

January 29, 1998

## MEETING NOTICE

Senator Jim Yockim, Chairman, has called a meeting of the **WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE**.

**Date:** Tuesday and Wednesday, March 10-11, 1998

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** Roughrider Room, State Capitol, Bismarck

**Agenda:** Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the state's welfare reform efforts, including a status report on the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program, updated caseload data and projected expenditures and savings for the TANF and child care block grant programs, an update on the children's health insurance program and child care funding, tribal welfare reform issues, and a status report on the evaluation of the state's implementation of welfare reform; comments by representatives of county social service offices regarding the implementation of welfare reform, including caseload information, client work participation rates, availability of child care, and client employment opportunities; presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft providing for the state to pay food stamp benefits for refugees ineligible for federal benefits; comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services, Job Service North Dakota, and the North Dakota Private Industry Council regarding the welfare-to-work program; and testimony by other interested persons regarding the state's implementation of welfare reform and tribal welfare reform issues

**Special Note:** Anyone who plans to attend the meeting and needs assistance because of a disability should contact the Legislative Council staff as soon as possible.

**Committee Members:** Senators Jim Yockim, Judy L. DeMers, Tom Fischer, Judy Lee, Donna L. Nalewaja, Bob Stenehjem, Russell T. Thane; Representatives LeRoy G. Bernstein, Linda Christenson, Jack Dalrymple, Connie Johnsen, Ralph L. Kilzer, Carol A. Niemeier, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz

**Staff Contact:** Chester E. Nelson, Jr., Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor  
Jim W. Smith, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor

Any member who is unable to attend this meeting is asked to please notify this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John D. Olsrud  
Director

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