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North Dakota Legislative Management

Tentative Agenda

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GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the July 22, 2021, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

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

- The final status of the general fund for the 2019-21 biennium, including unspent 2019-21 appropriation authority ("turnback")
- The status of the general fund for the 2021-23 biennium
- Selected special fund balances
- The status of federal state fiscal recovery relief funds and the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

10:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Allen H. Knudson, Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor, of budget-related information, including a comparison of ongoing general fund revenues and appropriations

11:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Knudson of a preliminary budget outlook for the 2023-25 biennium, including estimated cost-to-continue items.

11:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding budget and fiscal trends

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding the *2021 North Dakota Finance Facts* pocket brochure

REVENUE FORECASTING STUDY

11:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a draft request for proposal (RFP) related to economic forecasting data

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the draft RFP

12:00 noon Recess

SENATE BILL NO. 2290 (2021) STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following bill drafts related to the spending approval limits for the Emergency Commission and Budget Section:

- 21.1080.01000
- 21.1085.01000

1:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the bill drafts

1:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the bill drafts

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGETING STUDY

1:50 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of state government budgeting and appropriations for information technology (IT)

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department (ITD) regarding:

- The department's budget for the 2021-23 biennium, including funding spent from and expected to be spent from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and any ongoing costs from IT initiatives related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- An overview of the current fees ITD charges for services
- The advantages and disadvantages of IT unification, including how the 2019-21 and 2021-23 biennium IT unification initiatives have and will result in changes in fees, services, and operations
- The advantages and disadvantages of the current budgeting and appropriations process for IT services
- The advantages and disadvantages of providing a general fund appropriation to ITD rather than providing general fund appropriations to state agencies to pay ITD for services

3:00 p.m. Break

3:10 p.m. Comments by representatives of the following agencies and officials regarding the benefits and concerns of IT unification, the advantages and disadvantages of the current budgeting and appropriations process for IT services, and the advantages and disadvantages providing a general fund appropriation to ITD rather than providing a general fund appropriation to the agency to pay ITD for services:

- Department of Human Services
- Agriculture Commissioner
- Attorney General

4:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study

4:20 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

4:35 p.m. Other committee discussion and staff directives

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: https://video.legis.nd.gov.

Committee Members

Representatives: Michael Howe (Chairman), Pamela Anderson, Jeff Delzer, Jared C. Hagert, Gary Kreidt, Lisa Meier, Corey Mock, Dave Nehring, Gary Paur, Mike Schatz, Jim Schmidt, Steve Vetter, Don Vigesaa

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl, Richard Marcellais, Ronald Sorvaag

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