



BUDGET SECTION - HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

1:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the [base budget summary](#) of the Department of Environmental Quality budget

1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Environmental Quality regarding a brief overview of funding for the agency included in Senate Bill No. 2024 (2025), Senate Bill No. 2267 (2025), and House Bill No. 1577 (2025), and major initiatives for the 2025-27 biennium

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding:

- A [report](#) on any transfers between line items exceeding \$50,000 pursuant to Section 3 of House Bill No. 1012 (2025)
- A quarterly report regarding the status of the department's salaries and wages block grant, including vacant positions and related savings pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill No. 1012
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funding received and expended during the 2021-23, 2023-25, and 2025-27 bienniums, and the carryover balance for each biennium
- An update on the Rural Health Transformation Program including new programs, the grant application and award process, awarded funds, metrics, and accountability

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

2:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding an update on the State Hospital construction project including updated timeline, costs, and any selected construction alternatives

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

2:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:

- Prison facilities planning
- Missouri River Correctional Center building project update
- Heart River Correctional Center building project update

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES

- 3:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of CHI St. Alexius Health Bismarck on the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant
- 3:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of CHI St. Alexius Health Williston on the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant
- 3:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Altru Health System in Grand Forks regarding the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Dick Dever (Chairman), Sean Cleary, Kyle Davison, Jeffery J. Magrum, Tim Mathern
Representatives: Bert Anderson, Mike Berg, Alisa Mitskog, Eric J. Murphy, Jon O. Nelson, Matthew Ruby, Gregory Stemen, Scott Wagner

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