

**2025 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 1069**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE PIONEER ROOM, STATE CAPITOL

HB 1069  
1/8/2025

A bill relating to diabetes goals and plans
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10:45 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice Chairman Frelich, Representatives Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members absent: Representative Davis

### Discussion Topics:

- Identify gaps, trends, and needs.
- Streamline efforts.
- Data collection

10:45 a.m. Susan Mormann, North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28124 .

10:56 a.m. Representative Beltz moved a Do Pass.

10:56 a.m. Representative Rios seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	AB
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Cleyton Fegley	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Karen Rohr	Y

10:58 a.m. Motion passed 12-0-1.

Representative Anderson will carry the bill.

**Additional written testimony:**

Matt Prokop, American Diabetes Association, provided written testimony in opposition #28160.

11:00 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

*Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1069 ([25.8083.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1069 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**Testimony**  
**House Bill No. 1069**  
**House Human Services Committee**  
**Representative Matthew Ruby, Chairman**  
January 8, 2025

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Susan Mormann, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Unit Director with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1069 which was introduced at the request of the Department.

North Dakota Century Code Section 23-01-40 requires the Department, Indian affairs commission, and public employees retirement system to collaborate to identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the state, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes.

The Department's Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, funded by a grant through the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), operates in alignment with CDC guidelines, enabling us to collaborate effectively, implement impactful interventions, and conduct ongoing evaluations. This continuous assessment allows us to identify gaps, trends, and specific needs related to diabetes in North Dakota.

Repealing Section 23-01-40 of the North Dakota Century Code will streamline our efforts by eliminating unnecessary duplication of work and reduce red tape. Our Diabetes Prevention and Control Program will maintain its commitment to data collection, prevention, and evidence-based interventions that significantly enhance public health.

Importantly, we will continue to collaborate with the partners outlined in the Century Code, along with other key stakeholders.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.



January 8, 2025

Dear Chairman Ruby and Committee Members,

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1069. The ADA's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

HB 1069 would rescind the requirement that North Dakota prepare a biennial, multi-agency report on the status of diabetes in North Dakota, and on our state agency efforts and plans to address the prevention and management of diabetes. ADA opposes this legislation given the continuing impact and burden that diabetes and its complications have on North Dakota's residents, and the need for continued engagement in the face of these burdens.

Diabetes continues to be a critical health issue in North Dakota. Approximately 57,300 adults in North Dakota have been diagnosed with diabetes. <sup>(1)</sup> Every year, an estimated 3,500 adults in North Dakota are diagnosed with diabetes. <sup>(1)</sup> Significant medical expenses and costs due to diabetes also exist in the state. Total direct medical expenses for diagnosed diabetes in North Dakota was \$471 million and the total cost of diabetes was \$661 million (inclusive of indirect costs encompassing lost productivity at work). <sup>(1)</sup>

Having a North Dakota specific report is beneficial in developing evidenced-based strategies around short and long-term goals in diabetes prevention and management from state organizations and partners. We applaud the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission, and the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) for identifying community-based strategies in their 2024 report around reducing incidence rates for North Dakotans over 65 or those identifying as American Indian/Alaska Native. Data shows that these demographic groups experience higher rates of diabetes. <sup>(2, 3)</sup>

The American Diabetes Association appreciates the work put in by these agencies in developing diabetes plans, goals, and information that can benefit our collective work to reduce diabetes rates and improve health outcomes in North Dakota. We respectfully ask the committee to oppose passage of HB 1069 in order to support continued dialogue and engagement to advance diabetes prevention and management.

Sincerely,

Matt Prokop  
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American Diabetes Association  
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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://diabetes.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/adv\\_2024\\_state\\_fact\\_north\\_dakota.pdf](https://diabetes.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/adv_2024_state_fact_north_dakota.pdf)

<sup>(2)</sup> <https://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/diabetes/diabetesatlas-surveillance.html#>

<sup>(3)</sup> [https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/Diabetes/Diabetes\\_AmIndian\\_C/ND](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/Diabetes/Diabetes_AmIndian_C/ND)

**2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

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# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

HB 1069  
2/11/2025

Relating to diabetes goals and plans.
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10:12 a.m. Chairman Lee opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Lee, Vice-Chairman Weston, Senator Van Oosting, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Roers.

### Discussion Topics:

- Policy changes

10:12 a.m. Susan Mormann, Unit Director, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention with ND Department of Health and Human Services, testified in favor, submitted testimony in favor #36705.

10:17 a.m. Senator Roers moved Do Pass.

10:17 a.m. Senator Van Oosting second the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Desiree Van Oosting	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Weston will carry the bill.

10:18 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing.

*Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**HB 1069 ([25.8083.01000](#))**

**Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1069 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**Testimony**  
**House Bill No. 1069**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**  
February 11, 2025

Chairman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Susan Mormann, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Unit Director with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Public Health Division. I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1069 which was introduced at the request of the Department.

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