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## RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 14-15, 2025  
Senate Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Comments by the Chairman
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the duties of the committee
- 10:15 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services and committee discussion regarding the state's grant application for the federal Rural Health Transformation Program, including:
- Actions by the department in response to the program, including the results of listening sessions held by the department;
  - An overview of allowable and unallowable uses of grant funds and limitations on uses of funds for certain purposes, including restrictions on uses of funding for new construction projects and the ability to remodel or expand existing facilities;
  - Recommendations to prioritize the major areas of permissible uses of funds;
  - Current programs or projects that could be enhanced or improved with grant funding that does not require continued funding when the federal funds are no longer available; and
  - Department recommendations for specific proposals in the priority areas, including the allocation of funding to each proposal from the theoretical \$200 million available each year
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of presentations and committee discussion regarding the state's grant application for the Rural Health Transformation Program
- 4:30 p.m. Recess

### Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Committee discussion regarding potential recommendations for the state's grant application for the Rural Health Transformation Program
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of committee discussion
- 4:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

**Committee Members**

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl (Chairman), Sean Cleary, David A. Clemens, Kyle Davison, Dick Dever, Kathy Hogan, Judy Lee, Jeffery J. Magrum, Tim Mathern, Kristin Roers, Desiree van Oosting, Kent Weston

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