

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY
REPORT TO NORTH DAKOTA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Library Tracks Bills SB 2013, SB 2061, HB 1103, and HB 1309

SB 2013

The State Library presented its 2007-2009 Budget to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, January 18, 2007. The base budget includes funding for Online Library Resources that received funding last session, Library Vision 2010 grant funds, training, interlibrary loan and reference services, technical assistance, MINITEX contract, statewide cataloging services, services to persons with disabilities, and State Document Depository Program; the optional budget includes an additional \$200,000 for state aid and an additional FTE to provide training on the Online Library Resources. It was passed by the Senate, 46-1, and referred to the House Appropriations Committee, Education and Environmental Division. The following people provided testimony for the hearing on February 21, 2007: Tom Jones, Kelly Steckler, Jerry Kaup, Marlene Anderson, two students from Velva School and Public Library, and Doris Ott.

SB 2061

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 on February 22, 2007, where it was passed unanimously out of committee with a DO PASS, 13-0, and went on to its second reading, where again it passed, 91-0. The BILL was then signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. It now goes to Governor Hoeven for a signature where it will become part of the Century Code of North Dakota.

HB 1103

Public libraries' maintenance of local effort in order to receive state aid, was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives. The House passed it, 92-0, including the emergency clause, and referred it to the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee. The hearing was heard on February 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the Red River Room. On its second reading it passed, 46-0, including the emergency clause.

HB 1309

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for libraries that did not receive certain state aid payments, was introduced by Representative Todd Porter to the House of Representatives Political Subdivisions Committee on January, 25, 2007. It was passed by the full House, 90-4, and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The hearing has been set for March 8, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in the Harvest Room.

Information for legislative budget hearings will be distributed weekly during the session through the State Library LISTS(s) on Fridays. For up-to-date information about the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, hearing schedules, and legislative bills, go to <http://www.legis.nd.gov/>.

WORLDCAT

Beginning July 1, 2007, LSTA funds will be used to support a statewide unlimited access contract for WorldCat. This means that all North Dakota libraries and citizens will have access at no charge to them. Any library having a separate contract for WorldCat (First Search), will want to look at canceling their contract.