

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the January 14, 2010, meeting
- STUDY OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding temporary motor vehicle registration requirements in North Dakota and other selected states
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding funding provided for highway-related purposes since the 1999-2001 biennium
- 9:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Transportation regarding:
- The department TransAction II - North Dakota's Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan
 - The collection of motor fuels taxes from interstate commercial motor vehicle carriers
 - An update on the availability of federal highway funding for the 2010 construction season
 - Potential future options for highway funding, including the continuation of allocating of motor vehicle excise taxes for highway purposes, the implementation of a vehicle mile traveled fee system, and other potential sources of additional revenue for highway funding
 - Total 2007-09 biennium highway funding distributions to counties, cities, townships, and the state highway fund from the highway tax distribution fund and township highway aid fund compared to the 2005-07 biennium, the original 2007-09 biennium estimates, and estimates for the 2009-11 biennium
 - Construction year 2010 amendments to the 2010-13 statewide transportation improvement program, including project funding sources
 - An update on the development of two public transportation coordination pilot projects and related funding sources as provided in 2009 Senate Bill No. 2223
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the ability of counties to levy and collect overweight vehicle fees
- 10:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Highway Patrol regarding Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requirements for truck rear-end protection, recent changes regarding the enforcement of the requirement, and an update on the status of federal funding affected by the changes
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding the allocation of oil and gas production taxes from counties to townships for infrastructure purposes pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51-15(5)
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of highway construction funding

11:05 a.m. Committee discussion

STUDY OF 911 SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

11:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services regarding:

- Fees currently charged for State Radio services, recent changes to the fees, and potential future fee changes
- Information regarding funding received by public safety answering points in the state from 911 fees and other sources
- An update on the implementation of the State Radio computer-aided dispatch system project

11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding:

- The use of 911 fees collected by counties
- An update on Next Generation 911 services

11:50 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of 911 services and infrastructure

11:55 a.m. Committee discussion

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

STUDY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDING

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding funding for rural fire departments from the insurance tax distribution fund and from property taxes

1:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding funding for emergency medical services from the insurance tax distribution fund and from property taxes

1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding:

- The use of funding provided in 2009 Senate Bill No. 2047 for emergency medical training grants for rural law enforcement agencies
- A status report on the retention of a consultant to study issues affecting emergency medical services pursuant to Section 6 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2004
- Licensure requirements and operations standards for ambulance services and quick response units
- An update on the potential loss of federal funding provided to the State Department of Health through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Information regarding the process used by ambulance services to bill patients directly or request reimbursement from Medicare or Medicaid

1:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota EMS Association regarding a statewide funding method for emergency medical services, including:

- Options for funding emergency medical services based on service areas
- The amount of funding needed to implement a service area funding plan
- The use of local funds in conjunction with a service area funding plan

2:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the Medicaid reimbursement process for ambulance services, the process for classifying Medicaid reimbursement claims for ambulance service calls, and Medicaid reimbursement rates for services provided by an ambulance service

- 2:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of emergency medical services funding
- 2:35 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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