



BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the General Fund, including the preliminary revised revenue forecast
 - 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
 - Report on any tobacco settlement proceeds pursuant to Section 54-44-04
 - An overview of 2025-27 biennium executive budget guidelines issued to state agencies
 - The status of the 2025-27 biennium executive branch new and vacant FTE pools
 - An update on the settlement and contingent appropriation related to the *North Dakota vs. United States* of America lawsuit in the United States District Court of North Dakota relating to pipeline protest costs
- *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 Budget Section approval:
- **Department of Public Instruction (Request #2164)** - The request is to transfer \$500,000 of special funds from the state contingencies appropriation to the agency's operating expenses line item to accept and expend special funds collected from school districts participating in the statewide food processing program
 - **Public Service Commission (Request #2165)** -The request is to transfer \$6 million of federal funds from the state contingencies appropriation to the agency's abandoned mined lands contractual services line item for additional federal funding to be received from the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
 - **Attorney General (Request #2166)** - The request is to transfer \$240,501 of General Fund authority from the state contingencies appropriation and authorize 1 FTE position. The funding includes \$129,998 for salaries and wages of 1 FTE Bureau of Criminal Investigation guardianships agent position, \$46,403 for operating expenses, and \$64,100 for capital assets.
 - **Department of Public Instruction (#2167)** - The request is for a line item transfer of \$3.1 million of General Fund spending authority, provided to the Department of Public Instruction for integrated formula payments, from the agency's integrated formula payments line item to its grants-program grants line item to implement a new grant program to offset school district costs related to the BRIDGE project

- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Tax Department regarding the Primary Residence Credit Program, including the number of applicants, the number of applicants approved, and updated costs for the program compared to biennium estimates
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation of a report from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board regarding the status of the Legacy Fund and Budget Stabilization Fund investments
- *11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Transportation of:
- An update on United States Highway 85 projects and a report pursuant to Section 19 of Senate Bill No. 2012 (2025) regarding the status of the environmental impact statement process to four-lane remaining portions of the highway
 - A request to utilize funding from the Flexible Transportation Fund for road and bridge projects pursuant to Section 24-02-37.3
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Industrial Commission of a report pursuant to Section 38-08-04.5 on the balance of the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Site Reclamation Fund and expenditures from the fund
- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction of a report pursuant to Section 28 of House Bill No. 1176 (2025) regarding the status of the development of the Integrated Formula Gap Funding Program
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department of a report pursuant to Section 54-59-14 regarding the status of the department's operating fund
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the *2025-27 Biennium Report on Compliance with Legislative Intent* and analysis of state trust funds
- 11:50 a.m. Distribution of a status report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education regarding its activities pursuant to Section 15-12.1-17
- 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

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