

**1999 HOUSE EDUCATION**  
**HCR 3054**

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3054

House Education

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-15-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		0.6-10.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Joan Diers</i>			

Minutes: A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study accreditation standards for elementary and secondary schools, including optional accreditation standards, the fiscal impact of accreditation standards, and the waiver of accreditation standards based on student performance. Chairman R. Kelsch opened the hearing with members present: Chairman Kelsch, Vice Chair Drovdal, Rep. Brandenburg, Rep. Brusegaard, Rep. Haas, Rep. D. Johnson, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Nottestad, Rep. L. Thoreson, Rep. Grumbo, Rep. Hanson, Rep. Lundgren, Rep. Mueller, Rep. Nowatzki, and Rep. Solberg.

Rep. Delmore, Dist 43 : testified in support. My constituents and other legislators don't feel that the current system is doing what it should be doing.

Vice Chair Drovdal : What is your vision, after the study is done, where do you want to go with accreditation standards?

Rep. Delmore : I would like them to look at the process itself. See if we are accomplishing something to raise standards in our schools. Right now, it is an open ended process. I am on my seventh year on a committee.

Vice Chair Drovdal : We have some schools that sometimes we question whether they are really educating our kids up to standards we want. If we go through the study, are we looking at some kind of accreditation we can actually judge whether these schools are meeting the criteria we want them to meet. If not, will we have some power over them?

Rep. Delmore : I am not looking at doing away with standards for schools. I want to look at the process.

Rep. Thoreson : You mention you want school boards to expend funds that could be put to greater benefit. Can you explain.

Rep. Delmore : Sometimes money goes into areas that are based on test scores, and not always the best place.

Rep. Grumbo : Do we have the high schools in N.D. that belong to North Central Accreditation?

Rep. Delmore : No, not everybody is involved in that.

Roger Rieger, DPI, Director of Approval and Accreditation : testified in support of the resolution. (See attached testimony)

Rep. Grumbo : If North Central is not used in very school, what is used?

Roger : We use the State Standard of Accreditation. We have only two sets. North Central serves 19 states. Schools use North Central on a voluntary basis.

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Chairman Kelsch : Any more testimony in support; any testimony against. Hearing none the hearing was closed.

ACTION: Rep. Hanson made a motion of DO PASS and Rep. Brusegaard seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 15 YES and 0 NO with 0 ABSENT. Passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Brusegaard will carry the bill.

Date: 2-15-99  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR3054

House Education Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass & place on consent calendar

Motion Made By Hanson Seconded By Brusegaard

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. ReaAnn Kelsch-Chairperson	✓		Rep. Dorvan Solberg	✓	
Rep. David Drovdal-Vice Chair	✓				
Rep. Michael D. Brandenburg	✓				
Rep. Thomas T. Brusegaard	✓				
Rep. C. B. Haas	✓				
Rep. Dennis E. Johnson	✓				
Rep. Jon O. Nelson	✓				
Rep. Darrell D. Nottestad	✓				
Rep. Laurel Thoreson	✓				
Rep. Howard Grumbo	✓				
Rep. Lyle Hanson	✓				
Rep. Deb Lundgren	✓				
Rep. Phillip Mueller	✓				
Rep. Robert E. Nowatzki	✓				

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Brusegaard

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 15, 1999 3:13 p.m.

Module No: HR-30-3014  
Carrier: Brusegaard  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3054: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3054 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.**

**1999 SENATE EDUCATION**

**HCR 3054**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR3054

Senate Education Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 16, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jinda Christman</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR FREBORG opened the hearing on HCR3054. All senators were present.

REPRESENTATIVE DELMORE, DISTRICT 43 testified in favor of HCR3054. Rep. Delmore asked the committee to give favorable consideration for a study of accreditation standards.

SENATOR O'CONNELL : What brought this to your attention. Any specific case.

REP. DELMORE: I'm an educator in my real life, I teach school at Red River High School and I am one of the co-chairs of the subcommittee and have been for seven years. Want to see if there is a better way to actually measure performance.

Testimony in Favor: Roger Rieger, Director of Accreditation, DPI. Written testimony attached.

SENATOR O'CONNELL : Give me some examples you might see that should be changed or looked at.



Roger: One of the things we have been working hard on is writing standards within the Department and those standards will be necessary for schools that are accepting federal aid to also write standards within their school and to measure their performance through those standards. We are also rewriting other parts of our accreditation as well.

SENATOR REDLIN : Are there some things that are now a part of standard that you consider not germane anymore.

Roger: The complete emphasis is on input because this is the way we've looked at it all the time. We can judge that input is not a good indicator all the time of performance. I think we need to do a better job of looking at the performance of those people that go through our schools and also the performance of the school as well.

SENATOR KELSH : We had a bill that dealt with waivers and part of the testimony said a lot of things you could do, is that true. Do you feel that you could waive the length of the school day for a certain school, etc.

Roger: The waiver is the process that some of the schools have been using, it was available for several years and no one seemed to be utilizing it at all so I encourage at least the first one and several there after for people to utilize the waiver process. There are 3 people on the waiver process: NDEA representative, school board representative and a representative from the Council of Education Leaders. Those 3 people review the information that is in written format as far as request for waiver. Based on that they can then make a decision and recommend to the Superintendent of Public Instruction who in turn either grants the waiver or refuses the waiver.

SENATOR COOK : When was the last time such a study on this issue took place.

Roger: About every summer.

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SENATOR FREBORG closed the hearing on HCR3054.

SENATOR O'CONNELL : I move a DO PASS and place on the consent calendar.

SENATOR COOK : 2nd.

Vote: 7 Yes 0 No

CARRIER: SENATOR O'CONNELL

Date: 3/16  
Roll Call Vote #: \_\_\_\_\_

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HC R 3054

Senate EDUCATION Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Pass Consent sub

Motion Made By O'Connell Seconded By Cook

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Freborg, Chairman	✓				
Senator Cook, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Flakoll	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Kelsh	✓				
Senator O'Connell	✓				
Senator Redlin	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment O'Connell

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 16, 1999 12:54 p.m.

Module No: SR-47-4874  
Carrier: O'Connell  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

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1999 TESTIMONY

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**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**February 15, 1999**  
**by Roger F. Rieger, Director, Approval and Accreditation Unit**  
**701 328-2266**  
**Department of Public Instruction**

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Madam Chairman and members of the committee:

My name is Roger F. Rieger and I am the Director of the Approval and Accreditation Unit for the Department of Public Instruction. I am here to speak in favor of House Concurrent Resolution # 3054 regarding the study of accreditation standards for elementary and secondary schools.

Our current eight-accreditation standards are premised on the concept of inputs and have served well in the review of the schools in North Dakota. Recent studies and educational literature point to the need to identify performance standards as a measure for accountability. We started a review of the 1991 Accreditation Standards three years ago with the intent of moving those standards to what would be considered current **best practice**. This study resolution would be a way for exhibiting what we have learned and to help bring clarity to those who have concerns so new legislation may be proposed for the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

We urge your support for the passage of this House Concurrent Resolution # 3054. I thank you for allowing me to appear for testimony and would answer questions at this time.

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