

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 20, 2008  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the July 30, 2008, meeting
- STUDY OF THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding services provided by other public or private entities in the state to children and adults who are deaf or hearing-impaired
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding educational facilities in other states for students who are deaf or hearing-impaired
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding a study on national trends in education of hearing-impaired students
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding:
- The number of children in the state with a hearing disorder, including those being served by programs other than the School for the Deaf
  - The cost of educating hearing-impaired students in public schools, and the cost of educating hearing-impaired students at the School for the Deaf
  - The feasibility of combining the administration and delivery of services of the School for the Deaf with area school districts, regional education associations, special education units, or North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind
  - The feasibility of collaborating with other states to provide residential services at the School for the Deaf for students from outside the state
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding services provided to deaf and hearing-impaired persons through the department's programs
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Bismarck Public Schools regarding services provided to students who are deaf or hearing-impaired
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the ability of private entities to renovate state-owned buildings
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the School for the Deaf regarding:
- Potential uses for renovated buildings on campus, buildings that need to be removed from campus, and land available on campus for future use or sale
  - Entities that have inquired on use of campus buildings
  - An aging analysis of campus buildings
  - The future vision of the school campus, including long-term site and facility plans

- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding vocational training options available for deaf or hearing-impaired persons
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding services available to college students who are deaf or hearing-impaired
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the School for the Deaf regarding:
- Information on staff positions at the school, including positions that may be affected by retirements
  - The school's vision for expanding its outreach program
  - The number of people the school has historically served through its residential and outreach programs
  - The number of people the school estimates it will serve in the next 10 years through its residential and outreach programs
  - The types of college degrees and careers available to the school's students after graduation
  - The feasibility of implementing revenue-generating services at the school, including expansion of the school's captioning services
- 2:20 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study
- 2:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Lois Delmore, Kathy Hawken, RaeAnn G. Kelsch, Matthew M. Klein, Bob Martinson, Jasper Schneider, Bob Skarphol, John D. Wall, Clark Williams  
 Senators Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Dave Nething, Dave Oehlke, Tracy Potter, Larry J. Robinson