

Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee
Monday, December 14, 2009
Harvest Room, State Capital

Dear Representative Carlson and Committee Members

My name is Bob Puyear. I live in Bismarck.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my concerns related to accessing the Brynhild Haugland Room for those of us using wheelchairs, walkers and others with ambulatory problems.

My concern is that for those of us with the above mentioned problems are not able to do the following things:

Independent Operation Of the Lift

1. First of all you must find the keys;
2. Two keys are required for operating the lift;
3. Inserting the keys into the lock especially when the person trying to use the lift needs to insert key at a different level from where they are presently located;
4. Some people such as myself are not able to insert key into the lock.

Getting Onto The Lift Platform

1. I cannot lift the arms up to get onto or off the lift platform;
2. When I try getting my cart onto and off the lift platform I highcenter.

Using the Controls

1. Once I am sitting on the lift I am not strong enough to use the controls to move the lift either up or down.

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