

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, June 29, 2000
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the December 8, 1999, meeting
- STUDY OF WELFARE REFORM ISSUES**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Sheri Steisel, Committee Director for Human Services, National Conference of State Legislatures, Washington, D.C., regarding new rules for the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program, including information regarding TANF spending flexibility and related committee questions and discussion
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Steisel regarding issues associated with tribal TANF programs, including related committee questions and discussion
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Human Services of information regarding the committee's study of welfare reform including:
- A status report regarding the TANF caseloads and budget for the 1999-2001 biennium to date, including information on projected TANF carryover funds by federal fiscal year
 - A review of recent TANF expenditure quarterly reports filed with the federal government
 - Information regarding efforts to continue Medicaid eligibility for TANF recipients who become employed and exit the TANF program
 - A status report on the training, education, employment, and management (TEEM) pilot project in Rolette County
 - A status report on the negotiations between representatives of the tribes and the Department of Human Services regarding a tribal TANF pilot program
 - A report on progress in determining the most reliable current data concerning the proportion of unemployed adults living in Indian country
 - Any suggested statutory changes regarding the administration of the TANF program
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by tribal representatives regarding a tribal TANF pilot program
- 3:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding welfare reform issues
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding welfare reform

**STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AND HUMAN SERVICE CENTER SERVICES**

- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services of information regarding the committee's study of the Department of Human Services and human service center services including:
- A status report on the Department of Human Services strategic planning process and the implementation of the recommendations contained in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003, including suggested improvements in the budget presentation method
 - A status report regarding the Department of Human Services review of departmental program funding issues pursuant to Section 25 of 1999 Senate Bill No. 2012
 - Information detailing the vocational rehabilitation clients served during federal fiscal year 1999 and additional information regarding rehabilitated clients
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on:
- A status report on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) and its impact on the department's computer systems
 - A status report on pending federal reductions to the social services block grant
- 4:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's studies
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Jeff Delzer (Chairman), Ron Carlisle, Audrey Cleary, Pat Galvin, Lyle Hanson, Roxanne Jensen, Carol A. Niemeier, Todd Porter, Clara Sue Price, Sally M. Sandvig, Ken Svedjan, Robin Weisz
Senators Dennis Bercier, Judy L. DeMers, Tom Fischer, Judy Lee, Marv Mutzenberger, David O'Connell, Russell T. Thane