



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 25, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- The status of the General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium
- Selected special fund balances

10:20 a.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of the *2025-27 Biennium Report on Compliance with Legislative Intent*

UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM REPORTS

10:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:

- A report on the status of the State Radar Data Pathfinder Program, including expenditures to date and the effect of the program on uncrewed aircraft system operations, safety, and data security pursuant to Section 1 of House Bill No. 1038 (2025)
- A report on the status of the Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle Replacement Program, including funding spent, the number of vehicles replaced, the number of vehicles sold or disposed, and any future needs for state agencies to comply with federal requirements pursuant to Section 14 of Senate Bill No. 2018 (2025)
- A semiannual report on the status of the uncrewed aircraft systems test site pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-28
- A semiannual report on the development of the Beyond Visual Line of Sight Uncrewed Aircraft System Program and the total amount deposited in the General Fund pursuant to Section 54-60-29.1

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION REPORTS

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:

- A quarterly report on the planning and design of a new minimum security facility pursuant to Section 7 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2025)
- An annual report on the housing task force, including implementation of a housing assistance program for individuals released from the custody of the department pursuant to Section 3 of House Bill No. 1549 (2025)

FIXED ROUTE CITY TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS STUDY

11:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding grant funding for fixed route city transportation services

11:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft
12:00 noon Recess

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the status of:

- Updates to the Capitol grounds master plan
- Projects on the Capitol grounds

1:20 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding updates on legislative space projects and plans for future legislative space needs

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

1:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding updates to the state agency fees study, including the removal of obsolete provisions

1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft

2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Financial Institutions regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee, comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee, and any recommendations to change or remove fees

2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee, comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee, and any recommendations to change or remove fees

3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee, comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee, and any recommendations to change or remove fees

FIRE INSPECTIONS

3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the status of fire inspections of state buildings, including the cost of the inspections, due to local fire departments rescinding agreements to conduct fire inspections of state buildings

3:45 p.m. Comments by a representative of the Bismarck Fire Department regarding the decision to rescind an agreement to conduct fire inspections of state buildings

3:55 p.m. Comments by a representative of the Fargo Fire Department regarding the decision to rescind an agreement to conduct fire inspections of state buildings

BISTATE AUTHORITY

4:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding the repeal of the approval to form a bistate authority

4:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft

4:20 p.m. Committee discussion

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Randy A. Burckhard (Chairman), Jeff Barta, Justin Gerhardt, Richard Marcellais, Donald Schaible, Chuck Walen

Representatives: Bert Anderson, Jason Dockter, Ty Dressler, Austin Foss, Jim Grueneich, Patrick R. Hatlestad, Craig Headland, Lisa Meier, Mike Nathe, Dave Rustebakke, Vicky Steiner, Gregory Stemen, Kelby Timmons

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