

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Tentative Agenda

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 5, 2004  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Approval of minutes of May 11-12, 2004, and June 25, 2004, meetings  
Welcome and comments by Representative Rick Berg, Chairman

#### **REPORTS**

9:05 a.m. Report by Mr. Richard Gray, Division of Community Services, regarding renaissance zone progress, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 40-63-03

9:15 a.m. Status report by Mr. Randy Spitzer, Job Service North Dakota, regarding the Work Force 2000 program

9:30 a.m. Status report by Mr. Al Jaeger, Secretary of State, regarding the activities of an ad hoc committee to revise the constitutional provisions relating to business entities

9:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding the implementation of the centers of excellence program

9:45 a.m. Followup report by Mr. Eddie Dunn, North Dakota University System, regarding definitions and eligibility criteria regarding the centers of excellence program, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-41

10:00 a.m. Status report by Mr. Dunn regarding the four-quadrant system

10:15 a.m. Coffee break

#### **BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY**

##### **Economic Development Information**

10:35 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding the definition of primary sector business  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

10:55 a.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding the spectrum of economic development programs and risk capital programs  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

11:10 a.m. Comments by representatives of the energy industry regarding the exportation of energy  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding the seed capital investment tax credit caps

### **Bill Drafts**

- 11:40 a.m. Presentation of seed capital investment tax credit bill draft  
Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation of, comments by interested persons regarding, and committee discussion and directives regarding the following bill drafts:
- Targeting industry
  - External image
  - Internal image
  - International trade and tribal business
  - Local economic developers
  - Manufacturing
  - Procurement
  - Risk capital
  - Technology commercialization
  - Taxes
  - Business liability
  - Intellectual property
  - Economic development incentives
  - Business climate
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives Rick Berg, Tracy Boe, Donald L. Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Glen Froseth, Nancy Johnson, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan, Don Vigesaa  
Senators Dick Dever, Duaine C. Espgaard, Tony S. Grindberg, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor