



The Council

Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Committee

The Artificial Intelligence and Data Center Committee held its first meeting on July 15, after being formed by Legislative Management on June 25. The membership of the committee includes legislators from both chambers of the Legislative Assembly and two citizen members with expertise in artificial intelligence (AI) and data centers.

The committee received background information from Legislative Council staff and a presentation from representatives of the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding federal and state AI regulations. A professor from the Illinois Institute of Technology's Department of Computer Science presented on the development of AI, its differences from traditional computing, and key challenges, including maintaining human control, protecting children, cybersecurity, and jobs and education. The committee received information from the North Dakota Information Technology Department regarding the development, deployment, and use of AI across state agencies.

The committee received information from the Executive Director of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners regarding the impact of data center growth on the energy sector. Representatives of the North Dakota League of Cities, the Greater North Dakota Chamber, and TechND provided an overview of a model ordinance relating to data centers. The committee received several comments during a public input period and announced an opportunity for interested persons to submit written testimony.

The committee plans to hold its next meeting on August 13 and hold three additional meetings, one in Bismarck and two in other locations in the state.

Upcoming Meetings

July

22 Energy Development and
Transmission

Tribal and State Relations

Health Care Committee

The Health Care Committee held its fourth meeting of the interim on July 15. The committee continued its study of electronic prior authorization requirements and received information regarding patient access to non-opioid pain management therapies and measures being taken to combat opioid addiction. The committee also continued its study of unmet dental and oral health care needs and received information from the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas regarding potential legislation to improve access to oral health care in the state.

The committee received several required reports, including a report on the identification of patterns, trends, and policy issues related to maternal mortality, the State Fire Marshal's recommendations for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the state's reduced ignition propensity standards for cigarettes, and a report on the state stroke system of care.