

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, October 4, 2006
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the June 14, 2006, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Status of the tobacco settlement proceeds
 - Effect of providing the legislative forecast to the Legislative Assembly earlier during the 2007 session
 - Procedure to be followed if 2005-07 water development trust fund obligations exceed revenues
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on past deficiency appropriations for utilities
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Water Commission regarding the status of the Devils Lake Outlet, including an explanation of operating costs and other expenditures, and the status of the water development trust fund
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services regarding the use of homeland security funds at the local jurisdiction level for all related years
- 10:15 a.m. Committee consideration of state agency requests, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section
- Protection and Advocacy Project (Request #1603) - To increase spending authority and the protection and advocacy line item by \$1,000,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Education for the alternative financial loan program to expand personal financing options to persons with disabilities in purchasing assistive technology devices and services
 - Game and Fish Department (Request #1604) - To increase spending authority by \$150,000 to accept federal funds (\$112,500) from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and other funds (\$37,500) from the game and fish fund for expenses related to increased need for noxious weed control. The game and fish fund has a balance of approximately \$28,000,000.
 - Game and Fish Department (Request #1605) - For a line item transfer from the grants line item (\$450,000) to the operating expenses line item (\$450,000) due to increased travel expenses in the Fisheries and Enforcement Division and for replacement of radios used for enforcement purposes

- State Department of Health (Request #1606) - To accept federal passthrough funds from the North Dakota Department of Transportation relating to a National Highway Transportation Safety Administration grant and to increase spending authority by \$60,000 for the salaries and wages line item (\$35,000) and operating expenses line item (\$25,000) for the new traffic assessment program, which will address ambulance and emergency health care delivery systems
- State Department of Health (Request #1607) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$263,000 and the operating expenses line item (\$63,000) and grants line item (\$200,000) to accept funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a suicide prevention program targeted toward tribal and rural youth
- State Department of Health (Request #1608) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$153,000 and the salaries and wages line item (\$82,400), operating expenses line item (\$28,000), and grants line item (\$42,600) to accept funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to implement a statewide comprehensive cancer control program
- State Department of Health (Request #1609) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,200,000 and the salaries and wages line item (\$90,000), operating expenses line item (\$360,000), capital assets line item (\$100,000), and grants line item (\$650,000) to accept funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a pandemic influenza preparedness program
- State Department of Health (Request #1610) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$6,000,000 to accept funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to assist a rural water district in designing and operating an arsenic trioxide remedy site to lower drinking water arsenic concentration levels in southeast North Dakota
- State Department of Health (Request #1611) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the women, infants, and children (WIC) line item by \$1,800,000 to accept funds from the United States Department of Agriculture due to increases in the number of participants enrolled in the WIC program and costs for food items, including infant formula
- Bank of North Dakota (Request #1612) - To increase spending authority by \$85,500 to accept other funds from an Energy Star Exxon grant for the capital assets line item (\$85,000) and approval for a line item transfer from the contingency line item (\$625,000) to the capital assets line item (\$625,000) for items needed related to construction of a new building and for a project contingency fund
- Workforce Safety and Insurance (Request #1613) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$250,000 from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund to cover salary increases authorized by the 2005 Legislative Assembly
- Department of Agriculture (Request #1614) - To increase spending authority by \$145,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, for the salary line item (\$35,000) and the operating expenses line item (\$110,000) to conduct a potato cyst nematode survey. Temporary employees will be hired to assist in soil sampling.

10:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Highway Patrol regarding the progress of the training program for law enforcement officers and other emergency service providers, pursuant to Section 2 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2031

10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding transfers to the state tuition fund, pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-02-14

- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Public Service Commission regarding payments received and expenditures from the performance assurance fund, pursuant to NDCC Section 49-21-31
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- Annual audits of renaissance fund organizations, pursuant to NDCC Section 40-63-07(9)
 - Money spent to administer an Internet web site that provides career guidance and job opportunity services, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-60-10
 - Use of grant funds provided to the Rural Development Council, pursuant to Section 21 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
 - Use of grant funds provided to the Red River Valley Research Corridor, pursuant to Section 25 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
 - Use of grant funds provided to the North Dakota center for technology program, pursuant to Section 26 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
 - Use of funding for grants in the partners in marketing grant program, pursuant to Section 27 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
 - Annual report on North Dakota economic goals and associated benchmarks, pursuant to Section 53 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the department's building maintenance account, pursuant to NDCC Section 65-02-05.1
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- Transfers between line items and between subdivisions in excess of \$50,000, pursuant to Section 6 of 2005 House Bill No. 1012
 - Status of the Medicaid management information system
 - Activities of the Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by the manager of the State Mill and Elevator regarding a summary of the agency's annual report, pursuant to Section 35 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2014
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences relating to the long-term budgetary needs for the school
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Game and Fish Department on a land acquisition in McKenzie County that requires Budget Section approval, pursuant to NDCC Section 20.1-02-05.1
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding other states' remedies in lieu of civil commitment for sex offenders
- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding North Dakota limits on eminent domain
- 2:55 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding a summary of the department's annual report, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-59-19

- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on block grant hearings required during the 2005 legislative session and a resolution draft authorizing the Budget Section to hold any legislative block grant hearings required during the 2007-08 interim
- 3:55 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on federal funds to be received by state agencies during the 2005-07 and 2007-09 bienniums
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion of a bill draft relating to the powers and duties of the Budget Section
- 4:45 p.m. Distribution of reports on the Higher Education Committee budget tours of Dickinson State University, Dickinson Research Extension Center, University of North Dakota, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Mayville State University; the Budget Committee on Health Care budget tours of the International Peace Garden, Dunseith, and the State Fair grounds, Minot; and the Budget Committee on Human Services budget tours of the North Central Human Service Center, Minot, and the West Central Human Service Center, Bismarck
- 4:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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