



BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the General Fund
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-27
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to Section 54-14-03.1
 - An update on the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program
 - The status of the 2025-27 biennium executive branch new and vacant FTE funding pool
- *10:20 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission, which require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Department of Public Instruction (Request #2160)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$5,264,918 in the salaries and wages line item (\$216,952) and the operating expenses line item (\$5,047,966) to accept and expend funds from a federal Education Innovation and Research Grant
 - **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #2161)** - The [request](#) is for \$105,000 from the General Fund contingencies appropriation to expand global positioning system monitoring of individuals sentenced to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and placed in a transitional or work release program
 - **Department of Health and Human Services (Request #2162)** - The request is to increase federal funds appropriation authority by \$1,960,784 from a federal Medicaid Government Efficiency Grant in the operating expense line item for the required system changes to the department's self-service portal and combined eligibility system
 - **Department of Health and Human Services (Request #2163)** - The request is to increase federal funds appropriation authority by \$1,189,769 from a federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Process and Technology Improvement Grant Program in the operating expense line item for improvements to the self-service portal and combined eligibility system

- 10:30 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Information Technology Department regarding the following reports:
- A report on the status of the department's actions to update state-controlled websites and digital content to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act
 - A report pursuant to Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2021 (2025) regarding the status of the student information system transition
 - A report pursuant to Section 54-59-14 regarding the status of the department's operating fund
- 10:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Supreme Court of an update on the judicial branch new and vacant FTE funding pool
- 10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of an update on the legislative branch new and vacant FTE funding pool and the 69th Legislative Assembly [State Budget Actions Supplement for the 2025-27 biennium report](#)
- *10:55 a.m. Committee consideration of a [request](#) from the Department of Transportation to utilize funding from the Flexible Transportation Fund for road and bridge projects pursuant to Section 24-02-37.3
- 11:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services of an update on the federal Rural Health Transformation Program
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Adjutant General's office pursuant to Section 37-03-18 regarding the status of the North Dakota National Guard Service Member, Veteran, Family, and Survivor Support Program
- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Job Service North Dakota on the actual Job Insurance Trust Fund balance and the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier pursuant to Section 52-02-17
- 11:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Retirement and Investment Office of a report pursuant to Section 54-52.5-04 regarding the office's Incentive Compensation Program
- 11:55 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:00 noon 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

Representatives: Don Vigesaa (Chairman), Bert Anderson, Mike Berg, Glenn Bosch, Mike Brandenburg, Gretchen Dobervich, Jay Fisher, Karla Rose Hanson, Zachary Ista, Keith Kempenich, Mike Lefor, Scott Louser, Bob Martinson, Lisa Meier, Alisa Mitskog, David Monson, Eric J. Murphy, Mike Nathe, Jon O. Nelson, Brandy L. Pyle, David Richter, Matthew Ruby, Mark Sanford, Gregory Stemen, Steve Swiontek, Scott Wagner, Robin Weisz

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