

**NDLA Legislative report #18**  
**Kelly Steckler, Chair**

- ❑ Continuously meet with Ilene Larson, Doris Ott, Cindy Larson, to strategize for needed testimony
- ❑ Email NDLA members and Legislative Committee regarding bill activity
- ❑ Correspond with legislators regarding bill activity
- ❑ An NDLA booth was setup at the Legislative session on February 15, 2007 promoting ND libraries. Cathy Langemo, Charlene Weis, and Kelly Steckler worked at the booth; laptop computers provided by Bismarck Public Schools; display included NDLA cookbook, online resources pamphlets, ND library websites, etc.

**Tracking Legislation 2007:**

**HB 1309 –retroactive funding**

*Introduced by Rep. Porter, R. Kelsch, S. Meyer, Sen. Cook*

A bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for libraries that did not receive state aid payments in 2006, was introduced on January 8, 2007 and heard in the House of Representatives Political Subdivisions Committee on January 25, 2007. The following people provided testimony: Representative Todd Porter, Kelly Steckler, Jerry Kaup, Cheryl Tollefson, and Doris Ott. The Committee voted Do Pass, 11-0, and referred it to the House Appropriations Committee, where on February 6, Representative Herbel presented it. This Committee voted Do Pass, 16-7. It was then voted by the full House, 90-4 (Nays: Bellew, Boe, Ruby, Speaker Delzer), and will be heard by the Senate Appropriations committee on Thursday, March 8 at 3:30 pm in the Harvest Room.

**SB 2061**

*Introduced by Government and Veterans Affairs Committee at the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction*

Duties of the State Librarian to compile statistics on public libraries, was passed unanimously on its second reading in the Senate and was heard by the House Political Subdivisions Committee. It passed the House on February 27 with a 91-0 vote. It now goes to the Governor for his signature and then it will become part of the ND Century Code.

**HB 1103 - State Aid maintenance of effort**

*Introduced by Rep. Meyer and Sen. Anderson*

The hearing before the House of Representatives Political Subdivisions Committee, Public libraries' maintenance of local effort in order to receive state aid, was held on January 12, 2007. The following people provided testimony: Representative Shirley Meyer, Kelly Steckler, Beth Postema, Bonnie Krenz, Jerry Kaup, Tom Jones, Kirsten Baesler, and Doris Ott. The Committee voted Do Pass 12-0. The House passed it, 92-0, including the emergency clause, and referred it to the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee on February 23, 2007. The following people provided testimony:

Representative Shirley Meyer, Kelly Steckler, Jerry Kaup, Tom Jones, Kirsten Baesler, and Doris Ott. The committee voted Do-Pass.

**SB 2013 – budget, including additional \$200,000 in state aid**

*Introduced by Appropriations Committee at the request of the Governor*

The State Library presented its 2007-2009 Budget to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, January 18, 2007. The State Library funding bill is a part of the Department of Public Instruction. This bill includes: interlibrary loan; reference; Library Vision 2010 grant funds; services to persons with disabilities; the existing \$1,000,000 for State Aid to Public Libraries and a request for an additional \$200,000 in state aid, totaling a \$1.2m package; \$200,000 for Online Library Resources; state document depository program; online library resources; trainers for online resources; disability services; statewide cataloging services; and Minitex Library Information Network contracts. The following people provided testimony: Kelly Steckler, Tom Jones, Doris Ott and the following people submitted written testimony: two Velva school students, Bonnie Krenz, Jerry Kaup, and Marlene Anderson. It was then passed by the Senate, 46-1 (Nay: Andrist), and referred to the House Appropriations Committee, Education and Environmental Division, for a hearing on February 21, 2007. The following people provided testimony: Tom Jones, Kelly Steckler, Jerry Kaup, Marlene Anderson, two students from Velva School and Public Library, and Doris Ott.

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