



BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting](#)
- 9:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Revised 2023-25 and preliminary 2025-27 biennium revenue forecasts
 - The number of agency budget requests submitted by the July 15, 2024, statutory deadline, the number submitted to date, the number of extensions granted, and new submission deadlines
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
 - A report pursuant to Section 16 of Senate Bill No. 2393 (2023) regarding executive branch agency use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool and vacant position savings to date
 - Higher education project variance [reports](#) pursuant to Section 15-10-47
- *10:00 a.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 which have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Center for Distance Education (Request #2134)** - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$2.5 million in the center for distance education line item for cybersecurity training and for expenses related to increased course enrollments. Of the \$2.5 million, \$600,000 will be reimbursed by the Department of Public Instruction from the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and \$1.9 million is from course enrollment revenue.
 - **Department of Public Instruction (Request #2135)** - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$700,000 in the operating expenses line item to accept and expend special funds received from school district reimbursements for food processing contracts negotiated statewide
 - **State Library (Request #2136)** - The request is to transfer \$200,000 of federal funds spending authority from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item to increase funding for electronic materials to support library consortiums
 - **Adjutant General (Request #2137)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$500,000 to provide contingency funding to complete the Dickinson Readiness Center project

- **Attorney General (Request #2139)** - The request is to transfer \$3 million of spending authority from the operating expenses line item to the statewide litigation funding pool line item for additional statewide litigation costs
- **Department of Public Instruction (Request #2140)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority for the Department of Public Instruction by \$11,123,983, including funding in the operating expenses line item (\$556,200) and the grants - other grants line item (\$10,567,783), to accept and expend a comprehensive literacy state development grant, administered by the United States Department of Education under the Every Student Succeeds Act
- **Legislative Council (Request #2141)** - The request is to increase the authorized number of FTE positions by 3 to add 2 FTE policy positions and 1 FTE communications position

- 10:20 a.m. Distribution of a [report](#) from the Department of Commerce regarding annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to Section 40-63-07(9)
- 10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding a report on the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund pursuant to Section 54-17.8-07
- 10:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the department's prison population management plan, inmate admissions, and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing pursuant to Section 54-23.3-11
- 10:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the State Treasurer's office regarding warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than 3 years pursuant to Section 54-11-01
- 11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Board of University and School Lands of a report regarding fund investment performance pursuant to Section 15-02-08.1
- 11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding a report of any department transfers in excess of \$50,000 made during the 2023-25 biennium between line items pursuant to Section 5 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2023)
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Council on the Arts of report pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill No. 1010 (2023) regarding line item transfers in excess of \$50,000 made during the 2023-25 biennium
- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Adjutant General's office pursuant to Section 37-03-18 regarding the status of the North Dakota National Guard service member, veteran, family, and survivor support program
- *11:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding block grant hearings required during the 2023 legislative session and a [resolution draft](#) authorizing the Budget Section to hold any legislative block grant hearings required during the 2025-26 interim
- 11:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of:
- The [2024 North Dakota Finance Facts](#) pocket brochure
 - [Memorandums](#) on [federal funds](#) estimated to be received by state agencies during the 2023-25 and 2025-27 bienniums
- 11:55 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

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

Committee Members

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