

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the February 3, 2016, meeting

**STATE BUDGET INFORMATION**

- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- The status of the general fund, including major revenue estimate variances to the original and revised revenue forecasts
  - Current fund balances of major state funds
  - Agency budget reductions by line item to comply with the Governor's 4.05 percent general fund allotment
  - Office of Management and Budget's plan to meet the Governor's 4.05 percent general fund allotment
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of memorandums regarding:
- Historical general fund revenue and appropriation information
  - Preliminary 2017-19 biennium budget information
  - Oil tax revenue information for the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums
  - The effects of employment data on oil tax revenue allocations
  - Appropriations for employee salaries and benefits, including health insurance
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lynn Helms, Director, Department of Mineral Resources, regarding:
- The status of oil and gas development in the state
  - Current workload and any planned staffing changes
  - The department's plan to meet the Governor's 4.05 percent general fund allotment
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Ron Ness, President, North Dakota Petroleum Council, on the short-term and long-term outlooks for oil and gas development in the state, including the price needed to increase the number of oil rigs operating in the state
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the department's plan for spending reductions due to budget allotments and the anticipated effect of the reductions on department programs and services
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding the department's plan for spending reductions due to budget allotments and the anticipated effect of the reductions on department programs and services
- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**STUDY OF STATUTORY AND REGULATORY  
REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDING**

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding statutory and regulatory requirements relating to federal funding, including:
- Funding for crime victims assistance, including the source of matching funds provided by local grant recipients
  - The regional distribution of crime victims assistance grant funds
  - Funding for crime victims compensation
  - The total cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens
  - The potential effects of noncompliance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, including effects on other state agencies
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction regarding statutory and regulatory requirements relating to federal funding, including:
- Summary information regarding certain federal grant programs administered by the department; program funding, including state and local matching funds; and key guidelines and requirements for each program
  - Outcome reviews of federal grant programs administered by the department
  - Federal grant funding provided to regional education associations
  - The allocation of federal grant funding for department administrative costs
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:20 p.m. Committee discussion
- STUDY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BUDGET SECTION**
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the history of Budget Section approval of new building projects
- 2:35 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a proposed bill draft to amend North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-12.1, relating to higher education campus improvements and building construction
- 2:45 p.m. Committee discussion regarding functions of the Budget Section
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives: Jeff Delzer (Chairman), Rick C. Becker, Joshua A. Boschee, Glen Froseth, Eliot Glassheim, Jessica Haak, Craig Headland, Jim Kasper, Kim Koppelman, Vernon Laning, Mike Lefor, Scott Louser, Chet Pollert, Jim Schmidt, Vicky Steiner, Don Vigesaa, Kris Wallman

Senators: Ron Carlisle, Ralph Kilzer, Richard Marcellais, Ronald Sorvaag

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