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In consideration of the upcoming bill introduction deadline, the Legislative Council staff will do its best to complete bill drafts received by noon TODAY, before the Monday, January 20 deadline.

## **Legislators' Tax Statements, Payrolls, and Vouchers**



Legislator W-2s and tax information for the 2024 tax year, along with information on travel expense reports, were delivered to legislators' desks in the chambers. Legislators who opted to receive their W-2 electronically via PeopleSoft have been sent an email notification that forms are ready for printing. If legislators chose the electronic option, the envelope will include only the travel

expense report and the tax information letter. Newly elected legislators will not receive a 2024 W-2 because their first December paycheck was issued in January. Please contact Lori Ziegler with questions regarding year-end tax statements.

Vouchers for January mileage and lodging reimbursement will be delivered to legislators' desks the week of January 27th. Legislators are eligible to claim one roundtrip mileage reimbursement per week for travel home. The maximum reimbursable lodging amount per month is \$2,022. Lodging receipts must accompany vouchers. Acceptable receipt forms for lodging include an email from the landlord specifying the rent amount and month, a canceled check, a signed receipt, or a copy of the hotel folio with payment details. Meal expenses during the session are not reimbursable.

Completed vouchers and receipts should be placed in the Legislative Council baskets located at the front of each chamber. Reimbursements will be processed and deposited within 5 business days. Please contact Natalie Rindlisbacher or Lori Ziegler with questions regarding travel and lodging reimbursement.

#### Photos from the Floor







to the Constitution of North Dakota

## \*Except study resolutions and amendments

## **New Series of How-To's Now** Available on Our Website



As part of the Legislative Council's efforts to improve communication between the Legislative Branch and the public, the Legislative Council is launching a new series of how-to videos on its website.

Videos will include overviews on how to submit testimony; use the Legislative Bill Tracking System; contact legislators; view agency budgets; access information for bills and resolutions, including versions, actions, video, hearings, and testimony; and watch live or view previously recorded floor sessions and committee hearings. The topics selected for how-to videos are based on frequently asked questions received by the Legislative Council staff.

**699** Bills and Resolutions Introduced 474 House 225 Senate

**1.336** Bills and Resolutions Requested

**235** Bills Heard in Committee This Week

42 Bills Passed in the House

43 Bills Passed in the Senate

1 Bill Enrolled

### **Important Dates**

Jan. 20: Final Bill Intro Deadline for Representatives

First Bill Intro Deadline for Senators

Jan. 27: Final Bill Intro Deadline for Senators

Jan. 30: Resolution Intro Deadline\*

## **Employee Spotlight**



Cody Malloy is the Information Technology Services Director at the Legislative Council. Since starting with the Council in 2011. Cody has led multiple projects, including video streaming and archiving implementation; voting system enhancements, including remote voting; and multiple custom hardware

and application upgrades. Cody serves as a director in the National Association of Legislative Information Technology, a professional staff association within the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and is serving on the NCSL Artificial Intelligence Special Work Group as vice chair. Cody has a BS in Management Information Systems and Computer Science from North Dakota State University.

Cody and his wife Jennifer enjoy family time with their three daughters and son. The kids keep everyone moving with hockey, soccer, dance, choir, and multiple school activities. They're also involved in North Dakota's Gateway to Science and many other Bismarck community organizations.



