

2025 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2078

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB 2078
1/13/2025

Relating to the North Dakota state hospital.
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11:01 a.m. Chairman Lee called the meeting to order.

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

Discussion Topics:

- Clarifying bill language and intent

11:01 a.m Pamela Sagness, Executive Director of Behavioral Health Division of Department of Health and Human Services testified in favor and submitted testimony #28447

11:04 a.m. Chairman Lee closed the hearing

11:04 a.m. Senator Hogan moved a Do Pass.

11:04 a.m. Senator Clemens seconded 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

11:04 a.m. Motion passed 6-0-0.

11:05 a.m. Carried by Senator Van Oosting.

11:05 a.m. Senator closed the meeting.

Andrew Ficek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2078 ([25.8088.01000](#))

Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2078 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.



Health & Human Services

Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2078
Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
January 13, 2025

Chairman Lee, and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Pamela Sagness with the Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division. I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2078, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

The proposed change in Section of this Bill adds "or policies" in reference to the Department's general administration, supervision, and management of the North Dakota State Hospital. Section 2 of this Bill replaces "Rulemaking authority" with "Authority" in the title and adds ", policies, or bylaws" regarding the Governing Body of the North Dakota State Hospital. The Governing Body has always had by-laws and not rules. Section 3 of this Bill adds "or policies" to reflect that the North Dakota State Hospital is subject to the rules or policies adopted by the Department that apply to the North Dakota State Hospital.

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

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2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2078
3/10/2025

Relating to the North Dakota state hospital.
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11:28 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Beltz, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr

Members Absent: Representatives Holle

Discussion Topics:

- North Dakota State Hospital policies
- Bill Overview

11:30 a.m. Pamela Sagness, Executive Director, Health and Human Services, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39612.

11:32 a.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the hearing.

Madaline Cooper, Committee Clerk for Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk



Testimony
Senate Bill No. 2078
Human Services Committee
Representative Matthew Ruby, Chairman
March 10, 2025

Chairman Ruby, and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Pamela Sagness with the Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division. I appear before you in support of Senate Bill No. 2078, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

The proposed change in Section 1 of this Bill adds "or policies" in reference to the Department's general administration, supervision, and management of the North Dakota State Hospital. Section 2 of this Bill replaces "Rulemaking authority" with "Authority" in the title and adds ", policies, or bylaws" regarding the Governing Body of the North Dakota State Hospital. The Governing Body has always had by-laws and not rules. Section 3 of this Bill adds "or policies" to reflect that the North Dakota State Hospital is subject to the rules or policies adopted by the Department that apply to the North Dakota State Hospital.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

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Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2078
3/10/2025

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4:20 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman M. Ruby, Vice-Chairman Frelich, Representatives K. Anderson, Bolinske, Davis, Dobervich, Fegley, Hendrix, Holle, Kiefert, Rios, Rohr
Members Absent: Representative Beltz

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

4:20 p.m. Representative Rohr moved a Do Pass.

4:20 p.m. Representative Bolinske seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Karen Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	AB
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	Y
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

4:21 p.m. Motion carried 12-0-1.

Representative Bolinske will carry the bill.

4:22 p.m. Chairman M. Ruby closed the meeting.

Jackson Toman, Committee Clerk

Bill was later placed on the consent calendar.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2078 ([25.8088.01000](#))

Human Services Committee (Rep. M. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2078 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.