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## BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
Senate Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 12:30 p.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 18, 2024, meeting](#)
- 12:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding:
- Status of the general fund
  - 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
  - Report on specified commodities and services exempted from the procurement requirements of Section 54-44.4-02.2
  - A report pursuant to Section 16 of Senate Bill No. 2393 (2023) regarding executive branch agency use of funding from the new and vacant full-time equivalent (FTE) positions funding pool and vacant position savings to date
  - A report pursuant to Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2393 (2023) regarding the transfer of any uncommitted appropriation authority and earnings of the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund transferred to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 12:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Moody's Analytics regarding:
- North Dakota economic outlook, including anticipated oil prices and agriculture commodity prices
  - Projections for inflation, interest rates, unemployment, and the value of the dollar and their effect on the North Dakota economy
  - Economic assumption included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the remainder of the 2023-25 biennium and for the 2025-27 biennium
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of OMB regarding the executive budget recommendations, including:
- Executive budget revenue forecast for the 2025-27 biennium
  - Estimated general fund turnback for the 2023-25 biennium
  - Anticipated deficiency appropriation requests for the 2023-25 biennium
  - Ongoing revenues and appropriations
  - One-time revenues and appropriations
  - Proposed statutory changes to implement recommendations in the executive budget, including any recommended tax or fee changes, revenue distribution changes, or changes to duties and responsibilities of state agencies

- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of OMB on the 2025-27 biennium executive budget recommendations for:
- State employee compensation and benefits
  - Information Technology Department and information technology shared services
  - Information technology projects
  - Elementary, secondary, and career and technical education
  - Higher education institutions and the North Dakota University System office
  - Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Environmental Quality
  - Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
  - Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the Department of Commerce, the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service, and the Agricultural Experiment Station
  - Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department
  - Department of Transportation
  - Other state agencies and institutions
  - Capital projects
  - Use of bonding for capital projects
- \*2:30 p.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Department of Commerce (Request #2142)** - The request is to expend federal funds of \$107,017 for building code education and awareness efforts. The department has sufficient appropriation authority but the funding was not specifically appropriated for this purpose.
  - **Attorney General (Request #2144)** - The request is to transfer \$250,000 from the capital assets line item to the operating expenses line item to appropriately categorize costs to be incurred for State Crime Laboratory capital improvements.
  - **Department of Environmental Quality (Request #2145)** - The request is to transfer \$280,000 of general fund spending authority provided for the licensing and maintenance of a new laboratory information management system from the operating expenses line item to the capital assets line item.
  - **Department of Environmental Quality (Request #2146)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$313,000 in the capital assets line item to accept and expend federal funding provided for the PM2.5 air monitoring program to improve infrastructure for the existing ambient air monitoring sites and to purchase equipment for a new multipoint air monitoring station to be located in northeastern North Dakota.
  - **Office of Management and Budget (Request #2148)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$802,000 to accept and expend the Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds for statewide educational needs.
- 2:50 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 pursuant to Section 21-10-11
- 3:00 p.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 funding pool and vacant position savings to date
- 3:10 p.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 funding pool and vacant position savings to date

- 3:20 p.m. Distribution of written [reports](#) from the University System regarding an annual report on position adjustments made for the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Main Research Center, branch research centers, and Agronomy Seed Farm pursuant to Sections 11-38-12 and 15-12.1-05 and Section 10 of House Bill No. 1020 (2023)
- 3:25 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:30 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.ndlegis.gov>.**

**Committee Members**

**Committee members will be announced during the legislative organizational session, December 2-4, 2024.**

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