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## BUDGET SECTION - GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Room 327B, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting](#)
- AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION AGENCIES**
- 1:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the 2025 base budget bill and base budget summaries of the [North Dakota State University \(NDSU\) Extension Service, Main Research Center](#), and [branch research centers](#)
- 1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the NDSU Extension Service, Main Research Center, and branch research centers regarding:
- Organizational charts
  - Major programs, the purpose of the programs, funding amounts and sources for the programs, and full-time equivalent (FTE) positions allocated to each program
- 1:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the NDSU Extension Service, Main Research Center, and branch research centers regarding:
- How FTE positions are shared between the NDSU Extension Service and counties, including where the FTE positions are located and how funding is allocated
  - How FTE positions are shared between the Main Research Center and NDSU, including where the FTE positions are located and how funding is allocated
  - Primary research areas of the Main Research Center and branch research centers
  - An update of capital projects at the Main Research Center and branch research centers, including amounts spent to date and a comparison to project budgets
  - An update of additional income the NDSU Extension Service, Main Research Center, and branch research centers have received during the 2023-25 biennium pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023), including the source of the funding, the purpose of the funding, and amounts spent to date
- 2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the NDSU Extension Service, Main Research Center, and branch research centers regarding:
- The number and types of positions that received funding from the targeted market equity funding pool
  - The number of new FTE positions filled during the 2023-25 biennium and the amount of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool used for the positions
  - The number of July 1, 2023, vacant FTE positions, the number filled and when, and the amount of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool used for the positions

- The number of FTE positions that became vacant each month during the 2023-25 biennium, the number filled each month, and estimated 2023-25 biennium savings to date from vacant positions and employee turnover
- Use of any vacant FTE position savings

### **INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

- 2:50 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the 2025 base budget bill and [base budget summary](#) of the Insurance Commissioner
- 2:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner's office regarding:
- The agency's [organizational chart](#)
  - Major programs, the purpose of the programs, funding amounts and sources for the programs, and FTE positions allocated to each program
- 3:25 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner's office regarding:
- An overview of insurance tax payments to fire departments and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association, including payments to date during the 2023-25 biennium and an estimate of payments to be made by the end of the 2023-25 and 2025-27 bienniums
  - An overview of the State Fire Marshal's office, including activities and funding sources and the State Fire Marshal's transition from the Attorney General's office
  - The status of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund
  - The status of reinsurance in the state and how that may affect insurance rates for consumers and the Insurance Commissioner's budget
- 4:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner's office regarding:
- The number and types of positions that received funding from the targeted market equity funding pool
  - The number of new FTE positions filled during the 2023-25 biennium and the amount of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool used for the positions
  - The number of July 1, 2023, vacant FTE positions, the number filled and when, and the amount of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool used for the positions
  - The number of FTE positions that became vacant each month during the 2023-25 biennium, the number filled each month, and estimated 2023-25 biennium savings to date from vacant positions and employee turnover
  - Use of any vacant FTE position savings
- 4:25 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.**

### **Committee Members**

Representatives: David Monson (Chairman), Mike Brandenburg, Jay Fisher, Keith Kempenich, Lisa Meier, Corey Mock, Brandy Pyle, Dan Ruby

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