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EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 23, 2025 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

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9:30 a.m.	Call to order Roll call Consideration of the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting	
VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STUDY		
9:35 a.m.	<u>Presentation</u> by Mr. Doug Nelson, State Fire Marshal, Insurance and Securities Department, regarding information requested by the committee concerning fire departments in the state	
9:55 a.m.	Presentation by Ms. Rebecca Fricke, Executive Director, North Dakota Public Employee Retirement System, regarding volunteer emergency responder benefits	
10:10 a.m.	Presentation by Mr. Jonathan Hildremyr, Training Director, and Mr. Chris Demello Rice, Certification Director, North Dakota Firefighter's Association, regarding volunteer firefighter training programs	
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:40 a.m.	<u>Presentation</u> by Mr. Tim Wahlin, Chief of Injury Services, North Dakota Workforce Safety and Insurance, regarding insurance benefits for volunteer emergency responders	
10:55 a.m.	<u>Presentation</u> by Mr. Wayde Sick, Director and Executive Officer, North Dakota Career and Technical Education Department, regarding education programs for emergency responders	
11:15 a.m.	Comments by interested persons	
FIRE SERVICE REGIONAL RESPONSE MODEL STUDY		
11:25 a.m.	Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a <u>background memorandum</u> on the evolving fire service operational and response needs of the state	
11:30 a.m.	Presentation by Mr. Nelson regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state	
12:00 noon	Recess	
1:00 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Darin Hanson, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, Department of Emergency Services, regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state	
1:30 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Thomas Claeys, State Forester, and Mr. Ryan Melin, Fire Management Officer, North Dakota Forest Service, regarding the fire service operational and response needs of the state	
2:00 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Hildremyr and Mr. Rice regarding the fire service training needs of	

2:15 p.m.	Comments by interested persons
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:40 p.m.	DELINQUENT BILLING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT SYSTEM FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS STUDY Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the delinquent billing reimbursement system for ambulance service providers
2:45 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. John Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance and Securities Department, regarding the delinquent billing reimbursement study
3:00 p.m.	Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a <u>memorandum</u> summarizing the submissions received in response to the request for proposals for consulting services
3:05 p.m.	Presentation by Mr. Mark Reinhart, Project Director, NDW Software, LLC, regarding the proposal submitted in response to the request for proposals for delinquent billing reimbursement consulting services
3:25 p.m.	<u>Presentation</u> by Mr. Matt Zavadsky, Emergency Management Services and Mobile Healthcare Consultant, PWW Advisory Group, regarding the <u>proposal</u> submitted in response to the request for proposals for delinquent billing reimbursement consulting services
3:45 p.m.	Comments by interested persons
3:50 p.m.	Committee discussion and directives
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

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Committee Members

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