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2001 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2241

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2241

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 22, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X	X	
January 29, 2001 3	X		2.6
January 30, 2001 2		X	4.7
Committee Clerk Signature	<i>Carol Kolodziejchuk</i>		

Minutes:

The Senate Human Services Committee was called to order by Senator Lee and the hearing was opened on SB 2241.

SENATOR SOLBERG introduced the bill and supports it. It is time to be more flexible by reducing education requirements. We are not diminishing requirements for RN just putting it where it is needed. SENATOR MATHERN: If 2114 passes are you still in favor of this bill?

SENATOR SOLBERG: Yes.

SENATOR BOWMAN supports this bill. This is about nurses coming to ND to practice.

Continuing ed is far more beneficial than another year in college. We need to make some kind of adjustment. SENATOR LEE: Do you support continuing ed in 2114? SENATOR BOWMAN:

Yes.

SENATOR TALLACKSON supports bill. This came from LTC Homes and hospitals. There is a nursing problem. Minnesota nurses couldn't work in ND. I support continuing ed. This is an economic development bill.

REPRESENTATIVE FROSETH supports bill. (Written testimony) SENATOR MATHERN:

Why did you introduce this bill to change 4 years to 3 years when there are nurse openings for

LPN. REP. FROSETH: This bill changes both RN and LPN requirements.

JERRY JUREMA, Heart of America Medical Center, Rugby, supports bill (Written testimony).

SENATOR MATHERN: Do you see the need for this provisions in terms of LPN's? MR.

JUREMA: Yes, I do. I have, with this program, put 11 people in the program and I will be

waiting 3 years before they are ready to come in. SENATOR MATHERN: I compliment you

for putting that program together for LPN's; are you thinking about that sort of thing for RN's?

MR. JUREMA: No, there is a possibility, but just for the LPN program the cost was \$60,000

and the financial costs are great. SENATOR KILZER: Is your organization an HMO? Yes.

How does your pay scale compare with neighboring and adjoining institutions? MR. JUREMA:

From a survey across the state and a study of large hospitals and we compare within 2-3% of the

larger hospitals. SENATOR KILZER: Do you feel that the HMO form that you use has any

effect on the crisis? MR. JUREMA: No, the HMO doesn't really affect staffing at the hospital.

SENATOR ERBELE: Do you have an increased pay scale for the LPN, the ASSOC. Or the

Baccalaureate. MR. JUREMA: We have written job descriptions for each level and created a

pay scale. RN has 5 levels of pay scale; there is a difference between hospital and nursing home.

We outlines the duties and asked, 'Can you perform them?'. SENATOR POLOVITZ: How are

you adjusting to the crisis? MR. JUREMA: We have diversified - Apartments, Basic Care,

Long Term Care, Wellness Program. My nursing home is loosing about \$400,000 a year because

I cannot put enough people into it. My hospital and other programs make money. The offset of that is a deficit of \$100,000 per year and that comes out of my depreciation and that means in the future I will not be able to afford new equipment or replace something. I'm shorting my future my employees for the future to have the equipment to work with. This bill provides more opportunity to hire. It will open the door to solving some of my problems.

KIMBER WRAALSTAD, President and CEO of Presentation Medical Center in Rolette County, supports bill. (Written Testimony)

KANDACE ALBAUGH, CNA in local nursing home, supports bill. (Written testimony)

SHEILA WEILER, RN at Medcenter One, supports bill. (Written testimony) SENATOR

MATHERN: Are salaries adequate? MS. WEILER: It may be an issue with some, but I did not become a nurse to become rich. This is a choice by individuals.

NANCY GRIFFIN, Rolette, supports bill. One year LPN - have young family, long way to go back to school, expense would be difficult for me.

AMELDA GRANT, Rolette, LPN one year 1991 obtained BRN at Grand Forks. Nursing is hands on profession. You become a good nurse - Does not take a 4 year degree to make you a nurse.

SHERYL ONGSTAD supports bill.

Opposition:

DR. ELIZABETH NICHOLS, Dean of the College of Nursing at UND, opposes the bill.

(Written testimony) SENATOR MATHERN: How many graduates do you have? DR.

NICHOLS: About 90 per year. SENATOR MATHERN: If we doubled that, what would happen to salaries in ND. DR. NICHOLS: They wouldn't go up due to competition. There would be less pressure to raise salaries. There are 140 applicants for 88 positions. We fill our

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classes every year. SENATOR KILZER: What programs do the Reservations have with their community colleges. Are those graduates LPN's? DR. NICHOLS: Fort Berthold and United Tribes have two year and we do work with them. Fort Totten doesn't have a program but they have courses for pre-nursing.

CONSTANCE KALANEK, Executive Director of the ND Board of Nursing, opposes the bill.

(Written Testimony) SENATOR KILZER: CEU's are expensive. Can you earn your CEU?

MS. KALANEK: There are a number of mechanisms to continuing education. Self-study programs, academic credit is more expensive, workshops. There are various ways to do that.

SENATOR KILZER: Are workers able to earn CEU's by going to a noon conference at their facility or anything like that? MS. KALANEK: If program is approved the Medical Asso. Or

another credited agency. SENATOR ERBELE: How are 2114 and 2241 affected? DR.

KALANEK: I would hope the two bills are not impacted.

MARY J. SMITH, RN, MS opposes bill. (Written testimony)

RANDA OLSON opposes bill as a junior nursing student. Keep our nursing grads here. We are confident when the understanding is evident they will stay.

Neutral position:

MIKE HILLMAN, University system, Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, will not be taking a position on bill. The Chancellor concluded that it is the systems responsibility to implement nursing programs that meet the requirements defined by the legislative assembly and the State Board of Nursing, not to determine what those requirements should be.

The hearing was closed on SB 2241..

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DR. TED KLEIMEN, Dr. Of the Day from Fargo, issued concerns with nurse supply.

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Discussion ensued. The committee was adjourned.

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Discussion resumed. SENATOR MATHERN moved amendments. Remove the overstrike on baccalaureate or an assoc. SENATOR KILZER seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0. SENATOR KILZER moved a DO NOT PASS. SENATOR FISCHER seconded it. Roll call vote carried 5-1. SENATOR MATHERN will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 02/06/2001

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2241

Amendment to:

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
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Revenues				\$0		\$0
Expenditures				\$57,625		
Appropriations				\$0		

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

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2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

The proposed definitions for LPN and RN would increase the state's administrative costs for higher education associated with creating new educational programs, transitioning the present two levels of entry to the proposed levels in this bill, recruiting faculty, seeking appropriate accreditation and the costs of having lower enrollment until the programs are accredited.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

None

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

For the Board of Nursing, this bill would require a total reconstruction of administrative

rules for educational programs, a committee to develop the rules, and a .5 FTE staff position to visit the revised programs. Meeting expenses for board and committee members approximate \$14,265.00. Cost of rule promulgation - \$3500.00. Cost of Masters prepared staff position - \$20,000.00, Cost of Site visits for program approval (\$1500.00 per program) - \$19,500.00.

A major fiscal impact of this bill would be to the University System for restructure or closure of the current nursing programs.

The University System has submitted the following statement: "SB2241 may negatively impact enrollment in the baccalaureate nursing programs at UND, DSU, and NDSU. The extent of this impact on the enrollment is difficult to predict, but if substantial, it could jeopardize the enrollments to the extent that the programs are not longer viable."

C. Appropriations: Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

The board of nursing does not receive state funding. Revenues are obtained from licensure fees.

Name:	Constance B. Kalanek	Agency:	ND Board of Nursing
Phone Number:	(701)328-9777	Date Prepared:	02/02/2001

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Roll Call Vote #:

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Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Amendment

Motion Made By Sen Mathern Seconded By Sen Polovitz

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Lee, Chairperson	✓		Senator Polovitz	✓	
Senator Kilzer, Vice-Chairperson	✓		Senator Mathern	✓	
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

