

2025 SENATE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SB 2319

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

State and Local Government Committee
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2319
2/6/2025

Relating to periodically reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective date.

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

10:08 a.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Discussion Topics:

- Cost impact
- Employee consistency
- Time management

10:08 a.m. Senator Magrum, District 8, introduced the bill and submitted testimony #35823.

10:25 a.m. Steve Bakken, citizen, testified in favor.

10:33 a.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk



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COMMITTEES:

Appropriations
Appropriations - Human Resources Division

02/06/2025

Good morning, Madam Chair and committee members.

For the record I am Senator Jeff Magrum serving District 8.

I stand before you to introduce SB2319. The goal is to think outside of the box with a positive change in the way legislative sessions are handled. This change will likely save the state money, create consistency, continuity with employees and legislators, eliminate Interim committees, eliminate special sessions, empower the legislature, allow more people to serve, give the average citizen more opportunity to attend committee hearings, create a better atmosphere, give more time to create better legislation, allow more time to prepare and study upcoming committee hearings. These are just some of the many positive reasons to seriously consider a change to legislative sessions based on the National Guard Model. It's worked for the ND National Guard, I believe it can work for our state legislature.

Madam Chair and Committee members I ask for a do pass on SB2319.

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11:02 a.m. Chair Roers called the hearing to order.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action
- Special sessions

11:02 a.m. Senator Gerhardt, District 34, testified in favor.

11:19 a.m. Chair Roers recessed the hearing.

11:26 a.m. Chair Roers reconvened the hearing.

11:26 a.m. Senator Lee moved a Do Not Pass.

11:26 a.m. Senator Castaneda 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

Senator Castaneda will carry the bill.

11:36 a.m. Chair Roers closed the hearing.

Susan Helbling, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2319 ([25.0707.01000](#))

State and Local Government Committee (Sen. Roers, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2319 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.