



BUDGET SECTION - COMMERCE AND LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Room 327E, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 1:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the [base budget summary](#) of the Department of Commerce budget
- 1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- The department's [organizational chart](#)
 - The status of the department's new and vacant FTE pool activities for the 2025-27 biennium
 - The department's 2027-29 biennium base budget by line item and funding source, including grants and other major programs
 - A [report](#) regarding grant programs administered by the department pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-33
- 2:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- The Tourism Destination Development Grant Program, including the process of selecting grant award recipients
 - The North Dakota Development Fund, including historical information and examples of successful and unsuccessful fund activities
 - The department's process of administering grant and loan programs and plans to streamline this process
 - The department's process of administering workforce programs and plans to streamline this process
 - Housing assistance programs administered by the department, housing assistance needs in the state, and potential future funding requests for housing assistance programs
- 3:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:55 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Representatives: Mike Nathe (Chairman), Karla Rose Hanson, Scott Louser, Bob Martinson, David Richter, Mark Sanford, Steve Swiontek

Senators: Randy A. Burckhard, Michael Dwyer, Robert Erbele, Randy D. Lemm, Jonathan Sickler, Terry M. Wanzek

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