

**2025 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1262**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

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A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 30.1-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to guardians of incapacitated persons.
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11:30 a.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Klemin, Vice-Chairman Karls, Vice-Chairman Vetter, Representatives Christianson, Hoverson, Johnston, McLeod, Olson, Satrom, Tveit, VanWinkle, Wolff, Schneider

Members Absent: Representative Henderson

**Discussion Topics:**

- Current guardianship laws
- Commitment to state hospitals

11:30 a.m. Scott Louser, North Dakota Representative for District 5, introduced the bill and testified in favor.

11:34 a.m. Craig Gerhart, Minot resident, testified in favor.

12:09 p.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

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2:38 p.m. Chairman Klemin opened the hearing.

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Members Absent: Representatives Henderson, Satrom

### Discussion Topics:

- Potential alternatives to the bill
- Civil commitment procedure
- Petitioning for a guardian

2:39 p.m. Representative Wolff moved a Do Not Pass.

2:39 p.m. Representative S. Olson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	A
Representative Jeff Hoverson	N
Representative Daniel Johnston	A
Representative Carrie McLeod	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	A
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Lori VanWinkle	Y
Representative Christina Wolff	Y

2:55 p.m. Motion passed 10-1-3.

2:56 p.m. Representative VanWinkle will carry the bill.

3:02 p.m. Chairman Klemin closed the hearing.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
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**Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (10 YEAS, 1 NAY, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1262 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.