

## **Tentative Agenda**

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## **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m.	Call to order Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the September 4, 2025, meeting
9:05 a.m.	Comments by the Chairman
9:15 a.m.	STUDY OF HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH DAKOTA  Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Interagency Council on Homelessness regarding its mission and recommendations to end homelessness
9:30 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding recommendations for improvements to homeless-related services
9:45 a.m.	Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Continuum of Care regarding its mission and recommendations to end homelessness
10:00 a.m.	Presentation by representatives of the Division of Community Services, Department of Commerce, on the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development
10:15 a.m.	Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency regarding followup on previous awards, recommendations for improvements relating to affordable housing, information on low-income areas of the state, wages, housing costs, and affordable housing property tax exemptions
10:35 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People on the challenges and recommendations for improvements in ending homelessness
10:50 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health regarding community efforts to solve homelessness
11:05 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of Native, Inc. regarding the homeless Native American population
11:20 a.m.	Presentation by a representative of the Grand Forks Housing Authority on challenges and recommendations for improvement in ending homelessness
11:35 a.m.	Presentation by law enforcement representatives on the challenges created in dealing with the homeless population and recommendations for solutions
11:50 a.m.	Comments by interested persons regarding the study of homelessness in North Dakota
12:00 noon	Recess

## STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, OR HAVE HEARING DIFFERENCES

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of North Dakota Hands & Voices regarding children's perspectives on deaf and hard of hearing services in public schools

1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding public school services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have hearing differences 1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of accessibility of government services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have hearing differences CHILD CARE PROVIDER LICENSING LAWS AND POLICIES Presentation by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services of 1:40 p.m. an update on the activities of the Child Services Advisory Committee Comments by interested persons regarding child care provider licensing laws and 1:55 p.m. policies LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD CARE SERVICES** Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding the proposed objectives and 2:05 p.m. scope of the program evaluation of child care services 2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the Legislative Council program evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services' child care services 2:25 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the objectives and scope of the program evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services' child care services Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding 2:35 p.m. investments in child care through the Child Care Loan Program or other programs **REPORTS** Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 2:50 p.m. regarding the annual report on the status of the Community Behavioral Health Program pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-23.3-10 Presentation by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services on 3:00 p.m. the semiannual report regarding the number of ineligible children served by the Life Skills and Transition Center and related activities and strategies of the department to improve community-based services for those children pursuant to Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2112 (2025) **OTHER COMMITTEE DUTIES** Committee discussion, including consideration of facility tours and staff directives 3:10 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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## **Committee Members**

Senators: Kyle Davison (Chairman), Dick Dever, Kathy Hogan, Judy Lee, Michelle Powers

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