

**2021 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1029**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1029  
1/7/2021

Relating to public employee uniform group insurance for health benefits
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**Chairman Kasper** opened the hearing on HB 1029 at 9:15 a.m.

Representatives	Roll Call
Representative Jim Kasper	P
Representative Ben Koppelman	P
Representative Pamela Anderson	P
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	P
Representative Karen Karls	P
Representative Scott Louser	P
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	P
Representative Mitch Ostlie	P
Representative Karen M. Rohr	P
Representative Austen Schauer	P
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Vicky Steiner	P
Representative Greg Stemen	P
Representative Steve Vetter	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Stop Loss Insurance
- Self-Insurance
- Gains/Reserves
- Fully Insured Plan

**Bill Introduction: Jennifer Clark, Legislative Council**

**Scott Miller, Executive Director, NDPERS**, in favor, testimony #11

**Derrick Hohbein, Chief Operating/Financial Officer, NDPERS**, in favor, testimony #181

**Chairman Kasper** closed the hearing at 9:39 a.m.

**Rep. Hoverson** moved for a **Do Pass**.

**Rep. Schauer** seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Pamela Anderson	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	Y

Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Austen Schauert	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

The motion passed 14-0-0. **Rep. Stemen** is the carrier.

**Additional written testimony: #175**

**Chairman Kasper** adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1029: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB  
1029 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

## **TESTIMONY OF SCOTT MILLER**

### **House Bill 1029 – Technical Correction to Allow Stop-Loss Coverage**

Good Morning, my name is Scott Miller. I am the Executive Director of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System, or NDPERS. I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 1029.

House Bill 1029 corrects a correction we tried to do last session, but did poorly. Last session we intended to remove the requirement that the NDPERS Board obtain stop-loss insurance for self-insured pharmacy coverage, which we did because there is no stop-loss insurance generally available for pharmacy coverage. However, in making that change, we inadvertently prohibited us from obtaining that coverage if it is ever available. We did not mean to do that. This change fixes that issue more accurately.

That concludes my testimony. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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## **TESTIMONY OF REBECCA FRICKE**

### **HOUSE BILL 1029 – Stop Loss**

Good morning, my name is Rebecca Fricke. I am the Chief Benefits Officer of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System, or NDPERS. I appear before you today in support of House Bill 1029. I am available should there be any questions related to the impact of the bill on any of the NDPERS benefits.

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## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1029  
2/12/2021

**Relating to public uniform group insurance for health benefits; provide for application; declare emergency.**

**Chair Vedaa** opened the hearing at 9:30 a.m. with Sen Vedaa, Meyer, Elkin, K Roers, Wobbema, Weber, and Marcellais present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Fixing 2019 measure

**Jennifer Clark, L.C. legal** - testified neutral

**Scott Miller- Ex Dir PERS** - testified in favor #6201

**Sen Wobbema** moved Do Pass

**Sen Meyer** seconded

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 Motion passed

Senators	Vote
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jay R. Elkin	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Mark F. Webber	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y

**Senator Wobbema** will carry the bill.

**Additional Testimony:**

**Rebecca Fricke** – PERS – support #6203

**Derrick Hohbein** – PERS – support #6202

Adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1029: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Vedaa, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB  
1029 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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