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## BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Due to public health considerations and in accordance with Executive Order 2020-16, a meeting room will not be available to the public for this meeting. A live stream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <http://video.legis.nd.gov>.

- 11:15 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the October 28, 2020, meeting](#)
- ★11:20 a.m. Consideration of the following state agency [requests](#) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Department of Career and Technical Education (Request #2028)** - The request is to transfer \$490,000 from various line items to the grants - secondary line item, including \$150,000 from the salaries and wages line item, \$125,000 from the operating expenses line item, and \$215,000 from the adult farm management line item, for reimbursing schools and area career and technical centers for new and expanding programs.
  - **Multiple agencies (Request #2031)** - The request is to:
    - Authorize the return of \$35,022,660 of the previously allocated coronavirus relief funds from state agencies;
    - Authorize the Bank of North Dakota to change its previously authorized COVID-19 PACE recovery program and COVID-19 PACE recovery program II to:
      - Accept application through November 30, 2020;
      - Provide business assistance grants for interest expense and revenue loss for a period of up to 10 months rather than 6 months; and
      - Allow funds to be transferred between the two programs.
  - Increase federal funds spending authority by \$35,022,660 to allow the following agencies to accept and expend the returned coronavirus relief funding:
    - Department of Commerce - \$10,500,000
    - State Department of Health - \$15,000,000
    - Job Service North Dakota - \$2,653,643
    - Council on the Arts - \$800,000
    - Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - \$6,069,017
- 11:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Governor's office of a report pursuant to Section 54-07-12 regarding the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund and loan
- 12:00 noon Recess

- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Moody's Analytics regarding:
- North Dakota economic outlook, including anticipated oil prices and agricultural commodity prices
  - Projections for inflation, interest rates, unemployment, and the value of the dollar and their effect on the North Dakota economy
  - Economic assumptions included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium and the 2021-23 biennium
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding:
- Status of the general fund
  - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to Section 54-14-03.1
  - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
  - Report on specified commodities and services exempted from the procurement requirements of Section 54-44.4-02.2
- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of OMB regarding the [executive budget recommendations](#), including:
- Executive budget revenue forecast for the 2021-23 biennium
  - Estimated general fund turnback for the 2019-21 biennium
  - Anticipated deficiency appropriation requests for the 2019-21 biennium
  - Ongoing revenues and appropriations
  - One-time revenues and appropriations
  - Proposed statutory changes to implement recommendations in the executive budget, including any recommended tax or fee changes, revenue distribution changes, or changes to duties and responsibilities of state agencies
- 2:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of OMB on the 2021-23 biennium executive budget recommendations for:
- State employee compensation and benefits
  - Information Technology Department and information technology shared services
  - Information technology projects
  - Elementary, secondary, and career and technical education
  - Higher education institutions and the North Dakota University System office
  - State Department of Health, Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of Human Services
  - Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
  - Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the Department of Commerce, the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension Service, and the Agricultural Experiment Station
  - Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department
  - Department of Transportation
  - Other state agencies and institutions
  - Capital projects

- Use of bonding for capital projects

- 3:20 p.m. Presentation of a [report](#) from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board regarding the status of the legacy fund and budget stabilization fund pursuant to Section 21-10-11
- 3:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding its study pursuant to Section 18 of House Bill No. 1002 (2019) of the need for one full-time equivalent (FTE) court reporter position for each district court judgeship
- 3:50 p.m. Distribution of written [reports](#) from the University System regarding an annual report on FTE position adjustments made for the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Main Research Center, branch research centers, and Agronomy Seed Farm pursuant to Sections 11-38-12 and 15-12.1-05 and Section 8 of House Bill No. 1020 (2019)
- 3:55 p.m. Distribution of written reports from [hub](#) cities on use of funding received from oil and gas gross production tax allocations under Section 57-51-15 for fiscal year 2020
- 4:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

#### **Committee Members**

**Committee membership will be announced during the legislative organizational session, December 1-3, 2020.**

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