

**2021 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HCR 3044**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

HCR 3044  
3/3/2021

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic

**Chairman Weisz** opened the resolution hearing at 2:33 p.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	P
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:

- Minimizing economic impact
- Maximizing preparedness
- Messaging channels

**Rep. Ruth Buffalo, District 27 (2:33)** introduced the resolution and submitted testimony #7326.

**Rep. Gretchen Dobervich (2:36)** moved **Do Pass Place on Consent Calendar**

**Rep. Karen Rohr (2:36)** second

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	Y
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

**Motion Carries 14-0-0 Do Pass Place on Consent Calendar**

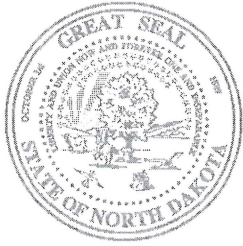
**Bill Carrier:** Rep. Gretchen Dobervich

**Chairman Weisz** adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

*Tamara Krause, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3044: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3044 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.



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March 3, 2021

Chairman Weis and Members of the House Human Services Committee,

Good afternoon, for the record my name is Ruth Buffalo and I represent the people of District 27 in south Fargo.

The intent of this study resolution is to add to the body of knowledge and work put forth by our great state of North Dakota with regards to COVID-19.

After a full year of being in a pandemic, these questions come to mind:

- What are the lessons learned and how do we do better next time?
- How do we be more effective?
- How can we minimize economic impact? Maximize preparedness?
- Determine messaging channels that will provide consistent accurate information?
- How do we document, reflect and evaluate these processes, how do we improve moving forward?
- Best practices, this is what we did, this is what we did well, is there areas we can improve upon?

North Dakota is known for being a leader throughout the country in many areas, this study will provide an opportunity for us to lead the way once again in research.

I am hopeful this study resolution when completed will provide recommendations for improving overall population health.

Please give HCR 3044 a do pass recommendation.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Human Services Committee, this concludes my testimony, I am happy to stand for questions.

Thank you.

**2021 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES**

**HCR 3044**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HCR 3044  
3/31/2021 10:10 a.m.

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic, including an analysis of whether certain populations are more susceptible to contracting COVID-19 and an analysis of the state residents who have been hospitalized or died from COVID-19, including whether the individuals had a pre-existing health condition, a disability, access to health care, health insurance, and whether the individual belonged to a population susceptible to serious illness from COVID-19.

**Madam Chair Lee** opened the hearing on HCR 3044 at 10:10 a.m. Members present: Lee, K. Roers, Hogan, Anderson, Clemens, O. Larsen.

### Discussion Topics:

- NDSU collaboration
- Access to healthcare
- Future pandemic planning
- Healthcare system response during a pandemic

**[10:10] Representative Ruth Buffalo, District 27.** Introduced HCR 3044 and provided testimony #11171 in favor.

**[10:16] Tracy Miller, State Epidemiologist, NDDoH.** Provided neutral testimony #11055.

**Additional written testimony: (1)**

**Mitchell S. Sanderson, Park River Resident.** Written neutral testimony #11099

**Madam Chair Lee** closed the hearing on HCR 3044 at 10:22 a.m.

*Justin Velez, Committee Clerk*



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#11171

March 31, 2021

Chairwoman Lee and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

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North Dakota is known for being a leader throughout the country in many areas, this study will provide an opportunity for us to lead the way once again in research.

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Chairwoman Lee and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee, this concludes my testimony, I am happy to stand for questions. Thank you.



Good Morning Chairwoman Lee and members of the Senate Human Services Committee. My name is Tracy Miller, PhD and I am the State Epidemiologist with the North Dakota Department of Health. I do not have testimony for HCR3044 but want to let you know I am available virtually to answer questions, if needed. Thank You.

Senator,

**What we need is a in depth study on what people really died from.**

**We need to study the testing. The false positives. The false negative and so much more!**

Was it cancer with covid etc. or was it specifically Covid!

I have heard so many sick stories from people in the hospitals and those who could not see family or friends in homes or hospitals violating our rights.

This study should show where all the Covid money went and for specific reasons.

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**Mitchell S. Sanderson**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Human Services Committee Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

HCR 3044  
3/31/2021 11:09 a.m.

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**Madam Chair Lee** opened the discussion on HCR 3044 at 11:09 a.m. Members present: Lee, K. Roers, Hogan, Anderson, Clemens, O. Larsen.

### Discussion Topics:

- Underserved populations research
- Bill action

**Senator Lee** moves **DO NOT PASS**.

**Senator O. Larsen** 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	N
Senator Oley Larsen	N

The motion passed 4-2-0

**Senator Lee** will carry HCR 3044.

**Additional written testimony:** N/A

**Madam Chair Lee** closed the discussion on HCR 3044 at 11:15 a.m.

*Justin Velez, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3044: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3044 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.