

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, December 15, 2005
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the September 7, 2005, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the status of the general fund
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information regarding budget data and appropriations bill format consideration
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding any proposed changes to the 2007-09 biennium budget data, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-07
- 9:40 a.m. Committee consideration of any changes to the 2007-09 biennium budget data and appropriations bill format
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the 2005 centers of excellence applications
- 10:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Centers of Excellence Commission and the listed applicants regarding the following funding award recommendations for centers of excellence:
- Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1566) - Bismarck State College Career and Technology Institute - \$3,000,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1567) - Lake Region State College Dakota Center of Optimized Agriculture - \$450,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1568) - University of North Dakota National Center for Hydrogen Technology - \$2,500,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission (Request #1569) - North Dakota State University Center for Advanced Electronics Design and Manufacturing - \$3,000,000
- 11:45 a.m. Committee consideration of the funding award recommendations for centers of excellence made by the Centers of Excellence Commission and considered by the Emergency Commission, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-69-02
- 12:00 noon Presentation by the manager of the Mill and Elevator Association of an annual report of the Mill and Elevator, including the role and mission of the Mill and Elevator and short- and long-term plans, pursuant to Section 35 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2014
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m.

Committee consideration of the following state agency requests, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:

- Office of Management and Budget (Request #1556) - To increase the operating line item and federal funds spending authority by \$100,000 to accept funds from the Department of Homeland Security for training and equipment costs relating to the continuum of government and continuity of operations programs
- State Historical Society (Request #1557) - To accept federal passthrough funds from the Department of Transportation related to a transportation enhancement grant and to increase the capital assets line item by \$180,000 for costs related to the expansion and renovation of the Chateau de Mores visitor center in Medora
- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #1558) - To make a line item transfer of \$1.5 million from the department's equity pool line item contained in 2005 Senate Bill No. 2015 for employee salary equity adjustments to the Juvenile Community Services line item (\$66,145), the Field Services line item (\$3,543), the Prisons Division line item (\$1,254,071), and the Youth Correctional Center line item (\$176,241) to allow the payment of equity funds from the applicable line items
- Department of Emergency Services (Request #1559) - To increase the salaries and wages line item by \$249,825 to accept federal funds from the pre-disaster mitigation grant program to provide administration and support for grants awarded to the city of Fargo and Barnes County
- Department of Emergency Services (Request #1560) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$3 million to accept federal funds from the federal Department of Homeland Security for the salaries and wages line item (\$80,000), operating line item (\$420,000), and the grants line item (\$2.5 million) for a temporary public information officer position, staff overtime, development and exercising of a sheltering plan related to large-scale evacuations, providing assistance to requesting states under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and providing grants to assisting state agencies and other entities
- Department of Emergency Services (Request #1562) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$2,238,971 relating to Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act funding (\$1,945,783) and state disaster loan proceeds (\$293,188) for the salaries and wages line item (\$75,000), operating line item (\$150,000), and the grants line item (\$2,013,971) for disaster costs associated with the snow disaster in October 2005. The request includes the authority for the department to obtain a \$293,188 loan from the Bank of North Dakota, pursuant to NDCC Section 37-17.1-23, to pay the estimated state share of the disaster recovery costs. Repayment of the loan will be requested as a deficiency appropriation from the 2007 Legislative Assembly.
- Adjutant General (Request #1563) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$1.6 million to accept federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for the Army Guard contracts line item and for approval of 28 FTE positions to expand the deployment of security forces at Fraire Barracks in Bismarck and Camp Grafton in Devils Lake
- Adjutant General (Request #1564) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$860,000 to accept federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for the Air Guard contracts line item to fund 30 temporary security positions at the North

Dakota Air National Guard located at Hector Field in Fargo from January 2006 through September 2005

- Department of Agriculture (Request #1565) - To transfer \$131,000 from the state contingency fund and approval to increase spending authority and the Board of Animal Health line item to reimburse livestock producers for vaccination and disposal costs associated with the anthrax outbreak during summer 2005

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The estimated \$8.8 million reduction in general fund matching requirements for North Dakota's federal medical assistance percentage for fiscal year 2007
 - The status of the Medicaid management information system (MMIS)
- 2:30 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
- 3:00 p.m. Report by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services on the status of the reorganization of the Division of Emergency Management into the Department of Emergency Services
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota of an annual report on the status of the job insurance trust fund, including the actual trust fund balance, the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier as of December 31, 2004, and a projected trust fund balance for the next three years, pursuant to NDCC Section 52-02-17
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the powers and duties of the Budget Section
- 3:45 p.m. Distribution of a report on the Higher Education Committee's budget tours of Williston State College, Williston Research Extension Center, and Bismarck State College
- 3:55 p.m. Distribution of a report on the Budget Committee on Government Services budget tours of the James River Correctional Center, Missouri River Correctional Center, State Penitentiary, and Roughrider Industries
- 4:05 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:20 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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