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2003 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2094

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2094

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-13-03

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Minutes: Chairman Mutch opened the hearing on SB 2094 relating to authority to pledge securities for securities lending transactions by the board of university and school lands.

Testimony in support of SB 2094

All Senators present. SB 2094 was introduced at the request of the Board of University and School Lands. Gary D. Preszler, State Land Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill. See attached testimony.

There was no opposing testimony.

Hearing was closed.

Sen. Espegard moved DO PASS. Sen. Nething seconded.

Roll Call Vote: 7 yes. 0 no. 0 absent.

Carrier: Sen. Espegard

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Requested by Legislative Council 01/03/2003

Bill/Resolution No.:

SB 2094

1A. State fiscal effect: Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to

funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003	Blennium	2003-2005	Blennium	2005-2007 Biennium		
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$(
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Appropriations	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

1	2001-2003 Biennium			2003	2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
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2. Narrative: Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This proposed bill will not have a fiscal impact.

3. State fiscal effect detail: For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. Revenues: Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

For the 2003-2005 biennium, approximately \$152,000 is already included in other (special) fund revenues as securities lending activity has been conducted since 1993. Enactment of SB 2094 allows this activity to continue.

B. Expenditures: Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

This proposed bill will not affect expenses.

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	Gary D. Preszler	Agency:	Land Department
Phone Number:	328-2800	Date Prepared:	01/09/2003

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 13, 2003 1:26 p.m.

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Module No: SR-05-0494 Carrier: Espegard Insert LC: Title:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2094: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2094 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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SB 2094

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2094

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 3, 2003

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Minutes: Chair Keiser: Opened hearing on SB 2094.

Gary Preszler (Land Commissioner): Supports with written testimony. Added that securities lending is common. You have to provide collateral for protection, which is priced daily.

Rep. Keiser: Is it the daily borrowance value or the daily value of the electric stock? Preszler said both. The day they buy it, they have to make more than par value, but every day after that it is priced and they have to maintain that price for that day as well. Priced daily.

Rep. Ekstrom: What is a typical time period? Preszler said it is short-term. Definitely less than 6 months. Eligible at the current time to generate \$76,000 of income. Rep. Ekstrom asked about the income generated. Is it typical for the biennium? Preszler said that it is.

Rep. Klein: On average, what percentage do you get? Preszler said that it varies, but this is less than 1%. Really it is a few basis points.

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Bill/Resolution Number 2094
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Rep. Keiser: Do they repay in stock or collateral? Preszler said they generally pay in stock.

Keiser then asked if you can liquidate while the stock is lent. Preszler said the Land Commission

is responsible for the depreciation. It is a risk, which is why they do not deal with small firms.

Chair Keiser: Closed hearing on SB 2094.

Rep. Ekstrom moved DP. Seconded by Rep. Klein

Vote: 12 Yes 1 No 1 Absent and not voting.

Carrier: Ekstrom

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Date: 3/03/03 Roll Call Vote #:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 3, 2003 4:51 p.m.

Module No: HR-37-3809 Carrier: Ekstrom Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE SB 2094: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2094 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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Gary D. Preszler, Commissioner

TESTIMONY OF GARY D. PRESZLER STATE LAND COMMISSIONER

SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE January 13, 2003

IN SUPPORT OF SB2094

The purpose of SB2094 is to clarify that the Board of University and School Lands has authority to enter into securities lending transactions and to establish clear authority for the Board to pledge securities when participating in securities lending transactions. In the past the Board has relied on its general authority over permanent trust investments to give it authority to enter into securities lending transactions and pledge securities as a part of these transactions. However, recent discussions with the Attorney Generals Office lead the Commissioner to believe that it would be better to get specific authority from the legislature to do so. The ability to pledge those securities is a necessary component if the Board is to engage in this activity

There is no cost to the Board to participate in securities lending. In fact, securities lending provides an opportunity for the permanent trusts to earn additional income. Investment risk does exist, but is considered minimal and acceptable. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 the permanent trusts earned over \$76,000 of securities lending income (see Fiscal Note). Securities lending is a common activity and an ancillary income opportunity for many public and private investors, including the State Investment Board. The Land Board has participated in securities lending through its custodian bank, the Northern Trust Company (NTC), since 1993.

A brief definition of Securities lending is that a borrower, typically large brokerage houses, has a need for a specific stock that the trusts own and are willing to pay a fee to the trusts to borrow the security. The brokerage house must provide acceptable liquid collateral to cover the market value of the stock to the trusts. Our custodian, NTC, acts as agent for the trusts and arranges the transaction. The primary risk to the trusts is the value of the collateral. Consequently, NTC requires that the trusts piedge the original lent stock to cover any collateral value losses. To date, NTC has never experienced losses that have required it to recover losses from a lender.

As stated previously, the State investment Board also engages in securities lending through NTC. The difference between their authority to do so and the Land Board's is that the State Investment Board currently has specific statutory authority (§N.D.C.C 21-10-02) to engage in securities lending activities.

lurge the committee to grant favorable consideration and give SB2094 a "do pass" recommendation.

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