



BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, September 21, 2023
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the June 29, 2023, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the State Treasurer's office regarding warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than 3 years pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-11-01
- 10:10 a.m. [Presentations](#) by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund, including final amounts for the 2021-23 biennium
 - Agency unexpended general fund appropriations for the 2021-23 biennium (turnback)
 - 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 state agencies' capital construction carryover funds
 - Distributions from the executive branch new and vacant FTE funding pool pursuant to Section 22 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2023), including new FTE positions hired, salaries and wages savings from vacant positions by agency, and each agency's uses of salaries and wages funding including amounts spent for additional salary increases and bonuses
- *10:25 a.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Department of Commerce ([Request #2101](#))** - The request is to transfer \$1.55 million of federal funds from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item for a parks and recreation grant program.
 - **Secretary of State ([Request #2102](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$462,135 in the election reform line item for the 2023-25 biennium to accept federal Department of Defense funds for a secure ballot delivery portal for the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act population.
 - **Department of Public Instruction ([Request #2103](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$4,031,338, including funding in the operating expenses line item (\$851,338) and the grants - other grants line item (\$3,180,000), to accept and expend a state apprenticeship expansion formula grant administered by the United States Department of Labor.

- **Adjutant General ([Request #2105](#))** - The request is for \$111,380 from the state contingencies appropriation to provide corrected snow removal grant amounts to certain political subdivisions due to errors in calculating the initial grant awards as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2183 (2023) during the 2021-23 biennium.
- **Adjutant General ([Request #2106](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$515,000 to complete the bridge training site project located at Camp Grafton.
- **Adjutant General ([Request #2107](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$5.3 million to complete construction of the Dickinson Readiness Center.
- **Adjutant General ([Request #2108](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$2 million to complete construction of the fitness facility at Camp Grafton.
- **Agriculture Commissioner ([Request #2109](#))** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority during the 2023-25 biennium by \$2,345,140, including \$61,650 for temporary salaries, \$6,110 for operating expenses, and \$2,277,380 for grants, for a resilient food systems infrastructure grant program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture - Agriculture Marketing Service.

- *10:40 a.m. Committee [consideration](#) of the use of funding from the flexible transportation fund for road and bridge projects pursuant to Section 24-02-37.3
- 10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to Section 40-63-07(9)
- 11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the State Fire Marshal on expenditures by certified fire departments and district funds received from the insurance tax distribution fund and reserve fund balances for 2022 and any information available for 2023 pursuant to Section 18-04-02
- 11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the department's prison population management plan, inmate admissions, and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing pursuant to Section 54-23.3-11
- 11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding a report on the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund for the 2021-23 biennium pursuant to Section 54-17.8-07
- 11:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Board of University and School Lands of a report pursuant to Section 15-02-08.1 regarding the investment performance of each fund under the control of the board
- 11:55 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota University System of a report on the sources of funds received for construction projects of entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to Section 15-10-12.3
- 12:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding the timing of oil and gas tax revenue collections and allocations
- 12:10 p.m. Distribution of a report from a representative of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation regarding fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry and essential infrastructure projects (and each project's cost) completed by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation using oil and gas tax receipts pursuant to Section 57-51.2-02
- 12:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:20 p.m. Adjourn

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

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Brad Bekkedahl (Chairman), Randy A. Burckhard, Kyle Davison, Dick Dever, Michael Dwyer, Robert Erbele, Kathy Hogan, David Hogue, Jerry Klein, Karen K. Krebsbach, Curt Kreun, Tim Mathern, Scott Meyer, Merrill Piepkorn, Jim P. Roers, David S. Rust, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag, Shawn Vedaa, Terry M. Wanzek

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