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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2038

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Terrie Pietsch</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2038.

Craig Caspers, Vice President of the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE), testified in support of SB2038 (a copy of his written testimony is attached).

Larry Isaak, Chancellor, North Dakota University System (NDUS), testified in support of SB2038 (a copy of written testimony is attached).

Senator Bowman: Wonder if you could provide documentation regarding allocation of tuition fees -- doing it much in the same manner as the commodity groups do with their check-off fees?

Chancellor Isaak: We will have the responsibility to do annual reports.

Senator Tomac: Accounting when? Additional bills to be heard? How do we handle?

Senator Nething: We can handle them any way the Committee wishes -- we can do legislative intent on SB2003 -- a single effort, apply to all entities -- or we can do a delayed bill, review the effect and intent prior to becoming law.

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Senator Tomac: Will we/have we heard all accountability bills?

Senator Nething: Yes.

Senator Bowman: I understand flexibility, but not sure what this bill does -- perhaps it is minimal -- OMB could ask for more details on request?

Senator Nething: Yes, also the Budget Section. Could pass this bill to go into effect 2 years from now.

Senator Tomac: Concern: Would appreciate full detail on income (tuition and fees) how it was/will be spent - appears accountability not tied in on this bill?

Chancellor Isaak: SB2041 (to be heard in Senate Education Committee) ties the Roundtable Report and the Strategic Planning of the SBHE, along with the reporting of same, together. Our annual report also ties into the Roundtable report. Details of the fiscal and auditing reporting lines can be found in the book we provided you at a previous hearing (SB2003).

Senator Solberg: There are 3 funds to SBHE: Base, Assets, and. Initiatives are flexible. Has the SBHE decided distribution process? Do the excellent receive, those who just sit, don't receive? Have you begun the process of determining awards? Using incentives?

Chancellor Isaak: Yes, this year we used line item dollars (from the general fund) -- spending after much planning: to provide startup funds for new programs, do the common course numbering, accessing the web sites, provide an associate arts degree on line, and data warehouse improvement. All of these were for the benefit of the system -- for all campuses. Future plans include the possibility of providing funds to individual campuses who have put some of their own money into a project (we would match -- very much like a grant process). The SBHE has begun creating the criteria.

Senator Bowman: Possible to provide us with a summarization of activities -- a few sheets as opposed to many sheets?

Chancellor Isaak: As we go through this process, we will continue to refine things. Non-fiscal issues could be provided in total numbers for the system, with a breakdown by institutions if requested. The number of trends - system or campus expectations vary; we will need to define the programs - work on how to report same -- which will result in the information that you wish, in the format you'd like.

Senator Robinson: In the area of initiative funds -- how does the SBHE respond to campus requests -- a summarization of why the campus initiative was supported?

Chancellor Isaak: Part of the non-fiscal accounting. See trends and the overall of trends meeting achievement -- again, the ends not the means.

Senator Robinson: The process then is subjective?

Chancellor Isaak: Yes.

Joseph McCann, President of Williston State College, testified in support of SB2038. An example he shared: when new or existing businesses approach the college/university, this gives the president the support and flexibility to access incentive dollars and provide the training (which is done effectively by the community colleges already) and the business credits they may desire/need. It provides a partnership - to respond in a timely manner. It is flexibility within the college budget that can provide better partnerships with the community's industries and businesses.

Joseph Chapman, President of North Dakota State University (NDSU), testified in support of SB2038. He indicated NDSU will provide whatever information, in whatever form desired, information regarding the dollars provided without question. The flexibility makes us more

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responsive, take flexibility and accountability seriously. The Research Technology Park is a perfect example of having the flexibility needed: there are currently two buildings under construction, and one business that plans to build this spring. It enables the university to act in a more businesslike manner.

No additional testimony, for or against, hearing on SB2038 closed by Senator Nething.

Full Committee - February 7, 2001 (Tape 1, Side B, Meter No. 19.5-22.6)

Senator Nething reopened the hearing on SB2038.

Senator Nething, Chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee, indicated SB2037 and SB2038 were considered in the SB2003 appropriation.

No questions, nor discussion.

Senator Solberg moved a DO NOT PASS; seconded by Senator Bowman; motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 3 absent and not voting. Senator Bowman accepted the floor assignment.

Date: 2-7-01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken By Not Pass

Motion Made By Sen Bowman Seconded By Sen Solberg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac					
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg	✓				
Russell T. Thane					
Ed Kringstad					
Ray Holmberg	✓				
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 11 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Senator Bowman

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 7, 2001 11:21 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2038: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nothing, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2038 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

