



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
Review of the [*Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management*](#)

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following memorandums and reports:

- [Budget and fiscal trends](#)
- [68th Legislative Assembly State Budget Actions for the 2023-25 Biennium](#)
- [Estimated Revenue Sources and Distributions for Major State Funds for the 2023-25 Biennium](#)
- [Oil and Gas Tax Revenue Allocation Flowchart - 2023-25 Biennium](#)
- [General Fund Revenues Monthly Update](#)
- [Oil and Gas Tax Revenues Monthly Update](#)
- [2023 North Dakota Finance Facts pocket brochure](#)

- 10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding:

- The final status of the general fund for the 2021-23 biennium, including unspent 2021-23 biennium appropriation authority ("turnback")
- The cashflow forecast for the general fund for the 2023-25 biennium
- The status of the general fund for the 2023-25 biennium
- Selected special fund balances
- The status of federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditures
- The status of the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for career centers and any use of the Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the centers

REPORTS

- 11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of OMB regarding executive branch employees who received a cumulative salary increase of 15 percent or more between March 31, 2021, and June 30, 2023, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44-04

- 11:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Retirement and Investment Office regarding the amount of legacy fund earnings that would have been transferred to the legacy earnings fund if Senate Bill No. 2330 (2023) had not been passed by the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Section 62 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2023)

11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services regarding a report on the grants awarded before June 30, 2023, to tribal governments, counties, cities, and townships for emergency snow removal pursuant to Senate Bill Nos. 2015 and 2183 (2023)

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background [memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of state agency fees pursuant to Section 54-35-27

11:40 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of OMB regarding a review of the [agency fee report](#) for state agencies with 40 fees or fewer which was presented in September 2022

11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of state agency fees

12:00 noon Recess

STATE GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMS STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background [memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of state guardianship programs pursuant to Section 65 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2023)

1:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of OMB regarding an overview of the agency's administration of guardianship programs, including the funding provided for the 2023-25 biennium

1:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding an overview of the agency's administration of guardianship programs, including the funding provided for the 2023-25 biennium

1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding an overview of the agency's administration of guardianship programs, including the funding provided for the 2023-25 biennium

1:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of state guardianship programs, including:

- [Comments](#) by a representative of Guardian and Protective Services
- [Comments](#) by a representative of Catholic Charities of North Dakota
- [Comments](#) by Senator Judy Lee

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BUDGET STUDY

2:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background [memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of the appropriations procedures for the Department of Financial Institutions pursuant to Section 3 of House Bill No. 1008 (2023)

2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Financial Institutions regarding an overview of the current appropriation procedures for the department and alternative appropriation methods, including comments regarding the feasibility and desirability of changing the appropriation procedures for the department

2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the appropriations procedures for the Department of Financial Institutions

2:40 p.m. Break

FUND ADMINISTRATION STUDY

2:50 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background [memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund pursuant to Section 63 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2023)

3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner's office regarding an overview of the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund, including comments regarding the feasibility and desirability of changing the administration of the funds to OMB

- 3:15 p.m. Comments by a representative of OMB regarding the feasibility and desirability of administering the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund
- 3:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund
- STATE BUDGET MONITORING AND OTHER DUTIES**
- 3:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding a background [memorandum](#) regarding the committee's responsibility to monitor the state budget and the committee's other duties
- 3:50 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Dean Rummel (Chairman), Jeff Barta, Todd Beard, Kristin Roers, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag, Michael A. Wobbema

Representatives: Bert Anderson, Larry Bellew, Craig Headland, Jeff A. Hoverson, Keith Kempenich, Lisa Meier, Mike Nathe, Emily O'Brien, Brandy Pyle, Paul J. Thomas, Steve Vetter, Don Vigasaa

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