

2023 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1327

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Industry, Business and Labor Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

HB 1327
1/18/2023

Relating to powers and duties of the information technology department and information technology requirements of the veterans' home.

Chairman Louser called to order 8:18 AM

Members Present: Chairman Louser, Vice Chairman Ostlie, Representatives Boschee, Dakane, Johnson, Kasper, Koppelman, Ruby, Schauer, Thomas, Tveit, Wagner.

Members Absent: Representatives Christy, Warrey.

Discussion Topics:

- Desk top support
- IT department staffing
- ITD Architecture
- Vendor assessment
- Local support

In favor:

Representative Corey Mock, District 18, prime bill sponsor. #13973
Greg Hoffman, Acting Director of Information Technology Department ("ITD") (no written testimony)

Representative Dakane moved a Do Pass.
Representative Thomas seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Josh Boschee	Y
Representative Josh Christy	AB
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Paul J. Thomas	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

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Representative Jonathan Warrey	AB
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Motion passed 12-0-2, rep. Schauer will carry the bill

Chairman Louser adjourned the meeting 8:38 AM

Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1327: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Louser, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB
1327 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

HB 1327
3/2/2023

Relating to powers and duties of the information technology department and information technology requirements of the veterans' home.

2:00 PM Chair Roers opened the hearing. Present: Chair Roers, Vice Chair Barta, Sen Cleary, Sen Estenson, Sen J Lee, and Sen Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Cyber security initiatives
- Exempt agencies
- Uniform Information Technology standards

Rep Mock, Dist 18, bill sponsor, testified in support #21683.

Sen Lee moved a DO PASS.

Sen Cleary seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Judy Estenson	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y

VOTE: YES – 6 NO – 0 Absent – 0 Motion PASSED

Sen Cleary will carry the bill.

2:07 PM Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Pam Dever, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1327: State and Local Government Committee (Sen. K. Roers, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB
1327 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect
workforce development.

TESTIMONY

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January 18, 2023

House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee
North Dakota State Capitol Building, Room 327C
RE: HB 1327 – Veterans Home and IT Services

Chairman Louser and Members of the House IBL Committee,

My name is Corey Mock and I'm here today as a Representative from District 18 in Grand Forks, ND and sponsor of HB 1327.

This legislation is three small changes that will reverse a well-intentioned but unnecessary addition to laws governing state IT services and policies. I'll give a brief history of the law then walk through the bill.

North Dakota created the Information Technology Department (ITD) in 1999¹ for the purpose of centralizing state IT planning, procurement, administration, support, and policy management. Our Legislative IT Committee continued to study and make policy recommendations as our understanding matured and technology evolved.

In 2003, the legislative assembly required most executive branch agencies to use ITD for email, file, print, and application server services, database management, and webhosting.² Following a veto by then-Governor John Hoeven, the legislature allowed some agencies to remain exempt from centralized services and created a process to administratively exempt entities as needed in the future.³

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Agencies originally exempted from ITD hosted services were:

- Legislative Branch
- Judicial Branch
- ND University System
- PERS
- RIO
- Attorney General
- Any other entity exempted by OMB as advised by ITD

PERS and RIO were removed from the exempted list in 2013 following investments in our state data center. The Attorney General's office remained an exempted agency while federal evidentiary standards were reviewed; no additional changes emerged following the 2013-15 interim.

North Dakota Veterans Home (located in Lisbon, ND) expressed interest in procuring their own IT services from local vendors during the 2021 legislative session. Unfamiliar with this history and nuance, the Veterans Home was added as an exempt agency within § 54-59-05 and 54-59-22 during the appropriations process. While ultimately not necessary, the amendment remained in the bill to give Veterans Home broad latitude as they explored IT service options.

Ultimately, service providers remained unchanged.

HB 1327 reverses the unnecessary and unintended modifications from the 2021 session. Changes on **page 1 line 11** and **page 4 line 28** restore the Veterans Home as an executive agency under the supervision and guidance of ITD.

Section 2 removes Veterans Home from the exempt list for ITD server and database administration. Current law allows ITD (via OMB) to administratively exempt an agency from services, should that ever be necessary.

Uniform IT standards for all users are a critical part of our state's network security. Reversing these modifications is the next and final step in ensuring our network integrity well into the future.

Thank you for your work and consideration.



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March 2, 2023

Senate State & Local Government Committee

North Dakota State Capitol Building, JW216

HB 1327 (Veterans Home and ITD Services)

Chair Kristin Roers and Members of the Senate State & Local Government Committee,

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