

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, June 24, 2003
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 11:05 a.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund and the temporary Medicaid federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) changes and essential government services grant provisions of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Minot State University of a request to increase spending authority for the remodeling of the Old Main auditorium project
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Department of Human Services (Request #1439)** - To transfer \$200,000 from the operating line item of the management subdivision and \$2,430,100 of the human service center operations line items to the grants - medical assistance line item in the economic assistance subdivision to provide a total of \$2,630,100 to use as state matching funds for the medical assistance program, and to increase federal funds spending authority by \$22 million for the federal share of medical assistance payments associated with deficiency appropriations provided by the 2003 Legislative Assembly of \$16.3 million from the health care trust fund and permanent oil tax trust fund
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1440)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$2,693,000 and other funds spending authority of \$472,000 from third-party collections to provide a total of \$3,165,000 for providing funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs at the North Central (\$850,000), Lake Region (\$35,000), Northeast (\$730,000), Southeast (\$1,075,000), and South Central (\$475,000) Human Service Centers
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1441)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$2,750,000 for providing grants in the children and family services program for foster care and subsidized adoption services
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1442)** - To transfer appropriation authority from the operating expenses line item to the grants - assistance payments line item of the economic assistance subdivision in the amount of \$2,753,000 for providing additional funding under the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) for the remainder of the 2001-03 biennium

- **Veterans Home (Request #1443)** - To add 8.28 full-time equivalent positions to the existing 2003-05 appropriation for additional staffing needed for the addition of eight skilled care nursing beds approved by the 2003 Legislative Assembly
- **Veterans Home (Request #1444)** - To transfer \$75,000 of spending authority from the salaries line item to the operating line item for additional unanticipated expenses related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, performance audit fees, board member meeting and travel costs, and costs related to hiring the new administrator and accounting manager
- **Office of Adjutant General (Request #1446)** - To receive \$81,000 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund and to increase other funds spending authority to accept the funds for expenses related to firefighting missions conducted in McLean County in April 2003 (\$31,000) and for a reserve for unforeseen future disasters (\$50,000)
- **Department of Commerce - Community Services Division (Request #1447)** - To increase federal funds appropriation authority by \$3.5 million to accept and spend funds from the Department of Human Services as a result of LIHEAP expenditures being less than the funding made available. These available funds may be used for the Division of Community Services weatherization assistance program.
- **Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1448)** - To transfer \$140,000 of spending authority from the operating line item to the equipment line item for the purchase of a snowmobile trail groomer
- **Division of Emergency Management (Request #1450)** - To receive \$149,479.04 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund and to increase other funds spending authority to reimburse federal agencies for expenses related to firefighting activities in July 2002 and April 2003 - Emergency Commission approved with the added stipulation that any unused funds due to lower than anticipated invoicing by federal agencies are to be returned to the state contingency fund
- **Office of Management and Budget (State Radio Communications) (Request #1452)** - To transfer \$57,000 of spending authority from the operating line item to the salaries and wages line item (\$22,000) and equipment line item (\$35,000) for higher than anticipated costs related to overtime and fringe benefit costs and the replacement of analog radio base stations with digital base stations in accordance with the plan for the replacement of the state radio infrastructure
- **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Prisons Division (Request #1453)** - To transfer \$725,000 of spending authority from the security and safety line item to the support services line item for deficiencies in funding for medical expenses related to the retention of nurses as well as expenses for pharmaceuticals and institutional fees
- **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Field Services Division (Request #1454)** - To transfer \$100,000 of spending authority from the institutional offender services line item to the victim services line item to pay pending crime victim compensation claims
- **State Department of Health (Request #1455)** - To increase 2003-05 federal funds spending authority and the operating line item by \$781,889 to fund a University of North Dakota study relating to the circumstances and characteristics of North Dakotans who do not have health insurance and to

devise a plan to increase the number of people with health insurance and to improve access to health care services

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following reports:
- 2003-05 biennium analysis of legislative changes to the executive budget (including supplemental and statistical information regarding state appropriations)
 - 2003-05 biennium budget status report on appropriations and estimated revenues
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the duties and responsibilities of the Budget Section for the 2003-05 biennium
- 2:45 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of correspondence from ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state
- 2:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Thomas Brusegaard, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gullerson, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Kim Koppelman, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Ralph Metcalf, David Monson, Earl Rennerfeldt, Bob Skarphol, Blair Thoreson, Mike Timm, Francis J. Wald, John Warner, Amy Warnke, Janet Wentz

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