology's (ACC) National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR) and the American Heart Association's (AHA) Get with the Guidelines: Coronary Artery Disease (GWTG: CAD).

This bill removes the language, "The department shall utilize the ACTION registry get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." This revision to the century code will ensure the longevity of the legislation while preserving the department's ability to maintain a statewide database for the purpose of achieving continuous quality improvement in the quality of care provided under the cardiac system.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Good morning, Chairman Weisz and House Human Services Committee members, I am Christine Greff, the Cardiac and Stroke Systems Coordinator at the Department of Health and Human Services (Department).

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We support senate bill 2085, an act to amend the century code section 23-47-02. The amendment removes the language, "The department shall utilize the ACTION registry get with the guidelines data platform, or other equivalent platform." This revision to the century code will ensure the longevity of the legislation while preserving the department's ability to maintain a statewide database to achieve continuous quality improvement in the quality of care provided under the cardiac system.

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Proposed Amendment – SB 2085

Add a study.

During 2023-2024 interim, the legislative management shall conduct a comprehensive study of the delivery of emergency medical services in the state of North Dakota. The study must include funding, taxation, access critical areas, demographics, volunteer training, volunteer retention, systems approach to rural areas, employment options including access to public safety pension, and educational reimbursements. The study shall also include distressed ambulance services, which are ambulance services that have indicated an intention to close or change their license level, or an ambulance service that fails to meet performance standards as established by the department. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

New Section

Emergency Medical Services Operators – Exempt

Any emergency medical service operator, during direct patient care, is exempt from section 39-21-41.4.