

2021 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2062

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2062
1/8/2021

A BILL relating to criminal history record checks by the state historical society for volunteers and final applicants for employment.

Chairman Vedaa opened the hearing at 9:45 AM

All Senators present: Vedaa, Meyer, Elkin, Roers, Wobbema, Weber, and Marcellais

Discussion Topics:

- **Volunteers background checks**
- **Authority for historical society**

Erica Houn, ND State Historical Society, testified in support of the bill. #248.

Additional written testimony: none

Senator Roers moved a DO **PASS**

Senator Marcellais seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 7 -- YES 0 -- NO -0-ab

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

Motion passed

Senator Elkin will carry the bill.

Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2062: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Vadaa, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB
2062 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

Senate Bill 2062
Government and Veterans Affairs
Senate Standing Committee
January 8, 2021

Testimony by Erica Houn, Business Manager
State Historical Society of North Dakota

Good morning, Chairman Veda and members of the committee, my name is Erica Houn and I am the Business Manager for the State Historical Society. I am here today to present testimony regarding Senate Bill 2062 that would provide the State Historical Society with the authority to conduct nationwide criminal history record checks.

We currently have authority to pull nationwide criminal record checks under North Dakota Century Code 12-60-24 for a select few employees; such as those working in security, finance, and HR software systems.

However, the majority of our employees and volunteers are in the possession of irreplaceable collection items every day, many of which are valuable. The State Historical Society has close to 80,000 objects in our museum collections, of which over 600 are firearms. Also, in the State Archives there are over 2.5 million photographs, 121,000 publications, and 26,000 linear feet of manuscript and state and local government records. Of this, 4,000 linear feet of records are restricted, meaning they have personally identifiable information on them.

In addition, to the previously mentioned collection items, we also have many positions in public and children facing positions at the Heritage Center and our state historic sites.

For the safety of the public, and the numerous valuable items in our collections the State Historical Society would like the authority to conduct nationwide background checks at the discretion of the director and in compliance with NDCC 12-60-24.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

2021 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2062
3/12/2021

Relating to criminal history record checks by the state historical society for volunteers and final applicants for employment

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing at 9:09 a.m.

Representatives	Roll Call
Representative Jim Kasper	P
Representative Ben Koppelman	P
Representative Pamela Anderson	P
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	A
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:

- Current OMB authority
- Expanded authority

Erica Houn, Business Manager, State Historical Society of ND testified in favor, #8847.

Rep. Louser moved **Do Pass**. **Rep. Rohr** seconded.

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

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Motion passes. 11-2-1. **Rep. P. Anderson** is the carrier.

Chairman Kasper ended at 9:19 a.m.

Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2062: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB
2062 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

Senate Bill 2062
Government and Veterans Affairs
House Standing Committee
March 12, 2021

Testimony by Erica Houn, Business Manager
State Historical Society of North Dakota

Good morning, Chairman Kasper and members of the committee. My name is Erica Houn and I am the Business Manager for the State Historical Society. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 2062. This bill would provide the State Historical Society with the authority to conduct criminal history record checks.

Currently, we have limited authority under OMB Fiscal policy 112 which requires an FBI criminal history background check for each individual who has access to personal information. For the purpose of that policy, the term "personal information" is limited to electronic information contained in the State's PeopleSoft system. We also have limited authority under NDCC 12-60-24 (2s) to conduct criminal history record checks for all employees or final applicants for employment as a security guard.

The State Historical Society has close to 80,000 objects in our museum collections. In the State Archives, there are over 2.5 million photographs, 121,000 publications, and 26,000 linear feet of manuscript and state and local government records. Of this, 4,000 linear feet of records are considered restricted, meaning they have personally identifiable information (PII) on them. PII can include birth/death records, social security numbers, and financial account information.

Additionally, the majority of our employees and volunteers are in possession of irreplaceable collection items every day, many of which are valuable. We also have many positions in public and children facing positions at the Heritage Center and our state historic sites.

Your approval of SB 2062 would provide the State Historical Society with an added measure in our hiring process and further safeguard citizen information and the valuable items entrusted to the agency.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will stand for any questions that you may have.