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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, June 27, 2007
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call

10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- Status of the general fund
- Status of tobacco settlement proceeds
- Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1

10:30 a.m. Committee consideration of 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 #1624) - To increase special funds spending authority by $6,290,000 for the Air Guard contracts ($290,000) and Army Guard contracts ($6 million) line items for the 2005-07 biennium. The request is to provide the additional spending authority needed for federally funded capital construction projects started in the 2003-05 biennium but not completed and fully paid until the 2005-07 biennium.
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1625) - To increase special funds spending authority by $16 million for the operating expenses ($1 million) and other grants ($15 million) line items for the 2005-07 biennium. The funding is for providing grants to school districts during the 2005-07 biennium.
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1626) - To increase special funds spending authority for the 2007-09 biennium by $525,800 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture for development of a software program to expand and improve direct certification procedures related to child nutrition, food stamps, and temporary assistance for needy families
- University of North Dakota (Request #1627) - To modify and extend into the 2007-09 biennium an existing line of credit in the amount of $1,515,259 with the Bank of North Dakota, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-16-13, for costs related to 1997 flood disaster damages. The line of credit authorized for the 2005-07 biennium was $2,610,854.
- Department of Transportation (Request #1628) - To increase the drivers and vehicle services line item by $250,000 of federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to provide grants for traffic safety programs
- Department of Agriculture (Request #1629) - To increase spending authority by $110,500 of federal funds from the United States Forest Service for the grants line item ($110,500) for control of leafy spurge and multicounty control of noxious and invasive weeds

- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #1630) - To increase spending authority by $250,000 of federal funds from the United States Department of Justice for the juvenile community services line item ($250,000) for juvenile justice, juvenile delinquency prevention, and juvenile accountability programs
- Veterans Home (Request #1631) - To increase special funds spending authority from additional resident rent revenue and the operating expenses line item by $100,000 for medical costs, including medications, primary care lab work, tests, and x-rays which were previously covered by the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fargo and for increases in utilities and travel costs due to high fuel prices, and for a line item transfer of $65,000 from the salaries line item to the operating expenses line item for additional contract nursing costs incurred due to the inability to find candidates to fill several vacant nursing positions

10:45 a.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure

10:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the duties and responsibilities of the Budget Section for the 2007-08 interim

11:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the following reports:

- Analysis of legislative changes to the executive budget - 2007-09 biennium (including supplemental and statistical information regarding state appropriations)
- Budget status report on appropriations and estimated revenues - 2007-09 biennium

11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the Medicaid management information system

11:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding the Minot State University Dome floor and the State College of Science steamline project

12:00 noon Report by the commissioner of University and School Lands regarding state agencies that have not submitted a claim for unclaimed property belonging to that agency and regarding the agency relinquishing its rights to recover its property, subject to Budget Section approval, pursuant to NDCC Section 47-30.1-24.1

12:15 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of correspondence from ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state pursuant to NDCC Section 4-14.1-07.1

12:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

12:35 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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