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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3042

House Human Services Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 11, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		X	5.8 - 9.4
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Rengrow</i>			

Minutes

Rep. Ruby appeared in support of this bill stating this deals with the ability of this area to receive a grant for dealing with poverty issues and planning sessions.

Rep. Weisz asked if he knew who NW Venture Communities is? Answer: Yes, a partnership of the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward and the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Rep. Niemeier asked if this was operational now? Answer: Yes

No opposition. Hearing closed.

Rep. Porter made a motion for DO PASS as AMENDED and Placed on the Consent Calendar, second by Rep. Potter.

Sen. O'Connell appeared and stressed his support.

Rep. Price appeared as prime sponsor stating NW Venture Community has an opportunity to get a grant and asked for support and that their goal is to improve financial situation.

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House Human Services Committee

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VOTE: 12 - 0 - 1

Rep. Price will carry the bill.

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Date: 2-11-03  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB-~~1196~~ 3042

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee**Legislative Council Amendment Number**

Action Taken Do Pass - Consent

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Potter

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Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Phil

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 11, 2003 11:30 a.m.

Module No: HR-26-2252  
Carrier: Price  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
HCR 3042: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**  
and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT  
AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3042 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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HR-26-2252

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3042

Senate Human Services Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 19, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		602-1200
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary Kay Glendon</i>			

Minutes:

Senator J. Lee (mtr #602) - Opened the hearing on HCR3042. All committee members are present. This is a resolution expressing the Legislative Assembly's support and endorsement for the Northwest Venture Communities, Inc. project to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in North Dakota.

Representative Clara Sue Price (mtr #641) - Introduced the resolution. Explained that organization was newly formed in 2002, is a grass roots organization. There is not another competition with other communities, because it pertains only to this region. Went over the dollar amount involved and the impact to ND if this site is chosen.

Jim Vitko, Project Coordinator for Northwest Venture Communities (mtr #820) - Testified in support of HCR3042. Northwest Venture Communities (NVC) is an organization that was formed about a year ago. Is developing a 10-year strategic plan to reduce poverty and improve

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Senate Human Services Committee

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Hearing Date March 19, 2003

the quality of life in an eight county area of ND. Written testimony and summary sheet is attached. Urges committee support.

Senator J. Lee (mtr #1090) - Give no further testimony or questions, closed the hearing on HCR3042.

Senator Polovitz moves a Do Pass. Second by Senator Erbele.

Roll call vote 6 yea, 0 nay, 0 absent. Carrier Senator Polovitz.

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Date: 03-19-03  
Roll Call Vote #: ①

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3042

Senate Human Services Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Polovitz Seconded By Sen. Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Judy Lee - Chairman	✓				
Senator Richard Brown - V. Chair.	✓				
Senator Robert S. Erbele	✓				
Senator Tom Fischer	✓				
Senator April Fairfield	✓				
Senator Michael Polovitz	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Sen. Polovitz

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 19, 2003 2:58 p.m.

Module No: SR-49-5252  
Carrier: Polovitz  
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE  
HCR 3042: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**  
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3042 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

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**House Concurrent Resolution 3042**

Senator Judy Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee I am Jim Vitko, Project Coordinator for Northwest Venture Communities.

Northwest Venture Communities Inc. (NVC) is a "grassroots" regional organization that originated in spring of 2002. NVC is developing a 10-year strategic plan to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in an eight county area of North Dakota. This includes Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Ward Counties and Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold of North Dakota.

NVC was formed after the Northwest Area Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota selected the region in North Dakota to take part in their Community Ventures Program. The Northwest Area Foundation has selected sites in Iowa, Montana, Idaho, and North Dakota to develop and submit regional plans to reduce poverty and improve quality of life by October 15, 2003. They are indicating the potential to choose up to two plans to form long term partnerships with. If the Northwest Area Foundation choose the North Dakota plan, they may provide 6 to 13 million dollars to implement selected strategies outlined in the plan.

Hundreds of residents from the region are involved in the project. They are working together to plan how individuals, families, and communities can prosper and rise above some of the challenges we are facing. Northwest Venture Communities Inc. refers to its regional endeavors as "Dakota Dreams, Partnering for Prosperity" because partners

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from across the region are being encouraged to dream and envision how we can work together to improve the quality of life and reduce poverty.

On behalf of the NVCI Board and our regional membership I want encourage your support for HCR 3042. The Resolution is very important as will be included in our final plan and it indicates the support and endorsement of our State Legislative Assembly.

Thank you.



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**What is the Northwest Venture Communities, Inc. (NVC), Dakota Dreams, Partnering for Prosperity?**

- NVC is a local organization that has been formed in response to an opportunity that has been offered to our region by the Northwest Area Foundation.
- The opportunity is to become a Community Ventures program where we develop a strategic plan to reduce poverty.
- Northwest Venture Communities has named our regional project "Dakota Dreams, Partnering for Prosperity" because we want to encourage participants to envision how we can partner to improve the quality of life and reduce poverty throughout our region.
- Our region includes: Burke, Bottineau, McHenry, McLean, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Ward Counties and Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold of North Dakota.
- A Board of Directors has been formed to initiate/administer regional activities.

**What is the Northwest Area Foundation?**

- The Foundation is a private philanthropic organization located in St. Paul Minnesota. It was established in 1934 by Louis W. Hill, son of James J. Hill, founder of the Great Northern Railway.
- The Foundation is committed to an eight-state region. The region includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa.
- Foundation assets total approximately \$ 450 million.
- The Foundation's mission is to help communities in its eight-state region reduce poverty.
- Additional information about the Foundation is available on our Web site: [www.nwaf.org](http://www.nwaf.org)

**What is the Community Ventures program?**

- The Community Ventures program is one of three programs at the Foundation focused on reducing poverty in lasting ways. Through the Ventures program, the Foundation will form partnerships of 10 years with approximately 16 communities throughout its region. The Foundation's total investment in the Community Ventures program is expected to be approximately \$150 million.
- Currently, two long-term partnerships have been approved by the Foundation. One is located in Miner County, South Dakota and the other is in Central Oregon. Five other communities in the eight-state region are in the exploration stage.

**Why is the Northwest Area Foundation inviting four regional communities to submit strategic plans that focus on poverty reduction?**

- The Northwest Area Foundation is exploring the feasibility of a long-term partnership with four regional communities.
- The Foundation will provide substantial financial support to each of the four communities to participate in an 18-month long process to create strategic plans that will move the region toward its envisioned future. Up to two of the four regions may be selected by the Foundation for a long-term partnership, based on how well components of the submitted strategic plans align with the Foundation's criteria.

Who are the four regional communities that are currently in the Northwest Area Foundation Community Ventures program?

- Minot, North Dakota Region – 8 Counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold.
- Pocatello/Idaho Falls, Idaho – 16 Counties and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.
- Great Falls, Montana – 11 counties and Blackfeet, Chippewa Cree and Gros Ventre Tribes.
- Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa – 8 Counties and Sac & Fox Tribe of Mississippi in Iowa.

What are the activities we (eight counties/Three Affiliated Tribes) must complete to be successful?

- We want and need citizen, organizational, and community involvement.
- We must work together.
- Conduct community/regional meetings.
- Conduct a thorough regional analysis.
- Reach consensus.
- Complete and submit a regional plan.

What must be included in our regional community plan?

Six criteria must be included in the plan when it is submitted to the Northwest Area Foundation. The plan must:

1. Focus on reducing poverty in the regional community. It should include a community definition of poverty and a potential to reduce poverty.
2. Involve diverse interests. Getting diverse community members involved in activities, especially those who are often not involved in community planning.
3. Do no harm. Assurance that implementing the plan will not harm the social, ecological, and cultural well being of the community or another community.
4. Provide thoughtful and realistic strategies for accomplishing community goals. It should provide a long range vision, effective strategies and benchmarks.
5. Develop and identify local abilities to achieve long-term community goals. It should include who will invest resources (time, energy, etc.) to bring about change.
6. Be adaptable to new knowledge and changing circumstances. It should also show how learning will be shared.

How much time do we have to complete the plan?

- The first draft of the plan must be submitted to the Northwest Area Foundation by June 30, 2003. The final draft will be due October 15, 2003

How can I become involved with Northwest Venture Communities, Inc.?

- Regional committees have been formed and are working on the following issues: Economic Development, Out-Migration/Population, Community Support Services, Education, Leadership Development, Healthcare, and Infrastructure/Government.

If you are interested in partnering with and assisting Northwest Venture Communities, Inc., please contact our office.

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Website: [www.nvci.org](http://www.nvci.org)

Future regional committee meetings are scheduled for:

- March 13, 2003, April 10, and May 6, 2003
- Other community and regional meetings will be scheduled.

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