



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the December 12, 2023, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

10:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- The status of the general fund
- Selected special fund balances
- The status of the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditures

STUDY OF STATE-OWNED AIRCRAFT

10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding any state contracts for air transportation services and the amount spent related to those contracts

10:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Transportation regarding a market analysis [report](#) of the department's aircraft, recent repairs to the department's aircraft, and any in-flight emergencies for the department's aircraft

10:45 a.m. Committee tour to view state-owned aircraft at the Bismarck Municipal Airport, 2301 University Drive, Bismarck

NOTE: Space is limited on the tour and all participants must be preapproved for entrance into secure airport facilities - [See meeting notice](#). Participants may not take photographs or video recordings during the tour.

12:15 p.m. Recess

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BUDGET STUDY

1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the budget approval process and a continuing appropriation for the Department of Financial Institutions

1:20 p.m. Comments by a representative of the Department of Financial Institutions and other interested persons regarding the bill draft

AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY GRANT REPORTS

1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding the status of any autonomous technology grants awarded to a workforce training center pursuant to Section 1 of House Bill No. 1519 (2023)

1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Agriculture regarding the status of any autonomous technology grants awarded to individuals or entities in the agriculture industry pursuant to Section 1 of House Bill No. 1519 (2023)

STATE GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMS STUDY

- 1:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the historical reasons for appropriating guardianship funding to the Office of Management and Budget
- 2:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding the status of the Guardianship Task Force's study of the guardianship monitoring program and review of a prior recommendation for an independent office of public guardians
- 2:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding a proposal to consider transferring guardianship grant funding from the Office of Management and Budget to the Department of Health and Human Services related to the committee's study of state guardianship programs
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of state guardianship programs
- 3:00 p.m. Break

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

- 3:10 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council Staff of a revised [memorandum](#) regarding a summary of the state agency fee report
- 3:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees
- 3:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Mineral Resources regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees
- 3:55 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Securities Department regarding the fees collected by the department, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 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, Craig Headland, Jeff A. Hoverson, Keith Kempenich, Lisa Meier, Mike Nathe, Emily O'Brien, Brandy Pyle, Paul J. Thomas, Steve Vetter, Don Vigesaa

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