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2005 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2072

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2072

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date: **January 6, 2005**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	163 - 803
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shirley Borg</i>			

Minutes:

Vice Chairman Hacker opened the hearing on SB 2072 relating to the maintenance of a county accounting manual by the state auditor.

Testimony for SB 2072

Ed Nagel, Director, State Auditor's Office testified in support of SB 2072 (See Attachment #1)

Senator Dever - You said 50% of the counties are audited by the auditors office. Is this at their option?

Ed Nagel - Yes it is at their option. Counties and all the local government entities that are subject to audit have the option of being audited by the Auditor's Office or a private firm. They are required to be audited by one or the other.

Senator Dever - Is there a need for universality in accounting across the counties.

Ed Nagel - To an extent yes. However at the time this law was enacted there were no governmental accounting principles. There were no government standards. That changed in the

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1970 and as it stands today there are very definite accounting principles and standards, so they are following the same guide lines that the Auditors office is.

Senator Gary Lee - Are all counties prepared equally to get the information?

Ed Nagel - The information is available in hard copy if they don't have on line access.

No further testimony for or against SB 2072.

Vice Chairman Hacker closed the hearing on SB 2072.

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Hearing Date January 13, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		1455 -1715
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shirley Borg</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Cook opened discussion of SB 2072. All committee members (6) in attendance.

Senator Dever said his understanding of the bill was to simply remove the responsibility of the state auditors office to provide accounting soft ware to the county auditors. There was no need for universality. Only about one half of the counties are audited by state auditor. The rest of counties are audited independently.

Senator Triplett said the auditors office had been updating the county accounting manual every couple of years but were only doing it to comply with state law. The auditors office did not feel it was necessary. Because of new government accounting standards the universality is being provided by other means.

Senator Triplett moved a DO PASS on SB 2072

Senator Hacker seconded the motion.

Roll call vote. Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: **Senator Triplett**

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
12/17/2004

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2072

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.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$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.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

No 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.*

No fiscal impact.

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.*

No. fiscal impact.

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.*

No fiscal impact.

Name:	Ed Nagel	Agency:	State Auditor's Office
Phone Number:	328-4782	Date	12/20/2004
		Prepared:	

Date: 1-13-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Triplett Seconded By Senator Hacker

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dwight Cook, Chairman	✓				
Senator Nicholas P. Hacker, VC	✓				
Senator Dick Dever	✓				
Senator Gary A. Lee	✓				
Senator April Fairfield	✓				
Senator Constance Triplett	✓				

Total Yes 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Triplett

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

Done
1-13-05

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 13, 2005 1:06 p.m.

Module No: SR-08-0414
Carrier: Triplett
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2072: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2072 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2072

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2072

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2/25/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0-3.7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Daphne Zee</i>			

Minutes: SB 2072 Relating to the maintenance of a county accounting manual by the state auditor.

Chairman Haas: The meeting will come to order of the House Government and Veterans Affairs committee to order and ask the clerk to take the roll, please.

14 members present, 0 absent.

The chair declares a quorum. At this time we will open the hearing SB 2072 and ask the clerk to read the title. Thank you. Good morning Ed, you may begin whenever you are ready.

Ed Nagel-Director of the State Auditors Office-for-Testimony Attached

Rep. Amerman: Ed, 50 percent are done by independent CPA firms, is that expense picked up by the county?

Ed: Yes, the counties pay for the expense.

Rep. Kasper: What took you so long to want to repeal this.

Ed: Sometimes when you come in with a bill to do something really simple, amendments start to happening. There is really no reason that couldn't have been repealed years ago.

Rep. Kasper: Ed, about how many hours were spent on this to perform this service, that we are going to be repealing?

Ed: I have no idea, we have never kept track of the cost. It takes are resource and time.

Rep. Kasper: I am trying to find our how much tax payers dollars have been wasted over the last number of years, for not repealing it earlier.

Ed: I have no idea.

Chairman Haas: Any further questions for Mr. Nagel? If not thank you very much. Is there additional testimony in favor SB 2072. Is there any opposition testimony to SB 2072. If not the hearing will be closed on SB 2072.

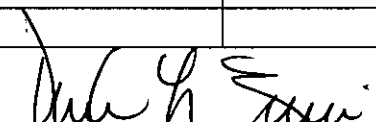
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2/25/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		11.1-11.9
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: SB 2072 Relating to the maintenance of a county accounting manual by the state auditor.

Chairman Haas: Let us look at SB 2072. Repealing section requiring the county procedures sent to the county officers by the state auditors. We have a DO PASS motion by Rep. Galvin, do we have a second, seconded by Rep. Sitte., is there any discussion, if not we will have the clerk take the roll.

VOTE: YES 13 NO 0 ABSENT 1 DO PASS ON SB 2072

REP. GALVIN WILL CARRY THE BILL.

Date: 2/25/05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

DO PASS

Motion Made By

Rep. Galvin

Seconded By

Rep. Sitte

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman C.B. Haas	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman	✓	
Bette B. Grande - Vice Chairman	✓		Rep. Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Randy Boehning	✓		Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Glen Froseth	✓		Rep. Sally M. Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin	✓				
Rep. Stacey Horter	✓				
Rep. Jim Kasper	AB				
Rep. Lawrence R. Klemin	✓				
Rep. Lisa Meier	✓				
Rep. Margaret Sitte	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent

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Floor Assignment

Rep. Galvin

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 25, 2005 12:54 p.m.

Module No: HR-35-3693
Carrier: Galvin
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2072: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2072
was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

SB 2072

attach #1

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS COMMITTEE**
January 6, 2005

Senate Bill No. 2072

Testimony - Presented by Ed Nagel
Director

*same
testimony
given to
House*

Chairman Cook, members of the committee, my name is Ed Nagel. I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2072.

This bill will repeal Section 54-10-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, which currently requires the State Auditor to prepare an accounting manual and uniform accounting forms for county officers.

This section of law has remained unchanged since 1967 and is outdated and no longer necessary. With the advent of computers, governmental accounting software, and the internet, county officers have access to the same information and resources that the State Auditor's Office has. Also, back when this law was enacted, virtually all counties were audited by the State Auditor's Office. Today, approximately 50% of the counties are audited by our office and the remainder are audited by independent CPA firms.

I urge your favorable consideration of this bill and I will answer any questions you may have regarding this bill.

Thank you.