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Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2020.

Wayne Kutzer, State Director and Executive Officer, presented testimony (copy of written testimony is attached).

Senator Holmberg: IT instructors? What strategies are you using to keep teachers in the public school system?

Wayne Kutzer: It is difficult; we provide the training which allows them to receive their certificate...then they move on to better paying jobs. But we have people who teach because they love to teach!

Senator Holmberg: Can you provide certificate information?

Wayne Kutzer: Yes.

Senator Bowman: Could you expand a little on marketing education? What field do they work with?

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Wayne Kutzer: Area is in terms of farm management --- management of commodities.

Senator Grindberg: Governor Hoeven's budget has FTE back to Department of ED&F, okay with that?

Wayne Kutzer: Yes, okay.

Senator Solberg: On page 3, weren't you going to roll the 2 programs into 1?

Wayne Kutzer: It is one program.

Senator Solberg: 1.5 million increased in technology fund; did you consult with Kurt Wolf regarding the plans, equipment etc.?

Wayne Kutzer: We worked closely with Mr. Wolf -- his requests are for start up funding; once started it is the department's obligation for continuation.

Dan Rood, Vocational Director, Richland County Area Vo-Tech, Center-Wahpeton, testified in support of SB2020 (a copy of written testimony is attached).

Steve Gunness, Walcott, Farmer/Board Member - Richland 44, testified in support of SB2020. He indicated it shows the value of education, high technology skills are essential; the economy needs them -- it's a high priority to have our residents prepared to provide a living wage.

Dr. Larry Grooters, Division Chair of Education, Psychology & Technology, Valley City State University; and Dr. Val Christensen, Associate Professor of Education, Valley City State University, presented testimony in support of Vocational Technological Education budget request (a copy of written testimony is attached).

Marvin Knell, Adult Farm Management Instructor, Jamestown, testified in support of the Vocation & Technical Education appropriations (a copy of written testimony is attached). He also provided a flyer "Looking Forward to Tomorrow" (a copy attached).

Senator Holmberg: There is some concern about coordination of farm management programs with other entities--agriculture, extension, vocational schools --- is this being done? Is there duplication? Is it working?

Marvin Knell: We enjoy the cooperative efforts now, we were hesitant -- the "turf protection" has diminish We have come a long way in the cooperation area; no duplication.

Senator Holmberg: Regarding the marketing clubs? Can you give us a map showing locations, and which ones are new?

Marvin Knell: There are in 20 areas throughout the state -- covered a planned format, we can share the map information; and I will get the details regarding the 6 new ones from Mr. Zimmerman.

Senator Bowman: Can you give us an idea of the age, education level, of individuals enrolled in your farm business/management classes?

Marvin Knell: No data on this is available; however, it appears the enrollees are college educated, agriculture economics majors in particular, and younger in age and experience in farming.

Senator Bowman: So they have more education now and still seeking information, wondering how to make dollars?

Marvin Knell: Yes, appears that way.

Don Marrs, Director, ND Career Resource Network (NDCRN), provided testimony regarding background information on the NDCRN portion of SB2020 (a copy of written testimony is attached). He also provided copies of publication "North Dakota Career Outlook" (a copy is attached).

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Dale O. Anderson, President, GNDA, North Dakota State Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of SB2020 (a copy of written testimony is attached).

Carol Goodman, Grafton, Economic Development Director, testified in support of SB2020. She is a developer in rural training -- pleased with the community results experienced with the help of this program and its employees. Does support increased dollar funding.

Larry A. Isaac, Chancellor, North Dakota University System, testified on SB2020, and limited comments to the workforce training initiative ( a copy of written testimony is attached).

Donna Thigpen, President, Bismarck State College, testified in support of increased funding. Increase needed to now take the training to the rural community - first phase was urban. An example: Dickinson personnel are taking 10 computers to Bowman for training. Like to do more, allow equal access for all people.

OMB Analyst - Celeste explained the proposed amendments to SB2020 ( a copy attached).

Senator Grindberg: Can the Legislative Council do a spreadsheet on the work force -- comparing program, private dollars, number of -- complete breakdown so we can better understand?

Senator Nething: Request made, Legislative Council will provide.

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February 8, 2001 Full Committee (Tape 1, Side A, Meter No. 50.1-54.3

and Side B, Meter No. 0.0-18.2)

Senator Nething reopened the hearing on SB2020.

Senator Holmberg presented amendments (18046.0102). He explained the changes. The incentive here is that with hard work the four centers will be okay. The need is great for vocational education, allowing spending through the workforce training program.

Senator Grindberg: The intent is that the 4 quadrants could raise necessary dollars -- through the task force training program --- the private sector must be involved. This is preparatory to the 2003-05 budget preparation; allows private initiatives.

Senator Holmberg moved the amendments; Senator Grindberg seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Tomac: \$400 thousand for vocational program -- more into workforce training grants?

Senator Holmberg: As explained to us: the Hoeven teacher initiative is out to reflect FTE payments -- kind of money paid out to teachers --- percentage of the vocational salaries paid there. Will be reflected in Hoeven's budget back to teachers.

Senator Tomac: His raise?

Senator Holmberg: No, The House should revisit the dollars out to vocational education teachers.

Senator Heitkamp: Could OMB provide the information that would explain how this will play out?

Sandy Paulson, OMB analysts: This is not my budget, but I can certainly find out and provide that information.

Senator Lindaas: Plus funds?

Senator Tallackson: Move dollars to vocational education, no on amendment.

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Senator Nething: More?

Senator Holmberg: Yes, teachers pay initiatives.

Senator Grindberg: Dollars include the work business index --- not the traditional vocational education package.

Senator Tallackson: Appears 86 thousand to 119 thousand salaries increase --- and grants reductions?

Senator Holmberg: Dollars are proposed to transfer to the Department of Commerce.

Senator Grindberg: Workforce Investment Act; Vern Zigler indicated the rational/need for the Department of Commerce to be in the Economic Development and Finance Department.

Senator Schobinger: To vocational education?

Senator Holmberg: Back to Economic Development and Finance Department is the shift you see

Senator Nething: For this biennium, a decrease for vocational education?

Jim Smith, Legislative Council: Current 23.8 million grant -- amended to 22.9 million.

Senator Tomac: January 15th sheet indicates decrease of 50 thousand-- flat budget 703 thousand total?

Senator Holmberg: Salary goes out to schools; should be a wash as explained to us.

Wayne Kutzer, State Director of Vocational and Technical Education, 394 thousand was the Schafer figure; 400 thousand out per Hoeven's. It is essentially a hold even budget.

Senator Robinson: Fund salary increases that were in budget?

Wayne Kutzer: Yes, weren't in to begin with; Hoeven out of Schafer's recommendation.

Senator Tomac: Hold even? 3/2 increases really a drop?

Senator Tallackson: Like to see it there -- Negotiate.

Senator Solberg: Increase in budget --- 17 or 170 thousand?



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No additional discussion,

Senator Holmberg moved DO PASS AS AMENDED, seconded by Senator Grindberg. No discussion, call for the Roll Call Vote: Yes 11; No 2, and 1 absent and not voting. Senator Holmberg accepted the floor assignment.

