



BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, March 19, 2020
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

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- 10:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the December 18, 2019, meeting
- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-27
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to Section 54-14-03.1
- *10:50 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **State Department of Health (Request #1953)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$475,000, including \$150,000 in the operating expenses line item and \$325,000 in the grants line item, to accept and expend funds from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. The federal funding is to provide financial assistance for authorized grocery stores and retailers to upgrade point of sale systems to process WIC Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) transactions.
 - **Secretary of State (Request #1957)** - The request is to receive \$3 million of federal funds from the Federal Election Assistance Commission relating to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #1958)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$6 million, including \$700,000 in the salaries and wages line item, \$3.2 million in the operating expenses line item, \$200,000 in the capital assets line item, and \$1.9 million in the grants line item to accept and expend funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal funding is to contain and mitigate the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
- *10:55 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System of a request for Budget Section approval to authorize a softball field project at Dickinson State University for \$913,000 using \$304,333 of extraordinary repairs funding and \$608,667 of private donations pursuant to Section 15-10-12.1
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Agriculture regarding the status of the emergency feed transportation assistance program

- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Bank of North Dakota of an overview of the ag disaster relief program and the livestock feed loan program created to address the needs of farmers and ranchers negatively affected by extreme weather conditions in 2019 and the status of the programs
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 11:40 a.m. Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

Committee Members

Senators: Terry M. Wanzek (Chairman), Brad Bekkedahl, Dick Dever, Robert Erbele, John Grabinger, Joan Heckaman, David Hogue, Ray Holmberg, Jerry Klein, Karen K. Krebsbach, Gary A. Lee, Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke, Nicole Poolman, Larry J. Robinson, Ronald Sorvaag, Rich Wardner

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