

2025 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1278

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and Taxation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1278
2/5/2025

Relating to the management and investment of moneys in the state treasury and a cash management and investment board; to provide a report; and to provide a penalty.

9:00 a.m. Chairman Headland opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Headland, Vice Chair Hagert, Representatives Anderson, Dockter, Dressler, Foss, Grueneich, Ista, Motschenbacher, Nehring, Olson, Porter, Steiner, Toman

Discussion Topics:

- Proposed amendment

9:01 a.m. Representative Mike Lefor introduced the bill and submitted testimony #35279 and #35281.

9:13 a.m. Don Morgan, CEO and President, Bank of North Dakota, stood for questions.

9:23 a.m. Representative Lefor stood for questions.

9:25 a.m. Chairman Headland closed the hearing.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

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Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Representative Lefor
January 28, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1278

Introduced by

Representatives Lefor, Vigesaa, Vollmer, Swiontek

Senators Bekkedahl, Hogue, Patten, Rummel

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management and investment of moneys in the state treasury.

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a. ~~A priority list to effectively manage cash resources~~ An appropriate tiered cash flow structure.

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18 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective on June 30, 2028, and after that date
19 is in effective.

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Representative Mike Lefor

HB 1278 Testimony

Good morning, Chairman Headland and members of the House Finance and Tax Committee, my name is Mike Lefor, and I serve District 37 – Dickinson in the House of Representatives. Today, I bring HB 1278 to you for your consideration.

In the last legislative session, a study was brought forward and completed during the interim, providing a comprehensive cash management study on behalf of the state. HB 1278 seeks to continue the work done and to provide a pathway toward improving the return on the state's cash.

The bill provides for the creation of a board tasked with following through the recommendations provided by the interim task force. The task force includes four legislators, designees from OMB, the state treasurer and the Bank of North Dakota and another individual appointed by the governor.

In the original version of the bill, many of the duties were assigned to the state treasurer, however, after meeting with many of the principals involved, it was decided to provide an amendment which puts more of the responsibilities within the Bank of North Dakota.

This is partially due to the fact the bank has current staff who can provide the expertise needed to complete the tasks assigned by this legislation. The cash management study focused on several areas, however, some of the main areas were providing better technology to improve the speed in which the bank can properly identify the cash flow needs of each state agency working with the agency.

The idea is to provide a plan for immediate, intermediate and long-term cash needs and provide a road map for risk mitigation in each area. The goal is to improve the return on the dollars held by the state of North Dakota.

As I stated previously, the original bill draft provided for the state treasurer providing these services with the hiring of more staff. I am asking the committee to move on to the amendment. I will go through the amendment with you now.

It states the state treasurer in coordination with the Bank of North Dakota and the cash management board shall review and when necessary, develop policies and procedures for the investment and management of moneys in the state treasury.

The board is tasked with providing transparency, clarity and data to policy makers and the public regarding the state's consolidated financial position. They are to review the operational cash flow requirements of individual state agencies and forecast cash flow needs for the current and future biennium.

Further, they are to identify cash management practices that provide an opportunity to create improved cash and investment structures, managerial processes, transaction efficiency, and cash and investment holdings that closely align to expected cash inflows and outflows, for the state agencies and by extension the whole of the state.

In Section 2, the board shall review existing policies and develop policies with a goal of managing moneys in the state treasury to ensure principal preservation and adequate liquidity for the state's cash flow returns while maximizing total return based on an appropriate level of risk.

They are to create an appropriate tiered cash flow structuring practices and policies shall be used, where appropriate and in the context of the whole of the state, to optimize the state's financial position.

It goes on to provide that state agencies shall provide information to the board regarding cash flow and liquidity needs including projections for the timing of the revenues and expenditures. The board is authorized to create and implement a cash flow structuring arrangement for general and special fund agencies and commingle for investment purposes when it is determined to be advantageous.

The Bank of North Dakota shall provide staff services to the board. The board consists of:

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4. Two members of the House of Representatives as appointed by the Majority Leader.
5. Two members of the senate as appointed by the Majority Leader.
6. One at large member appointed by the governor.

Finally, it provides a sunset clause of June 30, 2028 unless reauthorized by the 70th legislative assembly.

Finally, the idea is to improve the process by which cash flow needs are identified by state agencies, to be placed into a tiered cash flow process to improve the returns to the state of North Dakota.

Chair Headland and members of the House Finance and Tax committee, I am requesting the amendment be placed on the bill and once amended I am asking for a "do pass" recommendation as amended.

Thank you.

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Discussion Topics:

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2:40 p.m. Representative Porter suggested amendment to correct to "Governor or designee", previous testimony #35279.

2:41 p.m. Representative Steiner to gather more information from legislative council.

2:42 Chairman Headland closed the meeting.

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Discussion Topics:

- Expiration date
- Proposed amendment

9:13 a.m. Representative Porter moved to adopt amendment LC #25.0742.04001.

9:13 a.m. Representative Dockter seconded the motion.

9:14 a.m. Representative Porter withdrew the motion to amend.

9:14 a.m. Representative Dockter withdrew his second.

9:23 a.m. Representative Steiner moved to adopt amendment LC #25.0742.04002, #37046.

9:23 a.m. Representative Porter seconded the motion.

9:24 a.m. Voice vote - motion passed.

9:24 a.m. Representative Dressler moved a Do Pass as Amended.

9:24 a.m. Representative J. Olson seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Craig Headland	Y
Representative Jared Hagert	Y

Representative Dick Anderson	Y
Representative Jason Dockter	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Dennis Nehring	Y
Representative Jeremy Olson	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	AB
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y

9:25 a.m. Motion passed 13-0-1.

9:25 a.m. Representative Dressler will carry the bill.

9:26 a.m. Chairman Headland closed the meeting.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1278**

Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0742.04002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1278 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

25.0742.04002
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Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for Representative Steiner
February 6, 2025

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Members present: Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Cash management interim study
- Review by Bank of North Dakota
- Risk mitigation
- Forecast cash flow needs
- Develop cash-flow liquidity strategies
- Information needs and technology improvements

8:30 a.m. Mike Lefor, House Majority Leader, District 37, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39534 and #39535.

8:40 a.m. Senator Patten, District 26, testified in favor.

8:46 a.m. Senator Sickler moved to adopt the amendment #25.0742.06001.

8:46 a.m. Senator Burckhard seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

8:47 a.m. Senator Sickler moved a Do Pass as Amended for #25.0742.06001.

8:47 a.m. Senator Burckhard seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
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Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y

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Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Burckhard will carry the bill.

8:48 a.m. Adam Mathiak, LC Senior Fiscal Analyst, provided budget information.

8:51 a.m. Joe Morrisette, Director of ND Office of Management and Budget, offered scheduling information.

8:57 a.m. Chairman Wanzek adjourned the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

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Representative Mike Lefor

HB 1278 Testimony

Good morning, Chairman Wanzek and members of the government operations committee, my name is Mike Lefor, and I serve District 37 – Dickinson in the House of Representatives. Today, I bring HB 1278 to you for your consideration.

In the last legislative session, a study was brought forward and completed during the interim, providing a comprehensive cash management study on behalf of the state. HB 1278 seeks to continue the work done and to provide a pathway toward improving the return on the state's cash.

The bill provides for the creation of a board tasked with following through the recommendations provided by the interim task force. The task force includes four legislators, designees from OMB, the state treasurer and the Bank of North Dakota and another individual appointed by the governor.

Beginning on page 1, line 8, you will note that the state treasurer in coordination with the Bank of North Dakota and a newly created cash management board shall review existing policies and procedures and if necessary, develop policies and procedures for the management of moneys in the state treasury.

This includes general funds, special funds and excludes certain funds already managed by other entities.

The Bank of North Dakota has staff who can provide the expertise needed to complete the tasks assigned by this legislation. The cash management study focused on several areas, however, some of the main areas were providing better technology to improve the speed in which the bank can properly identify the cash flow needs of each state agency working with the agency.

The idea is to provide a plan for immediate, intermediate and long-term cash needs and provide a road map for risk mitigation in each area. The goal is to improve the return on the dollars held by the state of North Dakota.

The board is tasked with providing transparency, clarity and data to policy makers and the public regarding the state's consolidated financial position. They are to review the operational cash flow requirements of individual state agencies and forecast cash flow needs for the current and future biennia.

Further, they are to identify cash management practices that provide an opportunity to create improved cash and investment structures, managerial processes, transaction efficiency, and cash and investment holdings that closely align to expected cash inflows and outflows, for the state agencies and by extension the whole of the state.

In Section 2, the board shall review existing policies and develop policies with a goal of managing money in the state treasury to ensure principal preservation and adequate liquidity for the state's cash flow returns while maximizing total return based on an appropriate level of risk.

They are to create appropriate tiered cash flow structuring practices and policies that shall be used, where appropriate and in the context of the whole of the state, to optimize the state's financial position.

It goes on to provide that state agencies shall provide information to the board regarding cash flow and liquidity needs including projections for the timing of the revenues and expenditures. The board is authorized to create and implement a cash flow structuring arrangement for general and special fund agencies and commingle for investment purposes when it is determined to be advantageous.

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Members of the committee, I will now hand out an amendment I am asking the committee to attach to the bill, which is document number 6001. The changes are on page 2, line 26 which makes the governor or the governor's designee, the board chair and moves onto page three line 2, which provides for the state treasurer or designee as a member and not the chair of the board.

Finally, it provides a sunset clause of June 30, 2028, unless reauthorized by the 70th legislative assembly.

Chair Wanzek and members of the Senate government operations committee, I am requesting the amendment be placed on the bill and once amended I am asking for a "do pass" recommendation as amended.

Thank you.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

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3/17/2025

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4:15 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Bekkedahl, Vice-Chairman Erbele, and Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Magrum, Mathern, Meyer, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek.

Members Absent: Senators Davison, Sorvaag.

Discussion Topics:

- Chairmanship Change

4:15 p.m. Senator Burckhard introduced the bill and submitted testimony #42823.

4:17 p.m. Senator Burckhard moved to adopt amendment LC# 25.0742.06001.

4:17 p.m. Senator Wanzek seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	A
Senator Dick Dever	Y
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Motion Passed 14-0-2.

4:18 p.m. Senator Burckhard moved a Do Pass as Amended.

4:18 p.m. Senator Conley seconded the motion.

4:19 p.m. Representative Lefor answered committee questions.

Roll call vote:

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Motion Passed 13-1-2.

Senator Burckhard will carry the bill.

4:20 p.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
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Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0742.06001](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1278 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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