

2025 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1520

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and Taxation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1520
2/4/2025

A BILL for an Act to authorize the department of health and human services to transfer real property to the office of the adjutant general to construct a new training and storage facility; and to declare an emergency.

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

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

Discussion Topics:

- ND National Guard
- Transfer of property
- Transfer of funds

9:02 a.m. Chairman Headland opened the hearing.

9:03 a.m. Representative M. Ruby introduced the bill.

9:06 a.m. Cody Kinnischtzke, Director of Facilities and Administrative Services, Dept. of Health and Human Services, testified in favor and submitted testimony #33973.

9:09 a.m. Colonel Cody Volk, Director of Installations and Environment, North Dakota National Guard, testified in favor and submitted testimony #34044.

9:15 a.m. Denise Harvey, Director of Program Services, Dept. of Protection and Advocacy, testified in favor.

9:17 a.m. Chairman closed the hearing.

9:17 a.m. Representative Dockter moved a Do Pass.

9:17 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	Y
Representative Austin Foss	Y
Representative Zachary Ista	Y

9:18 a.m. Motion passed 14-0-0.

9:18 a.m. Representative J. Olson will carry the bill.

9:19 a.m. Chairman Headland closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

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Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Headland, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1520 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.



Health & Human Services

Testimony
House Bill No. 1520
House Finance and Taxation Committee
Representative Craig Headland, Chairman
February 4, 2025

Chairman Headland, and members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee, I am Cody Kinnischtzke, Director of Facilities and Administrative Services, with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1520.

House Bill No. 1520 instructs the Department to transition land managed by the Department to the Office of Adjutant General as the next stage to allow the Office of Adjutant General to move along the process to construct a new training and storage facility. This process started with conversations between the Department and the Office of Adjutant General prior to the 2021 Legislative Session. The Department's 2021 and 2023 budget bills included language that permitted the Department and the Office of Adjutant General to enter into an agreement to lease up to 20 acres of real property associated with the State Hospital. The Department and the Office of Adjutant General have worked together and identified another property managed by the Department for approximately 25 acres, instead of the original 20 acres of property. As stated earlier, this process is the next stage to simply transfer the management of land from the Department to the Office of Adjutant General instead of entering a lease.

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

TESTIMONY OF
COLONEL CODY VOLK
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
BEFORE THE
HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION
4 FEBRUARY 2025
HOUSE BILL 1520

Good morning, Chairman Headland, members of the committee. I am Colonel Cody Volk, Director of Installations and Environment for the North Dakota Army National Guard. I am here today to testify in support of HB 1520, which transfers 25.2 acres of real property from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Office of the Adjutant General.

The 25.2 acres will be the future building site for the Jamestown National Guard Readiness Center. Additionally, this project is the Adjutant General's number one Major Military Construction priority, which is competing for placement in the Future Years Defense Program for Fiscal Year 2032. The National Guard Bureau now requires land documentation to be completed before allowing an Infrastructure Requirements Plan score on any Major Military Construction project. If this property transfer is not completed by 1 June 2025, the Jamestown Readiness Center project will not receive a score. Without a score, the project will not compete for placement in the Future Years Defense Program for Fiscal Year 2032. Therefore, the Office of the Adjutant General fully supports the emergency clause in Section 2 of this bill.

In closing, I urge this committee to pass this legislation, which allows the Jamestown Readiness Center project to remain competitive for prioritization in the Future Years Defense Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1520

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1520

2/20/2025

A bill for an act to authorize the department of health and human services to transfer real property to the office of the adjutant general to construct a new training and storage facility; and to declare an emergency.

11:16 a.m. Chairman Luick opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice-Chair Myrdal, Senator Marcellais, Senator Weston, Senator Weber, Senator Lemm

Discussion Topics:

- Training and storage facility
- Current and future State Hospital
- Office of the Adjutant General and the Department of Health and Human Services
- Land transfer and documentation
- Jamestown National Guard Readiness Center
- Infrastructure Requirements Plan score
- Size of building
- Federal and state funding

11:17 a.m. Cody Kinnischtzke, Director of Facilities and Administrative Services, Department of Health and Human Services Department, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38048 and #38049.

11:20 a.m. Colonel Cody Volk, Director of Installations and Environment, ND Army National Guard, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38083.

11:24 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

11:24 a.m. Senator Myrdal moved a Do Pass.

11:24 a.m. Senator Weber seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

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Senator Weber will carry the bill.

11:25 a.m. Chairman Luick adjourned the meeting.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1520 ([25.1282.01000](#))

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1520 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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Map was produced based on information provided by North Dakota State Hospital.

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North Dakota State Hospital
Ownership and Lease Parcels
Stutsman County, ND

Parcel Map

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Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee
Senator Larry Luick, Chairman
February 20, 2025

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