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Minutes:

Maren L. Daley, Executive Director of the Job Service North Dakota testified in support of SB2017 (a copy of written testimony is attached). At points she deferred to staff members to answer questions: Deanne Berquist, Wayne, and Tom Peterson.

Senator Holmberg: Looking at the new job program -- increased tax credit goes to Moorhead? Mother ship?

Maren L. Daley: It is mother ship -- dollars targeted to North Dakota employees; office quarters in Moorhead, address there.

Senator Holmberg: Vision? Number of changes in management -- the decision to fill as they evolve? Is the Internet use accessible? Do you see more involvement in that over the next 5-10 years? Traditional part of your service to shrink down the road?

Maren L. Daley: There is a shift in mixing more use via the Internet. Perhaps some less one on one counseling right now due to the low unemployment. Chronic non-workers are shifting to

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re-employment efforts -- which we have updates on the web pages. See more job training information/availability included on web pages -- giving labor market information within a given area.

Senator Holmberg: Have the pilot studies been done? Task analysis? How did it go?

Maren L. Daley: Went well. Lot of results; going forward; good deliver ability.

Senator Grindberg: Page 7; workforce -- individual 's apply for? Used dollars?

Maren L. Daley: Jobs training: Re-employment training resources; Vocational, college-bound or specific to business. Example: individuals who are laid off during the winter months may get training while on leave from their jobs.

Deanne Berquist described the workforce investment act: 3 fund sources targeting youth, adults and adults dislocated workers -- it is an advisory of how dollars are to be spent. Workforce Council -- based on individual assessment, and the demand in an area -- worth with economic development personnel.

Senator Grindberg: Do you have a summary of where the dollars are used -- breakdown of the 3 projects?

Deanne Berquist: Federal legislation dictates distribution amounts; we will provide our information (a copy of the Workforce 2000 and ND New Jobs Training Programs under tab 7 of written testimony)..

Senator Grindberg: With the Workforce Investment Act -- and the Department of Commerce action last week -- how can Job Service be maximized? Your feelings?

Maren L. Daley: Strong feelings. Collaborative workings - size and breath-- not good fit with the commerce department. We can be critical players with tourism etc. Federal access to state job training is here in ND network. The is respect for our department. Regardless of the

structure, we will work together; be part of economic development -- people, our customers always being served.

Senator Tallackson: What about the rural areas using Job Service? Grafton individuals initiated contact with Job Service -- companies of 5 have to go through Grafton.

Maren L. Daley: We'll take that into consideration -- feedback is helpful. Our volume and delivering service are always under consideration.

Senator Robinson: Unemployment trust fund -- where?

Maren L. Daley: At the year end 31.6 million.

Senator Robinson: Where's it going? Has declined over the last 5 years -- last session bill had caps.

Maren L. Daley: General opinion, the bleeding has stopped. '99 winter nonexistence; work continued because we had nice weather -- legislation gives the tool to be more responsive -- we monitor.

Senator Solberg: An 8.293 IT work?

Maren L. Daley: We hope to stick to it. Agency plan?

Wayne, staff member of Job Service spoke briefly. Plans to continue, a large project -- give us the ability to go forward. We need to be vigilant; watch increases - not accept with good reason. We are using the system used in Utah -- things are still in process, no negatives.

Senator Thane: Page 8 -- Regarding OASIS...number of elderly serious?

Wayne: OASIS is still around; there are 6 survivors -- no primary individuals left -- the actuary figures indicate the balance is close to costs remaining in the fund -- no sign of dollars left.

Senator Schobinger: Unemployment Services -- administration hearing process? 15 days to appeal for employee: Done in house?

Maren L. Daley: Internal, but independent from initial individuals working with case. 2

attorneys review the file and tapes; legal report then sent to me; it is a separate judicial process.

Senator Schobinger: Makes decision through application against employees? Do the courts hear? Process?

Maren L. Daley: ethically as attorney, consider both....merits and process. Employee can argue merits. Application of process -- requirement meets set of facts -- meet the situation.

Senator Nething: Workforce Employment Act -- an incentive grant available if exceeded? Doing well?

Tom Peterson: Doing well. No only if all agencies meet targets.

Senator Nething: All agencies need to meet a target?

Tom Peterson: Different agencies participate in ND; yes.

Senator Nething: Three fourths - 3 million available in incentives -- used in the same area? Need to qualify?

Tom Peterson, Yes that is the dollars available, and yes need to qualify.

Senator Nething: When is information available?

Tom Peterson: It's based on one year funding -- maybe December.

Senator Nething: Involving training account -- author targeted industries? Is this determine by economic development, and finances? How many? A lot?

Tom Peterson: Yes. Yes. Yes. Not sure of the number; based on industry classification.

Senator Nething: Federal dollars go into training accounts: Lots?

Tom Peterson: Yes. Relevant dollars yes. Expand as much as we can.

Lee Peterson, Economic Development and Finances, testified in support of SB2017. He has found Job Service to be effective -- workforce 2000 has been effective. When new companies

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come to ND, raining sources are a necessity -- Job Service provides quick, good service; a good job of administering to the needs.

James Hirsch, administrator of Mandan Foods Company, testified in support of Job Service.

They assisted his company in planning for the training of staff, the advance help the company needed to be success. Had the ability to meet the financial needs of the organization -- but needed assistance of investment to people.

Anne Cooper, Manager of ING-Minot Service Center, testified in support of SB2017. Support from Job Service, Workforce funding has enabled the company to go from 365 employees in 1999 to 565 the end of 2000 and hopefully increase by 150 the end of 2002.

Don Hedges, Killdeer Manufacturing Firm, spoke in support of SB2017. Aeronautics start up business -- located in Killdeer, looking at additional locations in Hettinger and Halliday. Workforce worked with us, and we support them.

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Full Committee (Tape 1, Side A, Meter No. 35.2-50.1)

Senator Holmberg, Chair of the Job Service North Dakota Subcommittee, presented proposed amendments - 18043.0101 and explained that the three departmental bills -- SB2069, SB2070 and SB2071 were incorporated here.

Senator Holmberg moved the amendments be adopted; seconded by Senator Grindberg.

Discussion:

Senator Schobinger: Does this include the building in Grand Forks? Will this allow Information Technology to be brought back to campuses?

Senator Holmberg: Nothing to do with the building in Grand Forks. Allows the state to recapture occurred interest in current building.

Senator Bowman: The language on page 1 of the amendment --- indicated is being used for the building.

Senator Nething: Federal advances repay the fund?

Senator Holmberg: Federal government allows repayment fund, when we use federal dollars. Current law -- has equity to the federal government -- purpose of the bond drive; state would have equity in the building here. SB2023 has the actual building included there. SB2017 does not contain the cost of the building, only the provision to allow the state to own the equity.

Senator Nething: No authorization to do building here.

Senator Bowman: Mechanism here to pay for the building --- no out-sourcing being done?

Senator Tallackson: State would have equity rather than the federal government having the equity.

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Senator Grindberg: SB2023 -- federal government owns -- if this passes, the sale of building applied to the new facility --- and the federal government will no longer own the building.

Federal government pays the bond --- state owns the property.

Senator Schobinger: Like leasing to the federal government?

Sandy Paulson, OMB Analyst: Not certain, federal government owns the building.

Senator Nething: So they pay.

Senator Holmberg moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED: Senator Grindberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent and not voting. Senator Holmberg accepted the floor assignment.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Page 1, line 14, replace "2,000,356" with "2,250,356"

Page 1, line 15, replace "\$58,310,160" with "\$58,560,160"

Page 1, line 17, replace "\$2,000,356" with "\$2,250,356"

Page 1, line 22, replace "\$2,000,356" with "\$2,250,356"

Renumber accordingly

Statement of purpose of amendment:

To increase the Job Service North Dakota Workforce 2000 special line item by \$250,000 from the general fund to reflect Governor Hoeven's revised executive recommendation.

