

**2021 HOUSE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1069**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee  
Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1069  
1/6/2021

Parole Board Compensation
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**Chairman Klemin** called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Attendance roll call.

Representatives	
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	P
Representative Karen Karls	P
Representative Rick Becker	P
Representative Ruth Buffalo	P
Representative Cole Christensen	P
Representative Claire Cory	P
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	P
Representative Terry B. Jones	P
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	P
Representative Bob Paulson	P
Representative Gary Paur	P
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	P
Representative Bernie Satrom	P
Representative Steve Vetter	P

## Discussion Topics:

- Individual's costs
- Government or non-profit support
- Case members regulation and patrol plan
- Release plans vs. patrol plans

**Steven Hall, Director of Transitional Planning Services:** Testimony #94. (9:18)

**Chairman Klemin** closed the hearing. 9:27

Do Pass Motion made by **Rep. Satrom**; Seconded by **Rep. Roers Jones** (9:29)

**Steven Hall:** Answered questions. No fiscal impact.

Motion withdrawn

Motion made to adopt amendment on Page 1, line 9, replace "case" with "release" by **Rep. T. Jones**; Seconded by **Rep. Becker** (9:32)

Voice vote carried.

Do Pass As Amended Motion LC 21.8097.01001 Made by **Rep. Satrom**; Seconded by **Rep. Roers Jones**

Roll Call Vote:

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Rick Becker	Y
Representative Ruth Buffalo	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Claire Cory	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Terry B. Jones	Y
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	Y
Representative Bob Paulson	Y
Representative Gary Paur	Y
Representative Shannon Roers Jones	Y
Representative Bernie Satrom	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

Total Yes 14 No 0 Absent 0

**Carrier:** Rep. T. Jones

**Chairman Klemin** adjourned the hearing at 9:34.

*Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk*

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Adopted by the Judiciary Committee

January 6, 2021

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1/6/2021

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

Page 1, line 9, replace "case" with "release"

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1069: Judiciary Committee (Rep. Klemin, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1069 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 9, replace "case" with "release"

Renumber accordingly

**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVE LAWRENCE KLEMIN, CHAIRMAN  
JANUARY 6, 2021**

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**STEVEN D. HALL, DIRECTOR TRANSITIONAL PLANNING SERVICES,  
NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & REHABILITATION  
PRESENTING TESTIMONY HOUSE BILL 1069**

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, for the record, I am Steve Hall, Director of Transitional Planning Services with the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR). I am here today to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1069.

North Dakota Century Code Section 12-47-31 currently limits the DOCR's authority to provide transportation for an indigent individual being released from prison to a location *within* the state of North Dakota. House Bill 1069 expands this authority to include out-of-state locations as well, if reasonable and specified by DOCR staff in an individual's case plan.

It is generally releasing individuals' responsibility to pay for costs associated with their release, including the cost of transportation. However, there are situations when they are not able to secure enough money for transportation prior to their release. In these situations, the DOCR purchases a bus ticket, train ticket, or other economical method of transportation to a point within North Dakota for the individual, as required by Section 12-47-31.

While the majority of individuals incarcerated at the DOCR release to North Dakota addresses, there are some cases where releasing individuals have no family or community support in North Dakota. To remain in North Dakota, these individuals often

require significant government or non-profit support and resources. However, they may have family or social supports in other states and be able to transfer to those states, if provided resources for transportation.

House Bill 1069 allows DOCR to spend a small amount for transportation to send these individuals to a reasonable location approved in their case plan, including out-of-state locations. This ensures individuals releasing from prison are able to safely return to a supportive environment, which reduces the cost of supporting individuals without a support system in North Dakota. It also enhances public safety by increasing the likelihood of successful reentry and, thereby, reducing their chance of reoffending.

Chairman Klemin and members of the committee, I ask that you support House Bill 1069.

**2021 SENATE JUDICIARY**

**HB 1069**



# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Judiciary Committee**  
Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1069  
2/9/2021

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 12-47-31 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the discharge of offenders.
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Hearing called to order, all Senators are present: **Myrdal, Luick, Dwyer, Bakke, Fors, Heitkamp, and Larson** [9:20]

**Discussion Topics:**

- Rehabilitation of offenders back into society
- Department of Corrections role in rehabilitation

**Steven Hall**, Department of Corrections and rehabilitation testimony in favor #5857

**Senator Luick** moved DO PASS [9:20]

**Senator Myrdal** seconded DO PASS [9:20]

Motion Passed 7-0-0

**Senator Fors** Carried the Bill

Hearing adjourned [9:30]

*Jamal Omar, Committee Clerk*

<b>DO PASS Vote on HB 1069</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator Diane Larson	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator JoNell A. Bakke	Y
Senator Robert O. Fors	Y
Senator Jason G. Heitkamp	Y
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1069, as engrossed: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Larson, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1069 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
SENATOR DIANE LARSON, CHAIRMAN  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

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