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## BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
Senate Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund, including the preliminary revised revenue forecast
  - 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
  - A [report](#) pursuant to Section 16 of Senate Bill No. 2393 (2023) regarding executive branch agency use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool and vacant position savings to date
  - An overview of 2023-25 biennium executive budget guidelines issued to state agencies
- \*10:25 a.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:
- **Department of Mineral Resources ([Request #2121](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$25 million to accept and expend funds from a federal grant to plug and reclaim abandoned oil wells and oil well sites;
  - **Adjutant General ([Request #2123](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$3,159,000 to complete the bridge training site project located at the Camp Grafton Training Center;
  - **Adjutant General ([Request #2124](#))** - The request is to transfer \$281,474 of special funds from the salaries and wages line item to the capital assets line item to complete the state radio console replacement project;
  - **Secretary of State ([Request #2125](#))** - The request is to increase appropriation authority by \$1 million from federal funds from the Help America Vote Act, in the election reform line item for the 2023-25 biennium;
  - **Aeronautics Commission ([Request #2127](#))** - The request is to increase other funds spending authority by \$900,000, including \$400,000 of federal funds and \$500,000 of special funds from the Aeronautics Commission fund, for the International Peace Garden airport rehabilitation project;
  - **State Treasurer ([Request #2129](#))** - The request is for \$175,000 from the state contingencies appropriation for payments in lieu of taxes associated with carbon

dioxide pipelines while the pipelines are exempt from property taxes for the first 10 years of operation;

- **Insurance Commissioner ([Request #2130](#))** - The request is to increase special funds authority from the insurance regulatory trust fund by \$1.5 million for costs to contract with consultants for studies of the property insurance sector resulting from recommendations of the environmental, social, and governance study approved by the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly and conducted by the Bank of North Dakota; and
- **Office of Management and Budget ([Request #2132](#))** - The request is for a line item transfer of \$468,770 from the capital carryover line item to the operating expenses line item for costs to demolish the State Office Building.

10:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a report pursuant to Section 6 of House Bill No. 1001 (2023) regarding the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool and vacant position savings to date

10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Supreme Court of a report pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill No. 1002 (2023) regarding the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE funding pool and vacant position savings to date

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Retirement and Investment Office of a report pursuant to Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2022 (2023) regarding the incentive compensation program, including positions eligible for incentive compensation and the incentive amount each position is eligible to receive

11:10 a.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
- An update on the status of oil and gas development in the state

11:35 a.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

11:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the [2023-25 Biennium Report on Compliance with Legislative Intent](#) and [analysis of state trust funds](#)

11:50 a.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

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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