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2001 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2329

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2329

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	51.2
2	X		
February 7, 2001 2		X	38.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Paul Koldjichuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on SB 2329.

SENATOR FISCHER, sponsor of the bill, introduced the bill on guardianship services. This bill also unifies guardianship.

MEL WEBSTER, lawyer, presented testimony on behalf of BILL CHAUSSEE in support of bill. (Written testimony) The most needed guardianship for elderly and mentally ill.

DONNA BYZEWSKI, Board member of the Guardianship Association of ND, supports bill.

(Written testimony) Presented written testimony from ANDREA BOYEA. SENATOR

MATHERN: Is there a training procedure? MS. BYZEWSKI: The CFS's program is being used.

KATHLEEN SCHANER, citizen, supports bill. Guardianship legal process is very extensive. There is a gap when finding a guardian. What level of care do you want to provide? Gave example of her own family.

CHRISTOPHER DOBSON, Family Catholic Services, supports bill.

CAROL WATREL, guardian, supports bill. I am trained to be a guardian; we are actually saving the state money. The program needs to be continued; need the feeling of support from family and community.

CORINNE HOFFMAN, Protection and Advocacy, supports bill. The Department is often called in to cases - families unable to serve as a guardian or it is inappropriate to serve. It is necessary to find a third party; it is an ongoing problem.

PAUL GRIFFIN, Guardianship Association of ND, supports bill. (Written testimony)

SENATOR MATHERN: How would section 3 be spent? MR. GRIFFIN: Better trained guardians; a little administrative, and to find, screen, train, match people to meet needs of individuals.

LARRY BERNHARD, Co. Soc. Svc. Dirs. Assoc., supports bill. County directors need guardianship.

LARRY WAGNER, AARP, supports bill. This year we have identified 5 priorities, one of which is to insure guardianship. Brochures were distributed.

The hearing on SB 2329.

February 7, 2001, Tape 2, Side B, Meter 38.5

Discussion resumed on SB 2329. SENATOR FISCHER moved a DO PASS and REREFER to Appropriations. SENATOR KILZER seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried 6-0.

SENATOR FISCHER will carry the bill.

Date: 2/7/01

Roll Call Vote #: ~~2329~~ 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2329

Senate HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass & Refer to App.

Motion Made By Sen Fischer Seconded By Sen Kilzer

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 Sen Fischer

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 8, 2001 3:19 p.m.

Module No: SR-23-2784
Carrier: Fischer
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2329: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2329 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2001 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2329

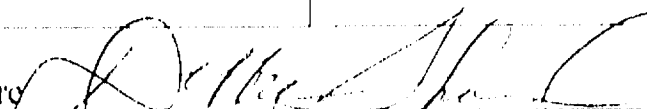
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2329

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 13, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape #1		x	26.0-54.0
Tape #2	x		0.0-3.1
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB 2329.

Senator Fisher, District 46, gave support to this bill and the appropriation. Section 2 of the bill states the appropriation needed for other guardianship services which amounts to \$3.20 per day per person.

Senator Solberg: In Section 2 the \$50,000 what is this amount for regarding the volunteer guardianship.

Senator Fisher: For training.

Paul Griffin, Executive Director of Catholic Family Service, (testimony attached) addressed the fiscal issues of the bill.

Senator Bowman: How are you currently handling this program.

Paul Griffin: The program depends on the changing demographics, longer age and the problem with family guardians leaving the state.

Bill Chaussee, President of the Guardianship Association of North Dakota, testified (testimony attached) in support of the bill stating this is a must appropriation to support low income adults.

Senator Nething: In Section 2, how do you coordinate the \$50,000 appropriation?

Bill Chaussee: It is a volunteer program throughout the state. Cases involve the mentally ill, elderly people in difficult cases.

Senator Schobinger: In Section 3, \$440,000, services to non development disabled, explain this.

Bill Chaussee: This is mainly for the elderly with dementia.

Senator Bowman: Is any of this money used by Human Services?

Bill Chaussee: None that I am aware of but could be explored over a period of time; very limited at this time.

Rodger Wetzel, Director of Community Health and Eldercare at St. Alexius, appeared in support of the bill (testimony attached), stating the appropriation is very important for this program.

Norm Stuhmiller, AARP, spoke in favor of the bill and that this training is needed as the volunteers will be there and recommend a do pass.

Senator Nething: AARP has a lot of money; do they provide any social services to these members?

Norm Stuhmiller: Very true they have money and I will check into this.

Senator Tallackson: Are volunteers paid for guardianship?

Norm Stuhmiller: No this money is for training the volunteers so that they can be guardians.

Senator Andrist: \$50,000 for training, \$440,000 fees and services, provide fee service and what pay goes to guardian?

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Paul Griffin: This is an issue as no services provide the guardianship approach. We need to establish standards practice to provide the training; recruit quality service and there are no resources to address this issue. Catholic Family Service covers around 72% to this program

Senator Andrist: Guardianship has been ongoing for 100 years; can you find volunteers for this training?

Paul Griffin: It was traditional with families until recently. Complication with demographics and families leaving the state. Volunteers are out there but need training and there are a lot willing to serve. Courts feel this is an ongoing need. Training is crucial for special need services and a vulnerable group of people.

With no opposition the hearing was closed on SB 2329. Tape #2, Side A, meter 3.1

February 16, 2001 Full Committee Action (Tape #1, Side B, Meter No. 30.8-36.5)

Senator Nething reopened the hearing on SB2329. Discussion. Senator Solberg moved a DO NOT PASS, seconded by Senator Holmberg. No discussion; call for the Roll Call Vote: 14 yes; 0 no; 0 absent and not voting. Senator Solberg accepted the floor assignment.

Date: 2-16-01

Roll Call Vote #: _____

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2327

Senate Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do not pass

Motion Made By Senator Solberg Seconded By Senator Holmberg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nothing, 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 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Solberg

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 16, 2001 11:50 a.m.

Module No: SR-29-3648
Carrier: Solberg
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2329: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2329 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

SB 2329

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