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NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, October 30, 2007
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 27, 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
- Final report on 2005-07 biennium general fund revenues, spending, turnback, and use of deficiency appropriations
- Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1
- Oil revenue forecast process, including prices used for forecast and impact of discount prices on oil revenue

9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota regarding a request for Budget Section approval to accept and expend $1.3 million in donated funds pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1, for an addition to Harrington Hall

9:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota (UND) regarding a request for Budget Section approval to accept a new president's house on the UND campus pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1

9:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of North Dakota State University (NDSU) regarding a request for Budget Section approval to accept, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1, the renovation and an addition to the NDSU president's house or a new president's house

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of North Dakota State University regarding a request for Budget Section approval to change the scope of the material handling facility project pursuant to NDCC Section 48-01.2-25

10:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Dickinson State University regarding a request for Budget Section approval to change the scope of the Whitney Stadium renovation and addition project pursuant to NDCC Section 48-01.2-25

10:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the 2007 centers of excellence applications

10:30 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 #1632) - North Dakota State University - Agbiotechnology - Oilseed Development II - $1,500,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1633) - North Dakota State University - Surface Protection - $2,000,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1634) - University of North Dakota -

Biomedical Device Research, Development, and Commercialization - $2,500,000

- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1635) - University of North Dakota - Unmanned Aircraft System - $1,500,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1636) - Lake Region State College - Dakota Center for Technology-Optimized Agriculture - $400,000
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1637) - Minot State University - Great Plains Knowledge and Data Center - $2,100,000

11:50 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, Section 14

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Committee consideration of state agency requests, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, which have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:

- Attorney General (Request #1638) - To increase federal funds spending authority by $200,000 for salaries and wages ($49,500), operating expenses ($8,102), and capital assets ($142,398). The federal funds are received through the Department of Transportation from the federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for alcohol countermeasure programs
- Adjutant General (Request #1643) - For $120,000 from the state contingencies fund appropriation for costs incurred by the North Dakota National Guard for providing operational support in Northwood following the August 2007 tornado
- Information Technology Department (Request #1644) - To increase special funds spending authority and the geographic information system line item by $75,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Geological Survey to enhance a software program used to download aerial photographs and scanned maps from the state's geographic information system hub
- 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.
- Department of Transportation (Request #1648) - To increase the capital assets line item by $4,000,000 of special funds from charges to state agencies for State Fleet Services usage
- Department of Transportation (Request #1649) - To increase the grants line item by $1,230,436 of federal funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- State Department of Health (Request #1651) - To increase spending authority by $170,000 to accept federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the salaries and wages line item ($170,000) and approval of two full-time equivalent positions for programs pertaining to influenza surveillance and testing along with enhancing detection of pandemic influenza

1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education on sources of local funds received for construction projects of entities under the board pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.3

1:25 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- The status of the Medicaid management information system pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2024, Section 3
- Recommendations and associated costs for enhancement of county eligibility systems
- Status of Medicaid reimbursements

1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department (ITD) regarding:

- Request to finance $5 million for the purchase of hardware and software for the Medicaid management information system project pursuant to NDCC Section 54-59-05(4)
- Summary of the annual report of ITD pursuant to NDCC Section 54-59-19

2:25 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, Section 13

2:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Agriculture Commissioner regarding:

- Status of the state meat inspection program pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2009, Section 13
- Status of the endangered species program pursuant to 2007 Senate Bill No. 2009, Section 14

2:50 p.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)

3:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the status of the State Auditor's office performance audit recommendations

3:30 p.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)

3:50 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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