

2021 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1066

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HB 1066
1/12/2021

Relating to the accreditation of the regional human service centers.

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing at 9:31 a.m.

Representatives	Attendance
Representative Robin Weisz	P
Representative Karen M. Rohr	P
Representative Mike Beltz	P
Representative Chuck Damschen	P
Representative Bill Devlin	P
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	A
Representative Clayton Fegley	P
Representative Dwight Kiefert	P
Representative Todd Porter	P
Representative Matthew Ruby	P
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Kathy Skroch	P
Representative Bill Tveit	P
Representative Greg Westlind	P

Discussion Topics:

- Use accreditation as basis for licensing
- Human Service Center subject to licensing

Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer Human Service Centers (9:32) testified in favor and submitted testimony #558.

Rep. Bill Devlin made a motion for **Do Pass**.

Rep. Mary Schneider seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Chuck Damschen	Y
Representative Bill Devlin	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	A
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Todd Porter	Y

Representative Matthew Ruby	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Kathy Skroch	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Greg Westlind	Y

The motion passed 13-0-1.

Bill Carrier: Rep. Kathy Skroch

Chairman Weisz adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Tamara Krause, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1066: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1066 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

Testimony
House Bill No. 1066 - Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman
January 12, 2021

Chairman Weisz, and members of the House Human Services Committee, I am Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer for the Human Service Centers of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here on behalf of the Department to support House Bill 1066, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

We recommend adding language to section 50-06-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, reflecting the need for appropriations and resources sufficient to maintain accreditation and to provide authority for the department to use accreditation as a basis for licensing in lieu of adopted rules for the operation of the regional human service centers.

The human service centers, after three years of planning and development, achieved a four-year accreditation through the Council on Accreditation. Accreditation helps organize and strengthen safety and quality of care, treatment, and services. However, this commitment to excellence is labor intensive and requires resources to achieve and maintain. I want to be clear that the requirement for the human service centers to be accredited is not changing with House Bill 1066 and the Department's appropriation, House Bill 1012, accounts for the human service centers to continue with accreditation.

The requested language is similar to existing statutory language for the accreditation of the North Dakota State Hospital and the Life Skills and Transition Center.¹

This concludes my testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

¹ N.D.C.C Sec. 25-02-01.1 and N.D.C.C. Sec. 25-04-02.1

2021 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

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2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HB 1066
2/16/2021

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 50-06-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the accreditation of the regional human service centers.
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Madam Chair Lee opened the hearing on HB 1066 at 9:07 a.m. Members present: Lee, K. Roers, Hogan, Anderson, Clemens, O. Larsen.

Discussion Topics:

- Licensing procedure
- Accreditation of human service centers
- Human service center programs accreditation

[9:08] Dr. Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer, Human Service Centers, DHS. Provided testimony #6692 in favor.

[9:14] Jonathan Alm, Attorney, DHS. Provided clarification to the committee on the scope of human service center programs.

Senator Hogan moves **DO PASS**.

Senator K. Roers seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator Judy Lee	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Howard C. Anderson, Jr.	Y
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Oley Larsen	Absent

The motion passed 6-0-0

Senator Hogan will carry SB 1066.

Additional written testimony: N/A

Madam Chair Lee closed the hearing on HB 1066 at 9:24 a.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1066: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1066 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

Testimony
House Bill No. 1066 - Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
February 16, 2021

Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer for the Human Service Centers of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here on behalf of the Department to support House Bill 1066, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

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