



BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 28, 2022, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Revised 2021-23 and preliminary 2023-25 biennium revenue forecasts
 - The number of agency budget requests submitted by the July 15, 2022, statutory deadline, the number submitted to date, the number of extensions granted, and new submission deadlines
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
 - Higher education [project variance reports](#) pursuant to Section 15-10-47
- *9:30 a.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 which have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Department of Commerce ([Request #2070](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1.55 million in the operating expenses line item for marketing costs encouraging outdoor enthusiasts and leisure travelers to explore North Dakota outdoor activities (\$1.3 million) and to develop a digital information system to be a one-stop online system for all North Dakota outdoor experiences (\$250,000).
 - **Department of Commerce ([Request #2071](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$250,000--\$75,000 in the salaries and wages line item, \$132,000 in the operating expenses line item, and \$43,000 in the grants line item--to create an outdoor recreation and rural placemaking plan to attract businesses, promote economic activity, and retain and attract workers to North Dakota.
 - **Department of Public Instruction ([Request #2072](#))** - The request is to transfer \$500,000 of general fund spending authority from the integrated formula payments line item to the grants - program and passthrough line item to increase funding available for the leveraging the senior year program.
 - **Department of Commerce ([Request #2075](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$19,036,625 in a new federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act line item for the state energy program and energy weatherization program to promote energy efficiency and conservation activities.

- **Department of Commerce ([Request #2076](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority in the COVID-19 response line item by \$14,222,975 from funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to develop state energy conservation policy and manage federal energy conservation program activities between public and private sectors.
- **Department of Commerce ([Request #2077](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,306,112 from funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to support furnace repair and cooling contracts with community action partners and to expand cooling programs for qualifying citizens.
- **Governor's office ([Request #2078](#))** - The request is to approve the acceptance of \$65,000 of other funds from the Dakota Medical Foundation for expenses of the recovery reinvented program which would result in the Governor's office receiving more than \$150,000 from the Dakota Medical Foundation during the 2021-23 biennium. The request is due to the Governor's office continuing appropriation authority which requires Budget Section approval to accept other funds in excess of \$150,000 from a single source.
- **Agriculture Commissioner ([Request #2079](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$420,000 for a local food purchase assistance grant program to enhance food and agriculture supply chain resiliency in the state.
- **State Library ([Request #2081](#))** - The request is to transfer \$138,000 of general fund spending authority from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item to be used to increase funding for online resources to meet maintenance of effort requirements for federal funding.

- *9:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding block grant hearings required during the 2021 legislative session and a [resolution draft](#) authorizing the Budget Section to hold any legislative block grant hearings required during the 2021-22 interim
- 9:55 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of:
- The [2022 North Dakota Finance Facts](#) pocket brochure
 - Memorandums ([23.9327.01000](#) and [23.9329.01000](#)) on federal funds estimated to be received by state agencies during the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums
 - A [memorandum](#) regarding estimated funding to be received by the state through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- 10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Transportation regarding state fleet rate budget guidelines for the 2023-25 biennium
- 10:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to Section 40-63-07(9)
- 10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding a report on the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund pursuant to Section 54-17.8-07
- 10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the department's prison population management plan, inmate admissions, and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing pursuant to Section 54-23.3-11
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Treasurer's office regarding warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than 3 years pursuant to Section 54-11-01
- 11:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Board of University and School Lands of a report regarding fund investment performance pursuant to Section 15-02-08.1
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding a report of any department transfers in excess of \$50,000 made during the

2021-23 biennium between line items in each subdivision and line item transfers made between subdivisions pursuant to Sections 8 and 9 of House Bill No. 1012 (2021) and Section 11 of House Bill No. 1506 (2021)

- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Adjutant General's office pursuant to Section 37-03-18 regarding the status of the North Dakota National Guard service member, veteran, family, and survivor support program
- 11:50 a.m. Distribution of a report from a representative of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation regarding fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry and essential infrastructure projects (and each project's cost) completed by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation using oil and gas tax receipts pursuant to Section 57-51.2-02
- 11:55 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

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

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

Committee Members

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