

2025 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 2187

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2187
1/24/2025

Relating to lodging, compensation, and expense reimbursement.

10:28 a.m. Vice Chairman Castaneda called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chair Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Lodging compensation
- Reimbursement of expenses

10:28 a.m. Senator Roers introduced the bill.

10:32 a.m. Rudie Martinson, Lobbyist, ND Hospitality Association, testified in favor.

10:35 a.m. Joe Goplin, Director of the Fiscal Management Division, Office of Management and Budget, testified in favor and submitted testimony #30785.

10:43 a.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk



Management
and Budget

Testimony in Support of
Senate Bill No. 2187
Senate State & Local Government
Friday, January 24, 2025

TESTIMONY OF

Joe Goplin, Director of State Financial Services, Fiscal Management Division

Good morning, Chairman Roers and members of the committee. My name is Joe Goplin, Director of the Fiscal Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB is in support of this bill.

OMB had previously testified in favor of SB 2084, which similar to this measure, also addresses moving the "in-state lodging rate" to follow the Federal GSA rate for the state of North Dakota, currently \$110. Section 2 of this measure also seeks to amend and reenact N.D.C.C. 54-03-20(2), which addresses Legislative Assembly's lodging reimbursement allotment. The current calculation is $30 \times [\text{In-State Lodging Rate } (\$99)] \times 70\%$. This measure seeks increase the percentage from 70% to 85%.

Similar to our testimony for SB 2084, OMB asks the committee to also consider amending and reenacting N.D.C.C. 44-08-04 to include verbiage that would state if the Federal GSA rate is not available, to reference OMB Fiscal Policy. OMB will update Fiscal Policy 505 to handle exceptions.

Chairman Roers and members of the committee, this concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee Room Peace Garden, State Capitol

SB 2187
1/30/2025

Relating to lodging, compensation, and expense reimbursement.

3:34 p.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Members Present: Chair Roers; Vice Chair Castaneda; Senators: Barta, Braunberger, Lee and Walen.

Discussion Topics:

- Mileage & Hotel reimbursement
- Rate Change

3:34 p.m. Committee discussion

3:47 a.m. Senator Barta moved a Do Not Pass.

3:47 a.m. Senator Walen seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Jeff Barta	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Chuck Walen	Y

Motion Passed 6-0-0

Chair Roers will carry the bill.

3:55 p.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2187 ([25.0265.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2187 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.