

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, July 1, 1999
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman on study responsibilities assigned to the Budget Committee on Human Services
- STUDY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
AND HUMAN SERVICE CENTER SERVICES**
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study responsibilities, including:
- The study of the Department of Human Services implementation of recommended improvements in departmental administrative structure and budget presentation methods pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003
 - The study of services provided by human service centers pursuant to Section 28 of Senate Bill No. 2012 which is to include the appropriateness and justification for human service center programs, the cost/benefit of programs, methods to evaluate program effectiveness and outcomes, and the establishment of priorities
 - A report from the Department of Human Services relating to a departmental review of program funding issues pursuant to Section 25 of Senate Bill No. 2012, including the appropriateness of maximizing the use of federal funds, the opportunities to reduce general fund program expenditures, the appropriate methods to provide detailed justification prior to the expansion of programs, the appropriateness of the state replacing reductions in federal funds with state resources, the coordination of programs to avoid duplication in program delivery, and the cost/benefit of programs
- 9:35 a.m. Comments by Ms. Carol K. Olson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, regarding the committee's studies
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the committee's study responsibilities, including:
- A status report on the implementation of recommended changes to improve the administrative structure and to enhance budget presentation methods contained in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003
 - Comments regarding the study of human service center services which is to include the appropriateness and justification for human service center programs, the cost/benefit of programs, methods to evaluate program effectiveness and outcomes, and the establishment of priorities
 - The department's plan for the review of program funding issues, including the appropriateness of maximizing the use of federal funds, the opportunities to

reduce general fund program expenditures, the appropriate methods to provide detailed justification prior to the expansion of programs, the appropriateness of the state replacing reductions in federal funds with state resources, the coordination of programs to avoid duplication in program delivery, and the cost/benefit of programs

- 11:00 a.m. Comments by a representative of the human service center directors regarding the committee's study responsibilities, including the review of human service center services
- 11:30 a.m. Comments by representatives of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the committee's study of the Department of Human Services and human service center services
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by committee members regarding the studies of the Department of Human Services and human service centers
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study of the Department of Human Services

STUDY OF WELFARE REFORM ISSUES

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study responsibilities directed by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4036 and Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Senate Bill No. 2114, including the monitoring of the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program, the study of the TANF program as it relates to the relationship between the state and tribes, Department of Human Services reports on the establishment of a pilot TANF tribal project, Department of Human Services reports on unemployment information for Indian country, consideration of any waiver requests or revised administration requests of the Department of Human Services related to TANF, and a Department of Human Services report regarding the implementation of child support income withholding
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the committee's study responsibilities regarding welfare reform, including a report on TANF implementation, departmental plans for a pilot TANF tribal project, an update regarding the reporting of unemployment information in Indian country, the relationship between the state and tribes regarding TANF, any Department of Human Services requests for waivers or changes to the administration of the TANF program, and a future Department of Human Services report on child support income withholding
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the committee's study
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's studies
- 4:30 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