2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2110

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and Taxation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2110
1/5/2023

A BILL relating to a cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt national park.

10:20 AM **Chairman Clemens** called to order. **Senators Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Paulson, and Rummel** were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Repair funds
- Maintenance funds
- Federal and State responsibility

10:20 AM **Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering for the ND Department of Transportation,** introduced and testified in support. #12404

10:43 AM **Levi Andrist, GA Group,** provided clarification.

10:48 AM **Birgit M. Pruess, Fargo, ND,** proposed an amendment to the bill and testified in support. #12380

10:52 AM **Chairman Clemens** adjourned the meeting.

Danielle Butler, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2110
1/12/2023

Relating to a cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt national park.

10:54 AM **Chairman Clemens** called the committee to order.
Senators Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Paulson, and Rummel were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Road conditions
- Repair responsibility

11:12 AM **Senator Larsen** moved to adopt amendment LC 23.8130.01001 (#13031, 13032).
11:12 AM **Senator Rummel** seconded the amendment.

11:12 AM **Roll Call Vote.**

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed to adopt the amendment. 5-0-0

11:13 AM **Senator Larsen** moved DO PASS AS AMENDED
11:13 AM **Senator Rummel** seconded DO PASS AS AMENDED

11:13 AM Roll Call Vote DO PASS AS AMENDED

Senators	Vote	
Senator David A. Clemens	Y	
Senator Cole Conley	Y	
Senator Doug Larsen	Y	
Senator Bob Paulson	Y	
Senator Dean Rummel	Y	

Motion passed. 5-0-0

Senator Rummel will carry SB 2110.

11:16 AM **Chairman Clemens** closed the meeting.

Danielle Butler, Committee Clerk

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2110

Page 1, line 12, after "park" insert ", provided the director requests the Theodore Roosevelt national park to seek reimbursement of department costs from the federal government"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2110: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2110 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 1, line 12, after "park" insert ", provided the director requests the Theodore Roosevelt national park to seek reimbursement of department costs from the federal government"

Renumber accordingly

2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2110

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

SB 2110
3/2/2023

A bill relating to a cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Chairman Ruby opened the hearing at 9:33AM.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. Members absent: Representative Koppelman.

Discussion Topics:

- Maintenance agreement with the park transportation network
- Cooperative funding with Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Matt Linneman, Deputy Director of Engineering with North Dakota Department of Transportation, introduced bill in support (#21621).

Chairman D. Ruby closed the hearing at 9:42AM.

Representative Weisz moved an amendment on line 13, changing “requests” to “require” and add “all” department costs.

Representative Dakane seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	AB
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion carried 13-0-1

Representative Murphy moved a Do Pass as Amended.

Representative Weisz seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	N
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	N
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	AB
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	N
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion carried 10-3-1

Representative Murphy is the bill carrier.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

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Adopted by the House Transportation Committee

March 2, 2023

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2110

Page 1, line 13, replace "requests" with "requires"

Page 1, line 13, replace "seek reimbursement of" with "reimburse all"

Page 1, line 14, remove "from the federal government"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2110, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2110 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, replace "requests" with "requires"

Page 1, line 13, replace "seek reimbursement of" with "reimburse all"

Page 1, line 14, remove "from the federal government"

Renumber accordingly

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2110

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2110
3/30/2023

Relating to a cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt national park.

10:41 AM Chairman Clemens opened the meeting.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Conference Committee

Senator Clemens provided information and opened it up for discussion.

Voted to concur on SB 2110

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

5-0-0 Committee will concur with SB 2110

Senator Rummel will carry the bill.

10:46 AM Chairman Clemens closed the meeting.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

TESTIMONY

SB 2110

Birgit Pruess, Ph.D.
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Fargo, ND 58104

January 4, 2022

Senate Transportation Committee
Re: SB2110 Cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Committee Chair Clemens and members Conley, Larsen, Paulson, Rummel, and Rust,

I like to testify in support of Senate Bill 2110. My name is Birgit Pruess and I am a private citizen of North Dakota. I am very familiar with Theodore Roosevelt National Park, which I have visited 2 to 4 times each year since 2014. I like to propose an amendment to the bill:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is responsible for the maintenance of ALL managed animal herds in both, the South and the North Unit. This includes horses at a number that promotes a genetically viable herd and Texas longhorn cattle at the current number.

Of course, I support the maintenance of the Painted Canyon visitor center and the part roads. The Painted Canyon visitor center is the first and often only part of the park that many visitors see. For those of us who come into the park, we need the roads and we need them in good shape. However, in order to make sure that the visitor center and the roads are visited frequently, we need to maintain the level of attractiveness of the park. That includes all the animals that live in there. In addition to being part of the cultural heritage of the great State of North Dakota who already lived there at the time of Theodore Roosevelt, the horses are also a major point of attraction for visiting tourists. There are tens of thousands of fans of the horses and I heard many of them say they won't visit the park anymore once the horses are removed. I would very much appreciate if the above amendment could be added to the bill to ensure that people will keep using streets and visitor centers at high numbers.

I am in support of SB2110 with the amendment.

Sincerely and respectfully

Birgit Pruess

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Senate Bill No. 2110

Senate Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room | January 5, 2023, 10:15 am
Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to introduce and support Senate Bill 2110.

Senate Bill 2110 will provide the NDDOT authority to enter into agreements with Theodore Roosevelt National Park to assist with the maintenance of their transportation network. This bill would give the NDDOT authority to assist the National Park Service and expend necessary resources to expedite or assist with projects within the limits of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Tourism is North Dakota's third largest industry and Theodore Roosevelt National Park is the top destination, attracting nearly 600,000 visitors each year. The park has approximately 38 miles of roadway within the boundary of the North and South Units. This bill will allow the NDDOT to assist the National Park Service with providing reliable, year-round access to the rugged beauty of our state's only National Park. This allows us to be nimble and respond quickly in addressing emerging needs, making a direct impact on visitors to the park.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.

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Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2110

Introduced by

Transportation Committee

(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 24-02-45.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a cooperative maintenance agreement with Theodore Roosevelt national park.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 24-02-45.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

24-02-45.4. Cooperative agreement with Theodore Roosevelt national park for the maintenance of roadways off of the state highway system.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director may enter a cooperative agreement with the Theodore Roosevelt national park for the joint maintenance of the park's transportation network, off of the state highway system, for use by the traveling public. The director may expend moneys from the state highway fund within the limits of legislative appropriations for the maintenance of roadways within the Theodore Roosevelt national park, provided the director requests the Theodore Roosevelt national park to seek reimbursement of department costs from the federal government.

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January 9, 2023

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Senate Bill No. 2110

House Transportation Committee
327E | March 2, 2023, 9:30 am
Matt Linneman, Deputy Director for Engineering

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Senate Bill 2110 will provide the NDDOT authority to enter into agreements with Theodore Roosevelt National Park to assist with the maintenance of their transportation network. This bill would give the NDDOT authority to assist the National Park Service and expend necessary resources to expedite or assist with projects within the limits of Theodore Roosevelt National Park provided that the park agrees to seek reimbursement of department costs from the federal government.

Tourism is North Dakota's third largest industry and Theodore Roosevelt National Park is the top destination, attracting nearly 800,000 visitors each year. The park has approximately 55 miles of roadway within the boundary of the north and south units. This bill will allow the NDDOT to assist the National Park Service with providing reliable, year-round access to the rugged beauty of our state's only national park and allow us to be nimble and respond quickly in addressing emerging needs, making a direct impact on visitors to the park.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.