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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the October 30, 2007, meeting

9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- Status of the general fund
- Report on any tobacco settlement proceeds
- Information regarding statutory provisions for budget stabilization fund transfers
- Information on the factors that create oil price discounts
- Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1

9:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding any proposed changes to the 2009-11 biennium budget data pursuant to NDCC Section 54-44.1-07

9:30 a.m. Committee discussion and consideration of any changes to the 2009-11 biennium budget data

9:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System of information on changes in funding sources for the president's home projects at North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota (UND) and the Jodsaas Center project at UND

9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding requests for Budget Section approval of changes to the following project authorizations pursuant to NDCC Section 48-01.2-25

- North Dakota State University - Regarding a request for Budget Section approval to increase the total project authorization for the Living Learning Residence Hall West and Ceres Hall from $12,000,000 to $12,400,000
- North Dakota State University - Regarding a request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the waste management system at the Dickinson Research Extension Center - Manning Ranch site from $351,000 to $450,000
- Bismarck State College - Regarding a request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the Schafer Hall renovation from $543,000 to $800,000
- Williston State College - Regarding a request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the service rig project from $700,000 to $810,000

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce on the centers of excellence monitoring report and distribution of the annual audit reports of the following centers of excellence pursuant to NDCC Section 15-69-05(2):

- Dickinson State University Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Revitalization
- Valley City State University Enterprises Application Model
- Lake Region State College Dakota Center for Optimized Agriculture
- University of North Dakota Center for Life Sciences and Advanced Technology
- Bismarck State College Career and Technology Institute
- University of North Dakota National Center for Hydrogen Technology
- North Dakota State University Center for Advanced Electronics Design and Manufacturing
- University of North Dakota Center for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Simulation Applications
- North Dakota State University Center for Agbiotechnology: Oilseed Development
- North Dakota State University Center for Surface Protection
- Williston State College Petroleum Safety Technology Center

10:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the Medicaid management information system pursuant to Section 3 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2024

10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education of a status report on its activities pursuant to NDCC Section 4-05.1-19(10)

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the status of State Auditor's office performance audit recommendations pursuant to Section 5 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2021

11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding the status of the new Crime Laboratory building pursuant to Section 13 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2003

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans Home on the status of the Veterans Home construction project pursuant to Section 4 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2418 and of a request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the new Veterans Home construction project from $21,098,656 to $25,600,000 pursuant to NDCC Section 48-01.2-25

1:20 p.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency request from the October 30, 2007, meeting, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, that has been authorized by the Emergency Commission and requires consideration by the Budget Section:

- Information Technology Department (Request #1645) - To increase special funds spending authority and the criminal justice information sharing line item by $1,410,160 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Justice to implement a statewide automated victim information and notification (SAVIN) system. The system will be administered by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

1:35 p.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:

- Adjutant General (Request #1656) - For $52,100 from the state contingencies appropriation for costs incurred by the National Guard for assisting residents of Northwood with necessary repairs to damaged homes ($48,000), providing the Department of Transportation with diesel fuel supply assistance ($2,236), and providing operational support in Mandan during a natural gas pipeline break ($1,852)
- North Dakota Department of Health (Request #1657) - To increase the salaries and wages line item by $74,000 of federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to maintain North Dakota immunization information system (NDIIS) data, enhance the data quality in the NDIIS, and conduct statistical analysis of NDIIS data. The funding is for one FTE epidemiologist II.
- North Dakota Veterans Home (Request #1658) - To increase the salaries and wages line item by $133,500 of special funds available due to actual Veterans Home collections exceeding estimates. The request is necessary to comply with recommendations resulting from a federal Department of Veterans Affairs survey and focus review. The increase will allow the Veterans Home to hire an additional three FTE positions.
- North Dakota Veterans Home (Request #1659) - For $109,000 from the state contingencies appropriation and to increase the capital assets line item by $2,128,000. The additional funding includes $1,400,000 in federal funds, $619,000 in special funds, and $109,000 from the state contingencies appropriation. The cost estimate for the new 150-bed Veterans Home has increased from $21.1 million to $25.6 million. The cost of the 121-bed portion of the project has increased from $18.5 million to $20.7 million. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs will provide the additional federal funds necessary for 65 percent of the increased cost of the 121-bed facility if the Veterans Home provides written verification of its 35 percent match required for this portion of the project.
- Department of Agriculture (Request #1660) - To increase federal funds spending authority by $264,365 for the salaries and wages line item ($132,832) and operating expenses line item ($131,533). The federal funds are received through the United States Department of Agriculture to conduct a survey related to potato cyst nematode.
- Secretary of State (Request #1661) - To increase federal funds spending authority by $575,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Election Assistance Commission for the Help America Vote Act election reform fund and for $30,263 from the state contingencies appropriation for the 5 percent state match required to obtain the $575,000 of federal funds

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Game and Fish Department on land acquisitions in Williston and in Oliver County that require Budget Section approval pursuant to NDCC Section 20.1-02-05.1

2:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding the status of the job insurance trust fund pursuant to NDCC Section 52-02-17

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Ray Holmberg (Chairman), Bill Bowman, Randel Christmann, Tom Fischer, Tony Grindberg, Ralph L. Kilzer, Aaron Krauter, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Tim Mathern, Carolyn Nelson, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Tom Seymour, Bob Stenehjem, Harvey D. Tallackson, Rich Wardner

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