

2025 SENATE JUDICIARY

SB 2393

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2393

2/5/2025

Relating to transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund to the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund; and to authorize a full-time equivalent position for the department of health and human services.

10:28 a.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Addition of clinician for treatment services
- Impact on families from gambling

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

10:33 a.m. Bill Kalanek, Charitable Gaming Commission, testified in favor.

Additional written testimony:

Jacob Thomsen, Policy Analyst, ND Family Alliance Legislative Action, submitted testimony in favor #35037.

10:34 a.m. Chair Larson closed the hearing.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk



Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2393

Jacob Thomsen, Policy Analyst
North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action
February 5, 2025

Dear Madam Chair Larson and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jacob Thomsen, and I am a Policy Analyst with North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action. I am testifying on behalf of our organization in support of Senate Bill 2393 and respectfully request that you render a "DO PASS" on this bill.

Our organization is, and always has been, opposed to legalized gambling in North Dakota. In part, we are opposed to gambling given the variety of disorders and negative secondary impacts it can create for North Dakota families. It is vital that we as a state help our citizens deal with these issues sooner as opposed to later – particularly before gambling disorders create even worse problems down the road. Thus, we agree with additional funding for the gambling prevention and treatment fund.

While we would have liked to see even more funding go towards help for those with gambling disorders, we appreciate the continuation of this important program, and the additional funding proposed in this bill. For these reasons, North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action asks that you please render a "DO PASS" on Senate Bill 2393.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jacob Thomsen
Policy Analyst
North Dakota Family Alliance Legislative Action

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2393
2/10/2025

Relating to transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund to the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund; and to authorize a full-time equivalent position for the department of health and human services.

4:47 p.m. Chair Larson opened the hearing.

Members present:

Chair Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, Senators: Castaneda, Cory, Luick, Myrdal, Braunberger.

Discussion Topics:

- Clinician shortages
- Committee Action

4:49 p.m. Senator Luick moved a Do Pass and rerefer to Appropriations committee.

4:49 p.m. Senator Braunberger seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Ryan Braunberger	Y
Senator Jose L. Castaneda	Y
Senator Claire Cory	N
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

Motion Passed 6-1-0.

4:49 p.m. Senator Luick will carry the bill.

4:50 p.m. Chair Larson adjourned the meeting.

Kendra McCann, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2393 ([25.1341.01000](#))

Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (6 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2393 was rereferred to the **Appropriations Committee**. This bill does not affect workforce development.

2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2393

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Human Resources Division Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2393
2/20/2025

Relating to transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund to the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund and to authorize a full-time equivalent position for the department of health and human services

9:20 a.m. Chairman Dever opened the hearing.

Discussion Topics:

- Full-Time Employee for the Department of Health and Human Services
- Transfers from Charitable Gaming Fund to Gambling Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund

9:20 a.m. Deb McDaniel, Director, Charitable Gaming Division, Attorney General's Office, testified in favor.

9:25 a.m. Senator Davis moved a Do Not Pass.

9:25 a.m. Senator Cleary seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Sean Cleary	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y

Motion Passed 5-0-0.

Senator Davison will carry the bill.

9:27 a.m. Chairman Dever closed the hearing.

Joan Bares, Committee Clerk

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2393
2/21/2025

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-11.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund to the gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund; and to authorize a full-time equivalent position for the department of health and human services.

10:17 a.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.

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:17 a.m. Senator Dever introduced the bill.

10:19 a.m. Senator Dever moved a Do Not Pass.

10:19 a.m. Senator Mathern 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	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Paul J. Thomas	Y
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion Passed 16-0-0.

Senator Dever will carry the bill.

10:20 a.m. Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2393 ([25.1341.01000](#))

Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2393 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.