



JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the December 18, 2025, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study on the ownership of alcoholic beverage establishments by licensed charitable gaming organizations
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Aaron Hummel, Director, Gaming Commission, Attorney General's office, regarding the state's role in regulating charitable gaming organizations
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Stephanie Dassinger Engebretson, Deputy Director and Staff Attorney, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding city licensing requirements for charitable gaming organizations
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding county licensing requirements for charitable gaming organizations
- 10:35 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Bruce Johnson, Executive Director, Racing Commission, of a report relating to the operation of the commission and the liability of charitable organizations that receive and disburse money handled through account wagering as required under North Dakota Century Code Section 53-06.2-04
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Aaron Olson, State Hospital Superintendent, Department of Health and Human Services, of a report relating to individuals at the State Hospital who have been committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Donnell Preskey, Government and Public Relations Specialist, North Dakota Association of Counties, on behalf of the North Dakota Sheriff's and Deputies Association, regarding an update on fines and fees relating to the 24/7 Sobriety Program
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Tom Erhardt, Director, Parole and Probation, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, regarding an update on the pretrial services study
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Don Wolf, Finance Director, Supreme Court, regarding an update on court fees and the priority of funds collected by clerks of court
- 1:25 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Kelly Hutton, Deputy State Court Administrator, Supreme Court, of a report on the status of the program to assist rural counties and municipalities in recruiting attorneys
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum relating to executive orders

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Fines and Fees Justice Center regarding the impact of fines and fees on recidivism and criminal defendants
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:45 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study on sentencing, correctional, and parole systems and definitions of terms relating to sentencing and incarceration
- 3:05 p.m. Committee discussion
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Janne Myrdal (Chairman), Ryan Braunberger, Jose L. Castaneda, Claire Cory, Dick Dever, Diane Larson, Dean Rummel

Representatives: TJ Brown, Nels Christianson, Liz Conmy, Karla Rose Hanson, Lawrence R. Klemin, Ben Koppelman, Gregory Stemen, Bill Tveit, Steve Vetter

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