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## 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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