

**2021 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**SCR 4001**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SCR 4001  
1/25/2021  
Senate Appropriations Committee

A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress.

**Senator Holmberg** called the hearing to order at 1:55 pm.

Senators Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Bekkedahl, Poolman, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman were present.

### Discussion Topics:

- Overview of Resolution

**Levi Kinnischtzke, Legislative Council**, introduced the resolution

**Bonnie Malo, Director, Community Services** – testified in favor.

**Senator Oehlke** moved Do Pass.

**Senator Bekkedahl** second.

<b>Senators</b>		<b>Senators</b>	
<i>Senator Holmberg</i>	Y	<i>Senator Hogue</i>	Y
<i>Senator Krebsbach</i>	Y	<i>Senator Oehlke</i>	Y
<i>Senator Wanzek</i>	Y	<i>Senator Poolman</i>	Y
<i>Senator Bekkedahl</i>	Y	<i>Senator Rust</i>	Y
<i>Senator Davison</i>	Y	<i>Senator Sorvaag</i>	Y
<i>Senator Dever</i>	Y	<i>Senator Heckaman</i>	Y
<i>Senator Erbele</i>	Y	<i>Senator Mathern</i>	Y

Roll call vote 14-0-0

**Additional written testimony:** #2600

**Senator Holmberg** closed the hearing at 2:03 pm.

*Rose Laning, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4001: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4001 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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Senate Appropriations Committee  
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From: Matt Dunlevy, CEO & Chairman, SkySkopes

Subject: Recommendation to Amend Commerce Budget

To the Honorable Chairman Holmberg and Committee,

Having worked for years in the UAS industry, it is clear to me that the need for UAS training in North Dakota is essential to the continued development of, and leadership position with, UAS in North Dakota. The UAS program at Williston State College and TrainND Northwest is new, but shows as much tremendous promise as any new UAS initiative organized in the state of North Dakota. Through direct collaboration with the organizations, I detect a vision at their program that would certainly drive value for North Dakota in some of the most important sectors of the state's economy, namely UAS, agriculture, and energy. Pilots produced by TrainND would be in a perfect position to take advantage of the new statewide beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) UAS network being constructed in the western side of North Dakota by the Northern Plains UAS Test Site's (NPUASTS) Vantis. This is also an opportune time to engage in such work due to the coincidentally simultaneous success North Dakota now enjoys as a member of the FAA's new Beyond program.

Such an appropriation, to my knowledge would be used to purchase equipment and administer the UAS program. I would suggest this appropriation during this legislative session in order to lay the groundwork to create workforce as soon as possible to take full advantage of Vantis.

Similarly to Vantis, I believe this would keep North Dakota the center of UAS development and operations, while also attracting companies to do UAS business in North Dakota and making the lives of North Dakotans better through advances in UAS in operations.

My understanding is that this would be a one-time appropriation, with lasting, and significant, value for North Dakota. To jump start this program will be to get a leg-up on other states without gold standard training to be adopted in such industries as oil and gas.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [matt@skyskopes.com](mailto:matt@skyskopes.com) with any questions.

Very respectfully,



Matt Dunlevy  
CEO & Chairman

**2021 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

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# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SCR 4001  
3/16/2021

Concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress

**12:00 Chairman Delzer-** Opened the meeting for SB 4001

Attendance	P/A
Representative Jeff Delzer	P
Representative Keith Kempenich	P
Representative Bert Anderson	P
Representative Larry Bellew	P
Representative Tracy Boe	P
Representative Mike Brandenburg	P
Representative Michael Howe	P
Representative Gary Kreidt	P
Representative Bob Martinson	P
Representative Lisa Meier	P
Representative Alisa Mitskog	P
Representative Corey Mock	P
Representative David Monson	P
Representative Mike Nathe	P
Representative Jon O. Nelson	P
Representative Mark Sanford	P
Representative Mike Schatz	P
Representative Jim Schmidt	P
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	P
Representative Michelle Strinden	P
Representative Don Vigasaa	P

### Discussion Topics:

- **Block Grants required**
- **7 million in Federal Funds**
- **Federal Funding**
- **Block grant amount total**
- **Authorizing budget section to hold hearings**

**12:00 Levi Kinnischtzke Fiscal Analyst ND Legislative Council** – Explains the resolution

**12:02 Committee discussion**

**12:03 Representative Kreidt - Motion for a Do Pass**

**Representative Mock - Second's the Motion**

**Roll Call Vote was taken;**

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Jeff Delzer	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Tracy Boe	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Michael Howe	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	A
Representative Lisa Meier	A
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	A
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y
Representative Jim Schmidt	Y
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	A
Representative Don Vigasaa	Y

**17-0-4 Motion carried.**

**Rep. Anderson carrier.**

**12:04 Chairman Delzer-** Closes the meeting for SB 4001

*Risa Berube, House Appropriations Committee Clerk and Donna Whetham*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4001: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Delzer, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS**  
(17 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4001 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.