



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the March 19, 2024, 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
- The status of the cash management study under Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2393

10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding:

- The [2023-25 Biennium Report on Compliance with Legislative Intent](#)
- The [Analysis of State Trust Funds for the 2021-23 and 2023-25 Bienniums](#) (June 2024)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - VACANT POSITIONS AND SALARY BLOCK GRANT

10:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the department's vacant positions, vacant position savings, and use of funding for the full-time equivalent position block grant program through May 2024

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTS

10:35 a.m. [Presentations](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:

- Report on the status of each grant program in Section 2 of House Bill No. 1018, including the funding spent, the individuals or businesses awarded funding, grant criteria, and a detailed listing of how the funding was used pursuant to Section 30 of House Bill No. 1018
- Report on the status of the uncrewed aircraft systems test site pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-28
- Report on the development of the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program and the total amount deposited in the general fund pursuant to Section 54-60-29.1

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Housing Finance Agency 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

- 11:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 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
- 11:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Agriculture 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
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of state agency fees
- 12:00 noon Recess

REVENUE MONITORING

- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of S&P Global regarding economic conditions for the United States and North Dakota, including the oil and gas industry and the agriculture industry
- 1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Tax Department regarding comparisons of the estimated fiscal impact and actual amounts of tax relief under House Bill No. 1158, including the individual income tax changes, expansion of the homestead tax credit, and the new primary residence credit
- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding historical property tax revenues and the estimated fiscal impact of property tax elimination

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BUDGET STUDY

- 2:15 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of bill draft [\[25.0060.01000\]](#) relating to the budget approval process and a continuing appropriation for the Department of Financial Institutions
- 2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft
- 2:30 p.m. Break

FUND ADMINISTRATION STUDY

- 2:40 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding:
- A bill draft [\[25.0245.01000\]](#) relating to changing the administration of the state bonding fund from the Insurance Commissioner to the Office of Management and Budget
 - A bill draft [\[25.0246.01000\]](#) relating to changing the administration of the state fire and tornado fund from the Insurance Commissioner to the Office of Management and Budget
- 2:50 p.m. [Comments](#) by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner's office regarding the bill drafts
- 3:00 p.m. [Comments](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding the bill drafts
- 3:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft

STATE GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMS STUDY

- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft [\[25.0224.01000\]](#) relating to the creation of an office of guardianship and conservatorship
- 3:25 p.m. [Comments](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding the bill draft
- 3:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft, including:
- [Guardian and Protective Services, Inc.](#)
 - [Guardian Angels Inc.](#)
- 4:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:15 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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