

# North Dakota Legislative Council

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### OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUES MONTHLY UPDATE

This memorandum provides an update on oil production and prices, oil and gas tax revenue collections, and oil and gas tax revenue allocations for March 2025 and for the biennium to date. The forecasted amounts reflect the 2023 legislative revenue forecast ("original forecast") prepared at the close of the 2023 regular legislative session and the January 2025 revised legislative forecast ("January 2025 revised forecast").

#### **OIL PRODUCTION AND PRICES**

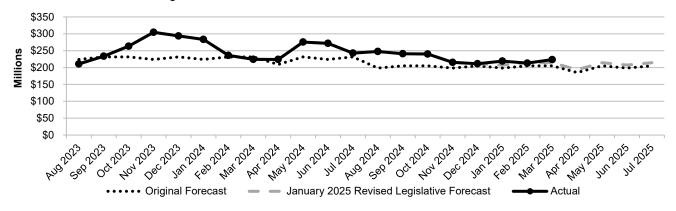
The schedule below provides information on oil production and prices for January 2025 and for the biennium to date. Oil and gas tax revenue allocations reflect production and price from 2 months prior. The actual oil prices reflect the North Dakota oil prices reported by the Tax Department.

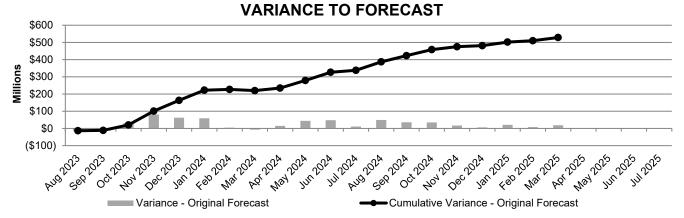
| Original Forecast            |              |           |        |         |                  |           |         |         |  |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--|--|
|                              | January 2025 |           |        |         | Biennium to Date |           |         |         |  |  |
|                              |              |           | Varia  | ince    |                  | Variance  |         | ınce    |  |  |
|                              | Actual       | Forecast  | Amount | Percent | Actual           | Forecast  | Amount  | Percent |  |  |
| Average daily oil production | 1,172,286    | 1,100,000 | 72,286 | 7%      | 1,212,025        | 1,100,000 | 112,025 | 10%     |  |  |
| Average oil price per barrel | \$67.64      | \$62.00   | \$5.64 | 9%      | \$70.63          | \$66.80   | \$3.83  | 6%      |  |  |

| January 2025 Revised Forecast |           |           |        |         |                  |           |          |         |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|--|--|
|                               |           | Januar    | y 2025 |         | Biennium to Date |           |          |         |  |  |
|                               |           |           | Varia  | ance    |                  | Variance  |          | ance    |  |  |
|                               | Actual    | Forecast  | Amount | Percent | Actual           | Forecast  | Amount   | Percent |  |  |
| Average daily oil production  | 1,172,286 | 1,150,000 | 22,286 | 2%      | 1,212,025        | 1,205,033 | 6,992    | 1%      |  |  |
| Average oil price per barrel  | \$67.64   | \$62.00   | \$5.64 | 9%      | \$70.63          | \$72.41   | (\$1.78) | (2%)    |  |  |

#### OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS

The chart below provides information on total oil and gas tax revenue collections based on the original forecast and actual allocations through March 2025.





## **OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATIONS**

The schedule below provides information on oil and gas tax revenue allocations to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, state funds, and political subdivisions for March 2025 and for the biennium to date.

| Original Forecast                          |            |          |          |         |                  |            |            |         |  |
|--|------------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|------------|------------|---------|--|
|  | March 2025 |          |          |         | Biennium to Date |            |            |         |  |
|  | Variance   |          |          |         | Variance         |            |            |         |  |
|  | Actual     | Forecast | Amount   | Percent | Actual           | Forecast   | Amount     | Percent |  |
| Three Affiliated Tribes                    | \$20.11    | \$26.76  | (\$6.65) | (25%)   | \$421.27         | \$566.83   | (\$145.56) | (26%)   |  |
| Legacy fund                                | 61.13      | 53.58    | 7.55     | 14%     | 1,338.56         | 1,135.80   | 202.76     | 18%     |  |
| North Dakota outdoor heritage fund         | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 15.00            | 15.00      | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| Abandoned well reclamation fund            | 0.83       | 0.65     | 0.18     | 28%     | 13.32            | 11.98      | 1.34       | 11%     |  |
| Political subdivisions                     | 30.94      | 25.84    | 5.10     | 20%     | 714.25           | 584.10     | 130.15     | 22%     |  |
| Common schools trust fund                  | 9.09       | 8.75     | 0.34     | 4%      | 198.11           | 185.56     | 12.55      | 7%      |  |
| Foundation aid stabilization fund          | 9.09       | 8.75     | 0.34     | 4%      |                  | 185.56     | 12.55      | 7%      |  |
| Resources trust fund                       | 18.63      | 17.95    | 0.68     | 4%      | 406.12           | 380.39     | 25.73      | 7%      |  |
| Oil and gas research fund                  | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 17.50      | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| State energy research center fund          | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 7.50       | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| General fund                               | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 460.00     | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| Social service fund                        | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 250.00     | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| Budget stabilization fund                  | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 0.00       | 0.00       | N/A     |  |
| Lignite research fund                      | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     |                  | 10.00      | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| State disaster relief fund                 | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 8.45             | 12.53      | (4.08)     | (33%)   |  |
| Strategic investment and improvements fund | 73.69      | 0.00     | 73.69    | N/A     | 502.20           | 400.00     | 102.20     | 26%     |  |
| PERS main system plan                      | 0.00       | 3.59     | (3.59)   | (100%)  |                  | 65.00      | 0.00       | 0%      |  |
| Municipal infrastructure fund              | 0.00       | 29.60    | (29.60)  | (100%)  | 115.00           | 29.60      | 85.40      | 289%    |  |
| County and township infrastructure fund    | 0.00       | 29.60    | (29.60)  | (100%)  | 115.00           | 29.60      | 85.40      | 289%    |  |
| Airport infrastructure fund                | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 20.00            | 0.00       | 20.00      | N/A     |  |
| Total oil and gas tax revenue allocations  | \$223.51   | \$205.07 | \$18.44  | 9%      | \$4,875.39       | \$4,346.95 | \$528.44   | 12%     |  |

| January 2025 Revised Forecast              |            |          |          |         |                  |            |          |         |  |
|--|------------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|------------|----------|---------|--|
|  | March 2025 |          |          |         | Biennium to Date |            |          |         |  |
|  |            |          | Variance |         |                  |            | Variance |         |  |
|  | Actual     | Forecast | Amount   | Percent | Actual           | Forecast   | Amount   | Percent |  |
| Three Affiliated Tribes                    | \$20.11    | \$19.50  | \$0.61   | 3%      | \$421.27         | \$422.46   | (\$1.19) | 0%      |  |
| Legacy fund                                | 61.13      | 58.53    | 2.60     | 4%      | 1,338.56         | 1,332.26   | 6.30     | 0%      |  |
| North Dakota outdoor heritage fund         | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 15.00            | 15.00      | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Abandoned well reclamation fund            | 0.83       | 0.73     | 0.10     | 14%     | 13.32            | 13.00      | 0.32     | 2%      |  |
| Political subdivisions                     | 30.94      | 27.81    | 3.13     | 11%     | 714.25           | 703.67     | 10.58    | 2%      |  |
| Common schools trust fund                  | 9.09       | 9.64     | (0.55)   | (6%)    | 198.11           | 200.04     | (1.93)   | (1%)    |  |
| Foundation aid stabilization fund          | 9.09       | 9.64     | (0.55)   | (6%)    | 198.11           | 200.04     | (1.93)   | (1%)    |  |
| Resources trust fund                       | 18.63      | 19.77    | (1.14)   | (6%)    | 406.12           | 410.08     | (3.96)   | (1%)    |  |
| Oil and gas research fund                  | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 17.50            | 17.50      | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| State energy research center fund          | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 7.50             | 7.50       | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| General fund                               | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 460.00           | 460.00     | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Social service fund                        | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 250.00           | 250.00     | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Budget stabilization fund                  | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 0.00             | 0.00       | 0.00     | N/A     |  |
| Lignite research fund                      | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 10.00            | 10.00      | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| State disaster relief fund                 | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 8.45             | 8.45       | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Strategic investment and improvements fund | 73.69      | 68.78    | 4.91     | 7%      | 502.20           | 490.89     | 11.31    | 2%      |  |
| PERS main system plan                      | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 65.00            | 65.00      | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Municipal infrastructure fund              | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 115.00           | 115.00     | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| County and township infrastructure fund    | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 115.00           | 115.00     | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Airport infrastructure fund                | 0.00       | 0.00     | 0.00     | N/A     | 20.00            | 20.00      | 0.00     | 0%      |  |
| Total oil and gas tax revenue allocations  | \$223.51   | \$214.40 | \$9.11   | 4%      | \$4,875.39       | \$4,855.89 | \$19.50  | 0%      |  |