

2011 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2270

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Human Services Committee
Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2270
1-26-2011
Job Number 13445

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to county social service board reporting.

Minutes:

Attachments included.

Senator Judy Lee opened the hearing on SB 2270.

Senator Dick Dever introduced SB 2270.

Aaron Birst, ND Association of Counties, gave supporting testimony. Attachment #1

Rep. Kathy Hogan, District 21, voiced her support.

Shari Doe, Burleigh County Social Services and ND Association of County Social Service Directors, spoke in support of SB 2270. Attachment #2

Debra McDermott, Dept. of Human Services, reported that since there has been no appropriation provided in this section of law they don't do much with that report. They would be in favor of using the information as provided by the Association of Counties. If there does become an appropriation in years to come they will produce the report and the mills to determine what the counties would be allocated out based on that information.

With no further testimony, the hearing on SB 2270 was closed.

Senator Tim Mathern moved a Do Pass.

Seconded by **Senator Dick Dever**.

Roll call vote 5-0-0. **Motion carried.**

Carrier is **Senator Spencer Berry**.

Date: 1-26-11

Roll Call Vote # _____

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2270

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment
 Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Mathern Seconded By Sen. Dever

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Judy Lee, Chairman	✓		Sen. Tim Mathern	✓	
Sen. Dick Dever	✓				
Sen. Gerald Uglen, V. Chair	✓				
Sen. Spencer Berry	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Berry

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2270: Human Services Committee (Sen. J. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2270 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2270

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Human Services Committee
Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2270
March 16, 2011
Job #15495

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature *Vicky Crabtree*

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill relating to county social service board reporting.

Minutes:

See Testimonies #1 - 2

Chairman Weisz: Opened the hearing on SB 2270.

Sen. Dick Dever: Sponsored and introduced the bill. This is a simple bill. It is to eliminate the requirement that the counties provide a report to the state on information that state already has. The counties want this bill and the state is ok with it. My name is the only one on the bill because it came to me at the time of the deadline.

Terry Traynor: Assistant Director of the ND Association of Counties testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #1)

Shari Doe: Director of Burleigh County Social Services testified in support of the bill. (See Testimony #2)

NO OPPOSITION

Chairman Weisz: Closed the hearing on SB 2270.

(No recording for the vote.)

Chairman Weisz: What do you want to do with this?

Rep. Porter: I move a Do Pass.

Rep. Schmidt: Second.

VOTE: 12 y 0 n 1 absent – Rep. Kilichowski
DO PASS CARRIED

Bill Carrier: Rep. Anderson

Date: 3-16-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2270

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended Adopt Amendment
 Rerefer to Appropriations Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Schmidt

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN WEISZ	✓		REP. CONKLIN	✓	
VICE-CHAIR PIETSCH	✓		REP. HOLMAN	✓	
REP. ANDERSON	✓		REP. KILICHOWSKI	A	
REP. DAMSCHEN	✓				
REP. DEVLIN	✓				
REP. HOFSTAD	✓				
REP. LOUSER	✓				
REP. PAUR	✓				
REP. PORTER	✓				
REP. SCHMIDT	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Anderson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2270: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2270 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

SB 2270

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**Testimony To The
SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Prepared January 26, 2010, by
Aaron Birst, Legal Counsel
North Dakota Association of Counties**

REGARDING SENATE BILL No. 2270

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, the Association of Counties is in full support of SB2270, to restructure the current reporting requirement by county social service agencies.

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Preparing the comparison in this manner more clearly shows the relative property tax impact of county social services, not from the budgets, but from the actual taxes levied – arguably a better measure of comparison for taxpayers.

As a point of reference, the county levies highlighted are those that exceed the statewide average by 10 mills.

The Association of Counties urges a “do pass” recommendation on Senate Bill 2270.

Total Dedicated Human Service Levies (In Mills) - Trends Over Time

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Adams	29.19	23.59	22.87	22.80	24.91	31.98	24.59	25.45	26.86	25.70	24.33	24.66	24.26
Barnes	20.00	20.00	20.29	18.81	18.27	20.00	21.52	20.00	19.92	20.00	19.27	19.73	18.90
Benson	26.43	32.56	28.94	28.42	31.48	29.06	29.09	27.09	25.44	25.40	24.24	26.24	20.00
Billings	15.36	14.73	15.07	7.76	6.37	6.02	10.32	12.06	12.98	13.93	12.70	12.57	13.34
Boitineau	20.00	20.00	15.86	10.99	16.84	10.09	17.17	16.17	16.20	16.87	17.45	16.23	13.88
Bowman	14.44	12.27	12.90	11.86	9.84	15.49	4.23	18.09	18.62	20.00	15.27	13.73	12.59
Burke	17.36	15.11	9.48	5.51	5.06	11.00	13.76	13.59	14.06	13.89	14.77	14.81	14.61
Burleigh	17.90	17.70	18.65	20.18	11.16	22.01	15.67	19.68	18.14	15.92	13.12	16.32	16.21
Cass	18.14	20.94	20.15	19.89	19.89	21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	18.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Cavaller	21.41	20.05	20.46	20.50	19.76	19.72	20.57	20.57	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Dickey	22.43	30.74	25.31	25.51	21.32	20.03	14.06	13.97	16.19	17.26	15.92	14.96	18.74
Divide	17.12	15.47	15.49	15.11	15.54	14.99	15.49	16.76	22.94	21.03	18.07	17.82	20.00
Dunn	27.73	19.70	23.35	17.42	16.71	22.89	22.11	23.12	23.43	22.54	28.01	21.39	15.40
Eddy	33.29	23.49	23.85	23.58	22.09	21.73	31.70	32.87	37.45	36.70	34.74	28.89	21.11
Emmons	15.86	15.89	15.08	12.63	11.67	11.23	12.60	13.13	13.18	13.07	13.56	16.02	16.34
Foster	19.60	15.94	13.28	20.00	18.00	14.00	14.28	13.43	14.50	15.93	16.50	17.80	18.00
Golden Valley	21.77	20.14	19.22	17.63	13.56	13.99	15.85	16.42	17.26	17.87	17.09	16.65	16.29
Grand Forks	16.08	17.04	18.04	18.03	17.52	17.98	17.97	17.78	17.19	15.45	15.94	17.06	18.41
Grant	20.22	24.11	23.44	25.18	22.52	20.00	20.00	21.15	20.47	20.68	19.78	23.77	25.00
Griggs	20.00	27.68	26.01	23.00	24.72	24.00	20.00	18.00	24.52	22.46	21.57	21.04	20.00
Hettinger	29.00	26.80	22.59	20.00	16.00	11.45	11.55	18.55	20.00	27.00	24.50	24.78	24.41
Kidder	24.69	19.83	19.68	9.50	7.95	10.00	12.10	16.00	18.00	17.15	18.03	18.06	18.00
LaMoure	17.72	16.47	12.11	14.39	15.08	4.82	19.53	17.31	17.26	13.34	8.01	16.39	17.56
Logan	22.18	22.17	20.00	20.00	17.99	16.51	14.00	14.00	14.50	18.00	20.00	18.00	14.93
McHenry	21.33	15.58	12.66	13.11	11.64	13.18	12.96	13.50	14.65	16.95	13.05	13.91	13.33
Mchintosh	23.51	23.51	24.53	21.73	21.34	20.82	20.75	20.67	20.34	20.00	17.06	19.64	20.00
McKenzie	16.54	17.42	7.66	4.26	-	-	-	17.23	17.25	18.88	6.31	-	7.17
McLean	15.94	13.53	11.16	13.47	13.10	13.62	17.07	16.37	14.99	13.71	11.79	11.98	13.99
Mercer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Morton	22.95	26.33	27.84	27.36	26.86	26.86	26.86	26.86	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	19.50
Mountrail	23.19	27.14	23.06	25.02	23.04	23.94	25.34	20.00	23.69	26.38	25.18	28.97	23.37
Nelson	22.10	22.35	17.32	18.89	14.40	16.63	17.59	18.82	18.20	20.00	20.00	21.82	20.38
Oliver	17.21	18.45	20.00	19.39	20.00	16.62	16.97	20.00	20.00	18.51	15.17	15.00	20.00
Pembina	20.00	20.00	16.38	16.10	16.76	16.28	18.88	20.00	15.72	14.85	16.88	15.28	13.97
Pierce	25.59	22.38	21.58	20.50	20.24	12.51	18.44	20.00	21.22	18.05	14.51	11.74	18.48
Ramsey	27.00	27.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	21.88	27.00	34.91	33.88	35.69	34.99	37.36	37.37
Ransom	23.69	21.75	22.67	20.51	9.78	10.82	10.79	11.11	11.57	11.31	12.23	9.73	9.01
Remville	11.41	11.40	9.23	12.58	10.93	10.45	8.08	11.08	10.91	10.53	11.54	11.51	14.52
Richland	20.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Rolette	36.02	23.01	22.35	22.29	22.35	30.15	22.23	21.34	21.04	20.08	19.95	19.76	32.91
Sargent	18.10	10.77	12.74	10.20	9.37	10.98	12.41	13.51	11.90	12.57	14.20	12.06	10.79
Sheridan	24.59	23.68	20.59	16.60	14.95	14.06	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	15.76	8.48	13.99
Sioux	41.32	41.32	41.32	41.57	41.41	40.88	40.74	44.13	44.74	43.74	44.13	41.46	38.73
Stark	13.61	13.26	13.43	13.28	11.12	14.46	14.45	14.44	15.38	8.26	8.24	7.85	7.84
Steele	44.08	42.78	36.82	36.56	34.70	32.43	32.64	37.57	36.67	37.20	32.87	30.82	25.92
Stutsman	15.39	16.16	14.78	15.35	14.83	15.30	15.95	13.89	14.67	14.01	13.68	14.28	13.89
Towner	24.96	24.46	24.45	25.04	24.85	26.20	26.37	27.17	26.29	26.80	25.21	25.21	26.00
Traill	20.04	19.38	20.51	10.45	10.00	9.21	9.63	7.30	7.47	6.93	12.74	14.60	16.07
Walsh	16.70	14.68	11.72	13.97	16.42	18.68	19.44	22.69	21.84	23.04	25.84	23.54	18.08
Ward	21.81	20.75	22.43	22.25	21.70	24.86	24.86	24.86	26.08	26.08	22.83	22.83	22.83
Wells	24.09	21.58	22.71	22.97	24.86	24.50	25.86	25.49	23.10	25.93	19.89	21.33	19.65
Williams	20.37	22.52	24.19	18.70	18.18	23.77	24.55	20.86	20.28	23.45	20.26	20.36	20.25
Average	34.47	34.12	34.92	35.08	34.32	33.67	36.04	37.69	42.85	43.27	38.17	36.92	31.13
Average	21.77	20.86	19.64	18.55	17.52	17.92	.53	19.71	20.27	20.38	19.16	18.93	18.67

Note: Highlighted levies indicate those more than 10 mills higher than the statewide average.

**TESTIMONY
HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 2270
Senator Judy Lee, Chairwoman
January 22, 2011**

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Service Committee, my name is Shari Doe. I am the Director of Burleigh County Social Services and the President of the ND Association of County Social Service Directors. I am here today to speak in support of SB 2270.

County/district social services are required to prepare a report showing their expenses and receipts and send this report to the Department of Human Services every February. This report is a duplication of a report that the Department of Human Services does later in the year. The only difference is that the county/district report is based on the calendar year and the Department's report is based on the State's fiscal year. Both reports use the same data that is obtained from the counties/districts. It should be noted that the purpose of the report was to assist counties that are levying 10 mills or more than the county average for social services. This has rarely happened and this bill has not been given an appropriation thus no payments were made. If a county/district ever exceeds the ten mill average and an appropriation is given, the Department would have the data to produce the report.

Senator Lee, thank you for the opportunity and I'm happy to answer any questions.

#1

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HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Prepared March 16, 2011, by
Terry Traynor, Assistant Director
North Dakota Association of Counties**

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Cavalier	21.41	20.05	20.46	20.50	19.76	19.72	20.57	20.57	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Dickey	22.43	30.74	25.31	25.51	21.32	20.03	14.06	13.97	16.19	17.26	15.92	14.96	18.74
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McHenry	21.33	15.58	12.66	13.11	11.64	13.18	12.96	13.50	14.65	16.95	13.05	13.91	13.33
McIntosh	23.51	23.51	24.53	21.73	21.34	20.82	20.75	20.87	20.34	20.00	17.06	19.64	20.00
McKenzie	16.54	17.42	7.66	4.26	13.10	13.62	17.07	17.23	17.25	18.88	6.31	7.17	7.17
McLean	15.94	13.53	11.16	13.47	13.10	13.62	17.07	16.37	14.99	13.71	11.79	11.98	13.99
Mercer									10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Morton	22.95	26.33	27.84	27.36	26.86	26.86	26.86	26.86	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	19.50
Mountain	23.19	27.14	23.06	25.02	23.04	23.94	25.34	20.00	23.69	26.38	25.18	28.97	23.37
Nelson	22.10	22.35	17.32	18.89	14.40	16.63	17.59	18.82	18.20	20.00	20.00	21.82	20.38
Oliver	17.21	18.45	20.00	19.39	20.00	16.62	16.97	20.00	20.00	18.51	15.17	15.00	20.00
Pembina	20.00	20.00	16.38	16.10	16.76	16.28	18.88	20.00	15.72	14.85	16.88	15.28	13.97
Pierce	25.59	22.38	21.58	20.50	20.24	12.51	18.44	20.00	21.22	18.05	14.51	11.74	18.48
Ramsey	27.00	27.00	25.00	20.00	20.00	21.88	27.00	34.91	33.88	35.69	34.99	37.36	37.37
Ransom	23.69	21.75	22.67	20.51	9.78	10.82	10.79	11.11	11.57	11.31	12.23	9.73	9.01
Renville	11.41	11.40	9.23	12.58	10.93	10.45	8.08	11.08	10.91	10.53	11.54	11.51	14.52
Richland	20.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Rolette	36.02	23.01	22.35	22.29	22.35	30.15	22.23	21.34	21.04	20.08	19.95	19.76	32.91
Sargent	18.10	10.77	12.74	10.20	9.37	10.96	12.41	13.51	11.90	12.57	14.20	12.06	10.79
Sheridan	24.59	23.68	20.59	16.60	14.95	14.06	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	15.76	8.48	13.99
Sioux	41.10	41.32	41.29	41.57	41.41	40.98	40.77	44.13	41.77	43.72	44.13	41.46	38.73
Slope	13.61	13.26	13.43	13.28	11.12	14.45	14.45	14.44	15.38	8.26	8.24	7.85	7.84
Stark	44.08	42.78	36.82	36.56	34.70	32.43	32.64	37.57	36.67	37.20	32.87	30.62	25.92
Steele	15.39	16.16	14.78	15.35	14.83	15.30	15.95	13.89	14.67	14.01	13.68	14.28	13.89
Stutsman	24.96	24.46	24.45	25.04	24.85	26.20	26.37	27.17	26.29	26.80	25.21	25.21	26.00
Towner	20.04	19.38	20.51	10.45	10.00	9.21	9.63	7.30	7.47	6.93	12.74	14.60	16.07
Trail	16.70	14.68	11.72	13.97	16.42	18.66	19.44	22.69	21.84	23.04	25.84	23.54	18.08
Walsh	21.81	20.75	22.43	22.25	21.70	24.86	24.86	24.86	26.08	26.08	22.83	22.83	22.83
Ward	24.09	21.58	22.71	22.97	24.86	24.50	25.86	25.49	23.10	25.93	19.89	21.33	19.65
Wells	20.37	22.52	24.19	18.70	18.18	23.77	24.55	20.86	20.28	23.45	20.26	20.36	20.25
Williams	34.47	34.12	34.92	35.08	34.32	33.67	36.04	37.69	42.85	43.27	38.17	36.92	31.13
Average	21.77	20.86	19.64	18.55	17.52	17.92	53	19.71	20.27	20.38	19.16	18.93	18.67

Note: Highlighted levies indicate those more than 10 mills higher than the statewide average.

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HOUSE HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
Senate Bill 2270
Rep. Robin Weisz, Chairman
March 16, 2011

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Service Committee, my name is Shari Doe. I am the Director of Burleigh County Social Services and the President of the ND Association of County Social Service Directors. I am here today to speak in support of SB 2270.

County/district social services are required to prepare a report showing their expenses and receipts and send this report to the Department of Human Services every February. This report is a duplication of a report that the Department of Human Services does later in the year. The only difference is that the county/district report is based on the calendar year and the Department's report is based on the State's fiscal year. Both reports use the same data that is obtained from the counties/districts. It should be noted that the purpose of the report was to assist counties that are levying 10 mills or more than the county average for social services. This has rarely happened and this bill has not been given an appropriation thus no payments were made. If a county/district ever exceeds the ten mill average and an appropriation is given, the Department would have the data to produce the report.

Chariman Weisz , thank you for the oppportunity speak on SB 2270 and I'm happy to answer any questions.