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2003 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1279

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1279

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/27/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
4	x		18.0-28.01
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Heather Hammer</i>			

Minutes: **Chairman Keiser** opened the hearing on HB 1279.

**Rep. Wrangham**, District 8, introduced the bill. This makes changes to comply with federal government OMB classifications and definitions in regard to the ND Hearing Aid Society.

**Ronald Schauer**, a local hearing aid specialist and past president of the ND Hearing Aid Society, offered favorable support for HB 1279. (See attached) He suggested an amendment which has the approval of the board of the ND Hearing Aid Society: Lines 3 & 4 on page 7, section 10.

**Rep. Klein**: What kind of funds are you talking about?

**Ronald Schauer**: I'll defer that question to the current president of the NDHAS.

**Doug Schauer**, offered oral testimony in support of HB 1279. Last fall the NDHAS asked for the name change that would keep them consistent with the national level. At that time they also discussed using some of their board funds for further continuing education to certain

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organizations. This would be allowed at the board's disgression. We felt that this was a good idea as it would be a hedge against the complaint process, keeping our licensees with quality speakers.

**Rep. Klein:** How many members are presently registered in ND and what are your annual fees?

**Schauer:** We have a total of 63 licensees, including hearing aid dispensers and audiologists. Our annual fees are between \$150-\$200.

**Rep. Klein:** How much money do you have in your funds at present?

**Schauer:** We have about \$30,000 in our checking account. Our last litigation cost us about \$20,000.

**Chairman Keiser:** How will the board determine to keep enough in reserve to handle potential litigation as well as do continuing education?

**Schauer:** \$30,000 is enough for us to remain solvent.

As there was no one else present who wished to testify either in support of or in opposition to HB 1279, the hearing was closed. **Rep. Kllen** commented that the amendments are already within the language of the bill.

**Rep. Klein** moved a do pass on HB 1279. **Rep. Zaiser** seconded the motion. Results of the roll call vote were 14-0-0.

**Rep. Klein** will carry this bill on the floor.

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*10/3/03*  
Date

Date: 1/27/03  
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1279

House Industry, Business & Labor Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Zaiser

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	/		Rep.Boe	/	
Rep.Severson, Vice-Chair	/		Rep.Ekstrom	/	
Rep.Dosch	/		Rep.Thorpe	/	
Rep. Froseth	/		Rep. Zaiser	/	
Rep. Johnson	/				
Rep.Kasper	/				
Rep. Klein	/				
Rep. Nottlestad	/				
Rep. Ruby	/				
Rep.Tieman	/				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Klein

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 27, 2003 7:02 p.m.

Module No: HR-15-1163  
Carrier: M. Klein  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1279: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Kolser, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HB 1279 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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HR-15-1163

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2003 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1279

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1279

Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 03/10/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1	x		4250-5350
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa VanBerkem</i>			

Minutes:

**Senator Mutch** opens HB 1279. Senator Krebsbach and Every are absent.

**Representative Dwight Wrangham**, sponsor of bill, introduces bill.

**Ronald Schauer**, Hearing aid specialist (Testimony and amendment attached)

**Senator Klein**: Please go over the disbursement of funds, and why it is necessary?

**Schauer**: We wanted to clarify this so it does not get confused. HB 1279 just brings compliance

**Senator Mutch**: There is no federal law compelling you increase the hours?

**Schauer**: No

**Senator Mutch**: What does it cost to have your annual license?

**Schauer**: Last year renewal was about \$200 and requires \$95 to take practicum, \$95 for written and \$200 or \$225 to take the practicum exam.

**Senator Espegard**: This amendment is okay with you?

**Schauer**: Yes and the board also.



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Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1279

Hearing Date 03/10/03

Closed HB 1279

Senator Klein moves to adopt amendment

Senator Espegard 2nd

5 Yes 0 No 2 Absent

Senator Klein moves for a Do Pass as amended

Senator Espegard 2nd

4 yes 1 No 2 Absent

Carrier: Senator Klein

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30153.0301  
Title.0400

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Representative Wrangham  
February 11, 2003

*JB*  
3-10-03

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1279

Page 7, line 3, remove "the North Dakota hearing aid society to"

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Date

Date: 3/10  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1279

Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken amendment

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Espegard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Mutch, Chairman	✓				
Sen. Klein, Vice Chairman	✓				
Sen. Krebsbach					
Sen. Nething	✓				
Sen. Heitkamp	✓				
Sen. Every					
Sen. Espegard	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: 3/10  
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1279

Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Espegard

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Mutch, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Sen. Klein, Vice Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Sen. Krebsbach					
Sen. Nething	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Sen. Heitkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Sen. Every					
Sen. Espegard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Total (Yes) 4 No 1

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Klein

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 10, 2003 3:09 p.m.

Module No: SR-42-4379  
Carrier: Klein  
Insert LC: 30153.0301 Title: .0400

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1279: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1279 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 7, line 3, remove "the North Dakota hearing aid society to"

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1279

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## **NORTH DAKOTA HEARING AID SOCIETY**

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Mary Shaw, Minot, Treasurer

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the committee, I am Ronald Schauer, Hearing Aid Specialist with a practice in Bismarck. I am a past president of the North Dakota Hearing Aid Society and past chairmen of the North Dakota Hearing Aid Specialist Examiners board.

I am here in favor of HB 1279. In 1999 the United States government office of Management and Budget in order to provide continuity in the Hearing Aid Profession classified those that are licensed to dispense Hearing Aids in the United States as a "Hearing Aid Specialist" and added them under the Health Care Practitioner and Technical Occupations section of Health Occupations.

This bill is offered to upgrade 43-33 to be in compliance with that change.

In regard to the change in 43-33-14 this change is made for clarification of disbursement of funds by the board. The Board is already authorized in 43-33-14 to disburse funds. Clarification of this section is requested so that these funds are specifically used for continuing education. When I presented this change to Mr. John Walstad of the Legislative council he saw no problem the way 43-33-14 is currently written but said it would be acceptable to clarify this point.