



BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the March 30, 2022, meeting](#)
- 1:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-27
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to Section 54-14-03.1
 - Report on any tobacco settlement proceeds pursuant to Section 54-44-04
 - Report on the use of federal coronavirus relief funds spent on salaries pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1505 (2021)
 - Status of spending from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund
 - Status of the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund
- *1:20 p.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Insurance Commissioner ([Request #2059](#))** - The request is to increase other funds spending authority by \$250,000 from the insurance regulatory trust fund for expenses relating to legal action taken against a company in noncompliance with law.
 - **Department of Career and Technical Education ([Request #2060](#))** - The request is to increase special funds spending authority of \$1.5 million from the Center for Distance Education operating fund in the Center for Distance Education line item. The request is being made due to higher than anticipated Center for Distance Education student enrollments, resulting in additional revenue collected from student fees.
 - **Industrial Commission ([Request #2061](#))** - The request is to add a new line item and increase federal funds spending authority by \$2.5 million for administrative costs, including salaries and wages and operating expenses, related to a federal grant to plug and reclaim abandoned oil wells and oil well sites.
 - **Department of Transportation ([Request #2062](#))** - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$7,173,530 from user revenues deposited in the state fleet fund for vehicle purchases in the capital assets line item.
 - **State Historical Society ([Request #2065](#))** - The request is for approval of a line item transfer of \$335,400 from the grants line item to the capital assets line item to perform work in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's standards and guidelines for

archeology and historic preservation of state historic sites using federal historic preservation funds.

- **Department of Environmental Quality ([Request #2066](#))** - The request is to accept and expend federal funds totaling \$1,015,000 for the salaries and wages line item (\$579,110) and operating expenses line item (\$435,890) and to add 4 FTE positions for the Department of Environmental Quality.
- **Veterans' Home ([Request #2067](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,805,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and United States Department of Health and Human Services for COVID-19 expenses.
- **Secretary of State ([Request #2068](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1 million in the election reform line item from federal Help America Vote Act funds provided through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

1:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding agency leased facilities

1:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- An overview of 2023-25 biennium executive budget guidelines issued to state agencies
- An update on the development of the new state budget computer system

2:10 p.m. Presentation of a [report](#) from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board regarding the status of the legacy fund and budget stabilization fund investments

2:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding:

- The balance of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund and expenditures from the fund pursuant to Section 38-08-04.5
- The status of the use of federal funds for well plugging and reclamation efforts
- An update on the status of oil and gas development in the state

2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services regarding changes in federal reimbursement rates for disasters

3:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the [2021-23 Biennium Report on Compliance with Legislative Intent](#) and [analysis of state trust funds](#)

3:10 p.m. Distribution of a status [report](#) from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education regarding its activities pursuant to Section 15-12.1-17

3:15 p.m. Distribution of a [report](#) pursuant to Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2020 (2021) regarding priority capital projects of the North Dakota State University Main Research Center that may be eligible to receive funding from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund

3:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:35 p.m. Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

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

Committee Members

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