

2021 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SB 2161

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
1/18/2021

A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system.
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Madam Chair Lee opened the hearing on SB 2161 at 2:35 p.m. Members present; Senator Lee, Senator K. Roers, Senator Clemens, Senator Hogan, Senator Anderson. Senator O. Larsen was absent due to presenting a bill.

Discussion Topics:

- Insight on program capacity
- Clarification on administrative rule drafting
- Licensing providing services
- Daily reporting of behavioral health beds
- Bed capacity cap

[2:37] Madam Chair Lee, District 13. Introduced SB 2161.

[2:39] Pamela Sagness, Director, Behavioral Health Division, Department of Human Services. Provided testimony #1169 in favor.

Additional written testimony: N/A

Madam Chair Lee closed the hearing on SB 2161 at 2:57 p.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

Testimony
Senate Bill 2161 - Department of Human Services
Senate Human Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman

January 18, 2021

Chairman Lee and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Pamela Sagness Behavioral Health Division Director for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear today to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 2161.

The Department supports the development of a mental health registry to improve access for the public to find and access mental health services across the state. Currently, the Department has access to this information for addiction programs in the state. This allows the Department not only to maintain and publish information about these programs to improve public access to services, but also provides the opportunity for two-way communication between these programs and state administrators. Mental health programs would be able to identify not only their contact information but also specialties. The Department has included a one-time cost as identified in the fiscal note, for the development of a mental health registry which would then be maintained by Behavioral Health Division.

The Department also supports the development of a behavioral health bed management system. A well implemented system would benefit the state by improving access to inpatient and residential beds for those needing these vital services across the state. Having a line of sight into program capacity also provides the legislature information to inform decisions surrounding state hospital capacity, identification of services gaps, and real time coordination. The implementation of a bed management system across public and private entities will provide opportunities to improve access for individuals, enhance coordination between providers, and reduce costs to local entities including law enforcement and counties.

This concludes my testimony and I am available to answer any questions.

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
2/1/2021

A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system.

Madam Chair Lee opens the committee discussion on SB 2161 at 2:49 p.m. Senators present: Lee, K. Roers, Hogan, Anderson, Clemens. Absent: O. Larsen

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment proposal

[2:50] Jonathan Alm, Attorney, DHS. Provided committee with proposed amendment. (testimony #5696)

Senator K. Roers moves to **ADOPT AMENDMENT** proposed by Jonathan Alm.
Senator Hogan seconded

Voice vote – motion passed

Senator K. Roers moves **DO PASS, AS AMENDED, AND REREFFER TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

Senator Hogan 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 5-0-1

Senator Hogan will carry SB 2161

Additional written testimony: N/A

Madam Chair Lee closed the discussion on SB 2161 at 2:55 p.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

February 1, 2021

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2161

Page 1, line 3, after "system" insert "; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 1, line 9, after the underscored period insert "A mental health provider shall provide the information and documentation necessary to the department annually in the form and manner prescribed by the department."

Page 1, line 15, replace the second "and" with "or"

Page 1, line 16, after "shall" insert "participate in and"

Page 1, line 16, after "report" insert "daily"

Page 1, line 16, after "information" insert "and documentation"

Page 1, line 17, after "system" insert "in the form and manner prescribed by the department"

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

"SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the implementation of expanded behavioral health services, including section 1915(i) waiver implementation, capacity and utilization of the state hospital, a mental health provider registry, a behavioral health bed management system, and implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 North Dakota behavioral health system study conducted by the human services research institute. The legislative management shall report its finding and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2161: Human Services Committee (Sen. Lee, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2161 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after "system" insert "; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 1, line 9, after the underscored period insert "A mental health provider shall provide the information and documentation necessary to the department annually in the form and manner prescribed by the department."

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Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2161

Page 1, line 3, after “system” insert “; and to provide for a legislative management study”

Page 1, line 9, after “state” insert “. Mental health providers shall annually provide to the department the information and documentation necessary in the form and manner prescribed by the department”

Page 1, line 15, replace the second “and” with “or”

Page 1, line 16, after “shall” insert “participate in and”

Page 1, line 16, after “report” insert “daily”

Page 1, line 16, after “department” insert “, in the form and manner prescribed by the department,”

Page 1, line 16, after “information” insert “and documentation”

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY – EXPANDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. During the 2021-22 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the implementation of expanded behavioral health services, including section 1915(i) state plan amendment implementation, capacity and utilization of the state hospital, a mental health provider registry, a behavioral health bed management system, and implementation of the recommendations of the 2018 North Dakota behavioral health system study conducted by the human services research institute. The legislative management shall report its finding and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-eighth legislative assembly.”

Renumber accordingly

2021 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2161

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee
Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
2/8/2021
Senate Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system; and to provide for a legislative management study.

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Senators present: **Holmberg, Krebsbach, Wanzek, Bekkedahl, Erbele, Dever, Oehlke, Rust, Davison, Hogue, Sorvaag, Mathern, and Heckaman.** Senator Poolman was absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Online Registry
- State Hospital

Senator Lee, District 13, introduced the bill, and testimony #5852

Donnell Presky, North Dakota Association of Counties, testified in favor.

Senator Bekkedahl made a motion to move DO PASS.
Vice-Chair Wanzek seconded the motion.

Senators		Senators	
<i>Senator Holmberg</i>	Y	<i>Senator Hogue</i>	Y
<i>Senator Krebsbach</i>	Y	<i>Senator Oehlke</i>	Y
<i>Senator Wanzek</i>	Y	<i>Senator Poolman</i>	A
<i>Senator Bekkedahl</i>	Y	<i>Senator Rust</i>	Y
<i>Senator Davison</i>	Y	<i>Senator Sorvaag</i>	Y
<i>Senator Dever</i>	Y	<i>Senator Heckaman</i>	Y
<i>Senator Erbele</i>	Y	<i>Senator Mathern</i>	Y

Motion Passes 13-0-1

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing at 9:30 a.m.

Skyler Strand, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2161, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2161 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

Mental Health Registry – Needed to connect consumers with providers by location or specialty. Currently exists for addiction providers but not mental health. Will be developed and maintained by DHS. Also provides an opportunity for the state to connect directly with providers in situations like COVID-19 where telehealth capacity needs to increase rapidly or identification of need for funding like CARES.

Bed Management System – Will improve coordination of residential and inpatient behavioral health beds across the state. Reducing unnecessary trips reported by law enforcement across the state and will provide a clear picture of the state's needs for behavioral health beds. This includes youth and adult service providers.

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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
3/9/2021

Relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system; and to provide for a legislative management study

Chairman Weisz opened the committee hearing at 2:45 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	A
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Kathy Skroch	P
Representative Bill Tveit	P
Representative Greg Westlind	P

Discussion Topics:

- Services location and access
- Funding source

Donnell Preskey, North Dakota Association of Counties (2:46) testified in favor.

Stephanie Dassinger, Chiefs of Police Association of North Dakota (2:50) testified in favor.

Sen. Judy Lee, District 13 (2:51) introduced the bill.

Pam Sagness, Director Behavioral Health Department of Human Services (2:59) testified in favor and submitted testimony #8323.

Dr. Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer Department of Human Services (3:09) answered committee questions.

Additional written testimony: #7726, #8281 & #8282

Chairman Weisz adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Tamara Krause, Committee Clerk

Testimony
Engrossed Senate Bill 2161 - Department of Human Services
House Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman

March 9, 2021

Chairman Weisz and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Pamela Sagness Behavioral Health Division Director for the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear today to provide testimony in support of Engrossed Senate Bill 2161.

The Department supports the development of a mental health registry to improve the ability for the public to locate and access mental health services across the state. Currently, the Department provides this information for addiction programs in the state and this bill would allow the Department to do the same for mental health service providers. A mental health provider registry not only provides improved public access to services, but also provides the opportunity for two-way communication between these programs and state administrators. Having timely and direct communication allows providers to get information and for the state to receive timely feedback about needs or capacity, as seen during the pandemic. Mental health programs would be able to identify their contact information but also specialties. The Department has included a one-time cost as identified in the fiscal note for the registry development which would then be maintained by the Behavioral Health Division.

The Department also supports the development of a behavioral health bed management system. A well implemented bed management system would benefit the state by improving access to inpatient and residential beds for those needing these vital services across the state. Having a line of sight into program capacity also provides the legislature information to inform decisions surrounding state hospital capacity, residential addiction need, identification of services gaps, and more efficient coordination. The implementation of a bed management system

across public and private entities will provide opportunities to improve access for individuals, enhance coordination between providers, and reduce costs to local entities including law enforcement and counties.

This concludes my testimony and I am available to answer any questions.

SB 2161

Human Services Committee

Testimony of Ashley Revering in support

March 9, 2021

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I offer testimony in support of SB 2161, which would add two new sections to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code regarding a mental health provider registry and behavioral bed management system. Coming from a rural area of North Dakota, oftentimes it can be difficult to get the resources needed, especially when it comes to mental health. Growing up, I had friends and even family members that needed to seek help for their mental health, but they were unaware of their options of professionals who specialize in a certain area, much less where to find the specialist's contact information. By creating a state registry of mental health professionals, it will allow state residents to have ease of access to finding a mental health provider that can best suit their personal needs, especially for those in rural areas.

A behavioral health bed management system will also be beneficial to the state. A system of this sort will allow both mental health providers and individuals to be aware of their opportunity to be provided such services. It could also allow for effective and efficient communication between the private and public entities with the service and health care providers, along with the general public.

By inserting the two new sections to Chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, it will be able to provide the public with essential information about services that are available to them. With the registry and the bed management system, it will allow ease of access to residents

and working professionals to get information without having to waste valuable time. I thank you for your time and urge a “do pass” recommendation on SB 2161.



Chairman Weisz and committee members:

My name is Faith Wahl, and I am the Vice President of Communication for the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA). I am here today to provide support for SB 2161, relating to the creation of a mental health provider registry and behavioral bed management system.

The North Dakota Student Association is a statewide organization that represents the voices of approximately 45,000 students enrolled in the eleven public institutions throughout the state of North Dakota. The NDSA meets monthly to discuss different issues and topics that are relevant to students and votes on resolutions to express the NDSA's stance on different matters.

As Vice President of Communication for the NDSA, I chair our Student Affairs Committee (SAC) every month. On January 29th, 2021, the Student Affairs Committee met and discussed SB 2161. Students from across the state expressed how the unprecedented stressors and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic had affected them. I listened to stories of stress, anxiety, depression, and much more. According to data from an Inside HigherEd article titled *Pandemic Hurts Student Mental Health*, 66% of college students reported financial stressors as a result of COVID-19^[1]. Additionally, the article reported that depression among college students has increased approximately 9%, with 30.5% of students reporting their mental health has been severely impacted by the pandemic. The NDSA has advocated for increased access to mental health providers and resources for students in the past and believes that those resources are of paramount importance to ensure student health and academic success.

SB 2161 proposes the creation of an online database that would list all mental health providers in the state along with their specialty, location, and contact information. While all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) have access to free counseling through their respective institutions, the NDSA believes that the creation of a mental health provider registry will increase access to mental health providers and resources for students that choose to seek care outside of their university. Furthermore, the proposed mental health registry would allow students to have expanded options for the treatment and care of more specialized needs that universities may not be able to provide.

The NDSA supports SB 2161 and the creation of a mental health provider registry in order to increase access to mental health providers and services for students. As North Dakota navigates through the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to invest in students and their wellbeing.

I respectfully request a do pass on SB 2161 and am available to answer your questions. Thank you.

Faith Wahl

Vice President of Communication
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[1] <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/07/13/survey-finds-higher-prevalence-depression-among-students-and-difficulties-accessing>

**NDSA-14-2021****A Resolution Supporting SB 2161**

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, SB 2161, introduced on January 11, 2021, proposes the creation of a mental health provider registry to be made available on the North Dakota Department of Human Service's Website; and,

WHEREAS, this database would be free to use and available for students in higher education to utilize, as well as the general public; and,

WHEREAS, numerous students in higher education have experienced overwhelming stressors related to the COVID-19 pandemic that may have caused mental health issues and concerns; and,

WHEREAS, a public registry listing mental health providers in the state would increase student access to mental health resources and providers, immensely benefiting students as they are learning through unprecedented times; and,

WHEREAS, behavioral and mental health are one of NDSA's 20-21 legislative priorities, as stated in "NDSA Legislative Priorities: Pre-Session" and NDSA-06-2021: "A Resolution in Support of NDSA's 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities"; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports SB 2161, relating to a mental health provider registry; and

BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED, the NDSA continues to advocate for increased mental health access and resources for students throughout the state.

Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, January 30th, 2021.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
3/10/2021

Relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system; and to provide for a legislative management study

Chairman Weisz opened the committee meeting at 3:15 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:

- Rural area mental health access
- Up-to-date bed availability system
- Specialized tertiary facilities

Rep. Bill Tveit (3:16) moved **Do Pass**

Rep. Mike Beltz (3:16) second

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

Representative Kathy Skroch	N
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Greg Westlind	N

Motion Failed 5-9-0

Rep. Todd Porter (3:22) moved Amendment 21.0652.02001

Rep. Kathy Skroch (3:23) second

Voice Vote – Motion Carried

Rep. Mike Beltz (3:26) moved Do Pass As Amended

Rep. Mary Schneider (3:26) second

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

Motion Failed 3-9-2

Rep. Todd Porter (3:28) moved Do Not Pass As Amended

Rep. Clayton Fegley (3:28) second

Representatives	Vote
Representative Robin Weisz	N
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Mike Beltz	N
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	A
Representative Mary Schneider	N
Representative Kathy Skroch	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	Y
Representative Greg Westlind	Y

Motion Carried Do No Pass As Amended 9-3-2

Bill Carrier: Rep. Todd Porter

Chairman Weisz adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: This bill was reconsidered on 3/24/2021 and came out of committee Do Pass As Amended

Tamara Krause, Committee Clerk

March 10, 2021

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3/10/21

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2161

Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a"

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and a behavioral health bed"

Page 1, line 3, remove "management system"

Page 1, remove lines 12 through 19

Renumber accordingly

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
3/24/2021

Relating to a mental health provider registry and a behavioral health bed management system; and to provide for a legislative management study
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Chairman Weisz opened the committee meeting at 9:04 a.m.

NOTE: Reconsideration of HB 2161

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:

- Provider accessibility
- Self-reporting program
- Program definition

Rep. Gretchen Dobervich (9:05) moved reconsideration of HB 2161

Rep. Karen Rohr (9:05) second

Voice Vote – Motion Carried

Pamela Sagness, Director Behavioral Health Division Department of Human Services (9:06) provided information and answered committee questions

Rep. Bill Tveit (9:23) moved to adopt amendment replacing provider with program (3 times), Line 10 add “at least” annually, Lines 23-24 remove “a mental health provider registry”, and remove Section 2.

Rep. Karen Rohr (9:24) second

Voice Vote – Motion Carried

Rep. Bill Tveit (9:28) moved **Do Pass As Amended**

Rep. Kathy Skroch (9:28) second

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

Motion Carried Do Pass As Amended 11-3-0

Bill Carrier: Rep. Bill Tveit

Chairman Weisz adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Tamara Krause, Committee Clerk

March 24, 2021

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3/24/21

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2161

- Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a"
- Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"
- Page 1, line 2, replace "provider" with "program"
- Page 1, line 2, remove "and a behavioral health bed"
- Page 1, line 3, remove "management system"
- Page 1, line 7, replace "provider" with "program"
- Page 1, line 8, replace "providers" with "programs"
- Page 1, line 9, replace "provider" with "program"
- Page 1, line 10, after the first "department" insert "at least"
- Page 1, remove lines 12 through 19
- Page 1, line 23, remove "a mental health provider"
- Page 1, line 24, remove "registry,"
- Re-number accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2161, as engrossed: Human Services Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2161 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, replace "two" with "a"

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, replace "provider" with "program"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and a behavioral health bed"

Page 1, line 3, remove "management system"

Page 1, line 7, replace "**provider**" with "**program**"

Page 1, line 8, replace "providers" with "programs"

Page 1, line 9, replace "provider" with "program"

Page 1, line 10, after the first "department" insert "at least"

Page 1, remove lines 12 through 19

Page 1, line 23, remove "a mental health provider"

Page 1, line 24, remove "registry,"

Renumber accordingly

2021 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2161

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
4/6/2021

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health program registry; and to provide for a legislative management study.

Madam Chair Lee opened the discussion on SB 2161 at 9:13 a.m. Members present: Lee, K. Roers, Hogan, Anderson, Clemens, O. Larsen.

Discussion Topics:

- Conference committee

[9:14] Madam Chair Lee. Provided an overview of SB 2161 to consider a DO CONCUR or DO NOT CONCUR on House actions.

Additional written testimony: N/A

Madam Chair Lee closed the discussion on SB 2161 at 9:17 a.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
4/14/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health program registry; and to provide for a legislative management study.

Chairman Anderson opened the conference committee on SB 2161 at 3:30 p.m. Members present: Senator Anderson, Lee, Hogan, Representative Beltz, Westlind, Ruby.

Discussion Topics:

- House actions
- Group and single provider's registry
- Behavioral health bed management system
- Community based services
- Program V.S. provider language
- HSRI study

[3:34] Dr. Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer, Human Service Zone Center, DHS and Superintendent of the ND State Hospital. Provided additional information.

[3:40] Pamela Sagness, Director, Behavioral Health Department, DHS. Provided additional information.

Senator Lee moves the **SENATE ACCEDE TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS.**
Senator Hogan seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Hogan and **Representative Beltz** will carry SB 2161.

Additional written testimony: N/A

Chairman Anderson adjourned the conference committee on SB 2161 at 3:58 p.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2161, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Anderson, Lee, Hogan and Reps. Beltz, Westlind, M. Ruby) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1159-1160 and place SB 2161 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed SB 2161 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Human Services Committee
Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

SB 2161
4/20/2021
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 50-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a mental health program registry; and to provide for a legislative management study.

Chairman Anderson opened the conference committee on SB 2161 at 2:42 p.m. Members present: Senator Anderson, Lee, Hogan, Representative Beltz, Westlind, M. Ruby

Discussion Topics:

- Emergency clause

Senator Hogan moves the **SENATE ACCEDE TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS AND FURTHER AMEND: 21.0652.02003.**
Representative M. Ruby seconded.

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Hogan and **Representative Beltz** will carry SB 2161.

Additional written testimony: N/A

Chairman Anderson closed the conference committee on SB 2161 at 2:43 p.m.

Justin Velez, Committee Clerk

April 20, 2021

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2161

That the Senate accede to the House amendments as printed on page 1159 of the Senate Journal and pages 1301 and 1302 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2161 be further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "study" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**2021 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2161 as (re) engrossed

Senate Human Services Committee

- Action Taken**
- SENATE accede to House Amendments
 - SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend
 - HOUSE recede from House amendments
 - HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows
 - Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Senator Hogan Seconded by: Representative M. Ruby

Senators					Representatives				
			Yes	No				Yes	No
Senator Anderson			X		Representative Beltz			X	
Senator Lee			X		Representative Westlind			X	
Senator Hogan			X		Representative M. Ruby			X	
Total Senate Vote			3		Total Rep. Vote			3	

Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier Senator Hogan House Carrier Representative Beltz

LC Number 21.0652 . 02003 of amendment

LC Number 21.0652 . 05000 of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment

Insert LC: 21.0652.02003
Senate Carrier: Hogan
House Carrier: Beltz

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2161, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Anderson, Lee, Hogan and Reps. Beltz, Westlind, M. Ruby) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1159-1160, adopt further amendments as follows, and place SB 2161 on the Seventh order:

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Engrossed SB 2161 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.