

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 3, 1997
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the October 8, 1997, meeting
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the status of the RESPOND computer system, including system costs and benefits and the receipt of federal funds
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on:
- Projected savings related to the department's major technology projects listed in Section 19 of 1997 House Bill No. 1012
 - Estimated expenditures relating to operation and growth of existing department networks
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota on:
- Unemployment rates by region of the state and by industry
 - Job availability by region of the state and by industry
 - Forecasting methods used by the agency to project the balance in the job insurance trust fund
 - The agency's plan to return the job insurance trust fund balance to \$40 million
 - The impact of 1997 House Bill No. 1448 (which established a separate unemployment compensation benefit schedule for employees of highway and street construction companies) on the job insurance trust fund balance
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council Staff of a bill draft that eliminates the requirement that the Budget Section approve nonresident tuition rates at the institutions of higher education
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the bill draft under consideration by the committee
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System on capital improvement projects at the state's colleges and universities
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System on the Board of Higher Education's study of tuition models

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System on the status of the service, access, growth, empowerment (SAGE) project
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Roughrider Industries regarding the conversion of its computer system to a personal computer network
- 2:15 p.m. Consideration of requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section
- **Department of Public Instruction (Request #1090)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the operating expenses line item by \$1,037,791 for state mathematics assessments
 - **Job Service North Dakota (Request #1091)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$46,735 for salaries and wages (\$1,735) and grants (\$45,000) for the continuation of a Department of Veterans Affairs grant which began in 1995-97
 - **Department of Public Instruction (Request #1092)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$3,125,000 for salaries and wages (\$69,895), operating expenses (\$86,355), and grants (\$2,968,750) for technology grants and related administration
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1094)** - To transfer one FTE position and salaries and wages of \$83,757 from the management and councils subdivision to the program and policy subdivision for the mental health information enhancement plan and to transfer \$124,540 from the grants line of the program and policy subdivision to the field services subdivision for the Northwest Human Service Center (\$68,880) and the North Central Human Service Center (\$55,660) to provide services through regional transition coordinators
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1095)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$150,000 from the Children's Services Coordinating Committee for the West Central Human Service Center (\$50,000), North Central Human Service Center (\$50,000), and Southeast Human Service Center (\$50,000) for matching funds for the Medicaid program
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1096)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,764,616 for operating expenses (\$134,344), equipment (\$4,499), and grants (\$1,625,773) relating to refugee services, family preservation services, adoption services, and foster care
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1097)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$233,591 for salaries and wages (\$210,424) and operating expenses (\$23,167) for disability determination services
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1098)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the grants line item of the program and policy subdivision by \$62,011 for flood-related assistance services to elderly individuals in the Grand Forks area
 - **Highway Patrol (Request #1100)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the field operations line item by \$174,000 to conduct an analysis of United States Highway 52 and to develop a training agenda for motor carriers safety assistance program administrators

- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1101)** - To increase other funds spending authority and the state waterbank program line item by \$500,000 from the Game and Fish Department for waterbank contracts, especially those in the Devils Lake Basin
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1102)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the Project Safe Send line item by \$182,295 for the collection and disposal of flood-damaged hazardous waste collected in the Red River Valley as a result of the 1997 flood

4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Jack Dalrymple (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, LeRoy G. Bernstein, James Boehm, Merle Boucher, Rex R. Byerly, Ron Carlisle, Jeff W. Delzer, John Dorso, Tom D. Freier, Gereld F. Gerntholz, Pam Gullerson, Roy Hausauer, Robert Huether, Richard Kunkel, Edward H. Lloyd, Ronald Nichols, Bill Oban, Al Soukup, Ken Svedjan, Mike Timm, Ben Tollefson, Francis J. Wald, Janet Wentz, Gerry Wilkie

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