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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, September 25, 2008
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 18, 2008, meeting

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

- Status of the general fund
- Preliminary 2009-11 revenue forecast
- Report on any tobacco settlement proceeds
- Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1

9:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to NDCC Section 40-63-07(9)

9:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing centers of excellence applications

9:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Centers of Excellence Commission and the listed applicants regarding funding award recommendations for centers of excellence:

- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1669) - North Dakota State University - Center for Integrated Electronic Systems - $2,050,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1670) - North Dakota State University - Center for Biopharmaceutical Research and Production - $2,000,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1671) - University of North Dakota - Passive Therapeutics - $2,650,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1672) - University of North Dakota - SUNRISE BioProducts - $2,950,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1673) - University of North Dakota - Petroleum Research, Education, and Entrepreneurship Center of Excellence - $3,000,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1674) - University of North Dakota - Center of Excellence in Space Technology and Operations - $1,000,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1675) - Minot State University - Bottineau - Entrepreneurial Center for Horticulture - $400,000

10:40 a.m. Committee consideration of the funding award recommendations for centers of excellence made by the Centers of Excellence Commission and considered by the Emergency Commission pursuant to NDCC Section 15-69-02 and 2007 House Bill No. 1018

10:55 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget and committee consideration of a request for the Office of Management and Budget to borrow $5 million from the Bank of North Dakota for centers of excellence grants pursuant to 2007 House Bill No. 1018 (Request #1685)

11:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff and consideration by the Budget Section of a recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee relating to the form of the appropriation bills for the 2009 Legislative Session (NDCC 54-44.1-07)

11:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on other states' methods of evaluating the future costs of donated facilities and any subsequent monitoring of actual costs

11:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the status of the State Auditor's office performance audit recommendations pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2021

11:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance and the Risk Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the risk management workers' compensation program pursuant to NDCC Section 65-04-03.1(5)

11:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on federal funds to be received by state agencies during the 2007-09 and 2009-11 bienniums

11:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on block grant hearings required during the 2009 legislative session and a resolution draft authorizing the Budget Section to hold any legislative block grant hearings required during the 2009-10 interim

11:55 a.m. Committee consideration of the resolution draft relating to block grant hearings

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- Transfers between line items and between subdivisions in excess of $50,000 pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2012
- Status of the Medicaid management information system replacement project pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2024
- Status of the 2007-09 biennium capital projects at the State Hospital

1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans Home on the status of the Veterans Home construction project pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2418

1:30 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:

- Industrial Commission (Request #1676) - The agency is requesting to amend Request #1653, which was approved by the Emergency Commission on March 14, 2008. This request is for approval for a line item transfer of $285,000 from the Oil and Gas Division contingency line item to the salaries line item ($254,750) and the operating line item ($30,250) for employee equity and retention adjustments and to hire two new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.
- Attorney General (Request #1679) - The request is for $84,000 from the state contingencies appropriation for the operating line item ($84,000) to reimburse city and county governments for prosecution witness fees and expenses.
- Department of Public Instruction (Request $1680) - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by $1,921,812 for salaries and wages ($88,651), operating expenses ($313,545), and grants--other grants ($1,519,616).
- Office of Management and Budget (Request #1681) - The request is to transfer $300,000 from the capital assets line item to the operating expenses line item to provide additional funding for utility expenses.

- Department of Transportation (Request #1684) - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by $4,800,000 for the operating expenses line item ($2,800,000) and capital assets line item ($2,000,000) to receive additional funds from charges to state agencies for State Fleet Services usage.

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding the status of the new Crime Laboratory building pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2003

2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding the annual report of the Information Technology Department pursuant to NDCC Section 54-59-19

2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Agriculture Commissioner regarding:

- Status of the state meat inspection program pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2009
- Status of the endangered species program pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2009

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

4:30 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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