

2025 HOUSE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1062

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Coteau AB Room, State Capitol

HB 1062

1/16/2025

Relating to regulation of common carriers relating to permissible discrimination, long and short hauls, and freight pooling.

2:00 p.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, Olson, Ruby,
Conmy, Foss

Discussion Topics:

- Freight Pooling

2:00 p.m. Jill Kringstad, Commissioner on the Public Service Commission, testified in favor and provided testimony #29312.

Additional written testimony:

Zachary Cassidy, Field Organizer at the Dakota Resource Council, submitted testimony in opposition #29521.

2:02 p.m. Chairman Porter closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

House Bill 1062

Presented by: Jill Kringstad, Commissioner
Public Service Commission

Before: House Energy and Natural Resources
The Honorable Todd Porter, Chair

Date: January 16, 2025

TESTIMONY

Chair Porter and committee members, my name is Jill Kringstad, and I serve as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission, here to testify on HB 1062.

House Bill 1062 is a clean up bill to Chapter 49-04 of the North Dakota Century Code. The Public Service Commission has not regulated common carriers such as taxi or trucking companies since 1975. The amendment removing the term traffic from 49-04-07, and the removal of sections 49-04-08, 49-04-09, and 49-04-10 will update the Century Code to reflect the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Amending one section and the removal of the others does not affect the PSC's ability and authority to continue to regulate rail service in North Dakota which is covered in Chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Chair Porter, this concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Greetings Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am Zachary Cassidy with Dakota Resource Council, writing today to submit our opposition to HB 1062. This bill would create unreasonable restrictions on the ability of public utilities to govern themselves. Specifically, the bill would restrict utilities that want to create different pay rates for projects like data centers. If these data centers are going to be built in our state, which causes local residents to see their energy bills rise, they can pay a rate that the local utility finds fair.

For this reason, DRC stands opposed to this bill. Thank you for your time.

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2:33 p.m. Chairman Porter opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Anderson, Vice Chair Novak,
Representatives: Dockter, Hagert, Headland, Heinert, Johnson, Marschall, Olson, Ruby,
Conmy, Foss

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

2:34 p.m. Representative J. Olson moved a Do Pass.

2:34 pm. Representative Novak seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Anna Novak	Y
Representative Liz Conmy	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Jared c. Hagert	Y
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Pat D. Heinert	Y
Representative Jorin Johnson	Y
Representative Andrew Marschall	Y
Representative Jeremy L. Olson	Y
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y

2:35 p.m. Motion passed 13-0-0.

2:35 p.m. Representative J. Olson will carry the bill.

2:35 p.m. Chairman Porter adjourned the meeting.

Wyatt Armstrong for Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1062 ([25.8064.01000](#))

Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1062 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1062

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1062
2/14/2025

Relating to regulation of common carriers relating to permissible discrimination, long and short hauls, and freight pooling.

9:01 a.m. Chairman Clemens called the meeting to order.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Purpose of original enactment of regulation of common carriers

9:01 a.m. Jill Kringstad, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, testified in favor and submitted testimony #37666.

9:04 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

9:05 a.m. Senator Hogan moved a Do Pass.

9:05 a.m. Senator Rummel seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Klein will carry the bill.

9:06 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1062 ([25.8064.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1062 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

House Bill 1062

Presented by: Jill Kringstad, Commissioner
Public Service Commission

Before: Senate Transportation Committee
The Honorable David Clemens, Chair

Date: February 14, 2025

TESTIMONY

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House Bill 1062 is a clean up bill to Chapter 49-04 of the North Dakota Century Code. The Public Service Commission has not regulated vehicular common carriers such as taxi or trucking companies since 1975. The amendment removing the term traffic from 49-04-07, and the removal of sections 49-04-08, 49-04-09, and 49-04-10 will update the Century Code to reflect the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Amending one section and the removal of the others does not affect the PSC's ability and authority to continue to regulate rail service in North Dakota which is covered in Chapter 49-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Chair Clemens, this concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and I will be happy to answer any questions.