

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, January 16, 2002
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the October 9, 2001, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund, including an updated forecast of 2001-03 biennium revenues and recommendations regarding the use of moneys in the preliminary planning revolving fund and Budget Section consideration pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-27-22
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the tobacco settlement proceeds
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding any proposed changes to the 2003-05 biennium budget forms, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-44.1-07 and the continuation of each agency's budget form analysis of the feasibility and desirability of locating new positions, new programs, or new construction away from a central office setting
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Financial Institutions on the request for an additional .5 FTE position for the licensing and regulation of deferred presentment providers, pursuant to Section 2 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2008, approved by the Emergency Commission in October 2001 and tabled by the Budget Section
- 10:20 a.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Department of Financial Institutions (Request #1371)** - To increase special funds spending authority by \$52,627 relating to the licensing and regulation of deferred presentment service providers for salaries and wages (\$41,659), operating expenses (\$10,968), and authority for a .5 FTE position (Section 2 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2008 authorizes the agency to seek Emergency Commission and Budget Section authority for an additional .5 FTE position, if determined necessary by the agency). Consideration deferred from the October 9, 2001, Budget Section meeting.
 - **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #1376)** - To accept federal passthrough funds of \$67,920 from the Attorney General's office and authorize one FTE position, a human relations counselor, for inmate treatment programs at the James River Correctional Center (\$40,320), for the Prisons Division cognitive program (\$21,600), and for bulletproof and stabproof vests (\$6,000). Emergency Commission approved without the requested FTE position.
 - **Game and Fish Department (Request #1379)** - To authorize two FTE positions and increase federal funds spending authority by \$324,000 for salaries and wages (\$200,000), operating expenses (\$24,000), and grants (\$100,000) to develop a nongame wildlife conservation strategy and gather information on

nongame wildlife species in North Dakota. Emergency Commission approved without the requested FTE positions.

- **Department of Commerce (Request #1382)** - To authorize 1.5 FTE positions and increase federal funds spending authority by \$2,114,313 for salaries (\$255,497), operating expenses (\$22,500), equipment (\$8,000), and grants (\$1,828,316) for a technical skills training project addressing shortages in health-related occupations. Emergency Commission approved without the requested FTE positions.
- **State Department of Health (Request #1383)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$823,878 and the capital improvements line item for higher than anticipated costs per square footage (\$338,817) and an additional 1,700 square feet (\$485,061) to the laboratory building addition project.
- **State Department of Health (Request #1384)** - To authorize three FTE positions and increase spending authority by \$5,445,230 to accept federal funds (\$5,245,230) and passthrough funds from the State Water Commission (\$200,000) from the water development trust fund as approved in 2001 House Bill No. 1023 for salaries and wages (\$158,573), operating expenses (\$809,937), and grants (\$4,476,720) for bioterrorism efforts, the national pharmaceutical stockpile program, emerging diseases, immunization programs, women, infants, and children (WIC) program, breast and cervical cancer screening, leaking underground storage tank (LUST) cleanup in Mandan, non-point source water projects, and family violence services. Emergency Commission approved without the requested FTE positions.
- **Labor Department (Request #1385)** - To accept federal funds (\$51,288) and use carryover federal funds (\$28,926) from the 1999-2001 biennium for a total of \$80,214 for operating expenses associated with fair housing enforcement (\$61,554) and equal employment (\$18,660).
- **Information Technology Department (Request #1386)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$310,000 and the operating expense line item to develop technical architecture, data standards, and implement high-priority criminal justice information-sharing projects

11:00 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota University System office on the following:

- Policy for college president retention awards and a summary of retention and buyout awards given to college presidents over the last four years
- Request for approval to increase other funds spending authority from \$350,000 to \$465,000 for construction of a front entrance to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1
- Request for approval to increase other funds spending authority by \$750,000, and total authorization from \$4,500,000 to \$5,250,000 for the Williston State College Health Science and Sports Complex project, pursuant to NDCC Section 48-02-20

11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Workers Compensation Bureau on:

- The status of the risk management workers' compensation program, pursuant to NDCC Section 65-04-03.1
- Additional FTE positions at the Workers Compensation Bureau, pursuant to Section 2 of 2001 House Bill No. 1024

11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess

- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget of an update regarding North Dakota's homeland security issues and impacts, including state agency efforts and related budget impacts
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce on the status of the Department of Commerce, pursuant to Section 7 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2019
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota on the status of the job insurance trust fund, pursuant to NDCC Section 52-02-17
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Fargo Family HealthCare Center of an update regarding the center's financial operations and of:
- A request for Budget Section approval of a plan to address sustainability of programs and services at the center, as provided for in Section 21 of 2001 House Bill No. 1015
 - A request for Budget Section approval of forgiveness of debt owed to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, as provided for in Section 21 of 2001 House Bill No. 1015
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on the following:
- The status of actual medical assistance expenditures to date compared to projections and whether the actual expenditures for the biennium are anticipated to exceed funding appropriated, pursuant to Section 20 of 2001 House Bill No. 1012
 - The status of the state federal medical assistance percentage for federal fiscal year 2003 and the related fiscal impact
 - A report on the number of families in North Dakota receiving assistance from state programs, including temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), food stamps, medical assistance, child care, and child support
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a summary of agency responses to a survey regarding state employee bonuses, cash incentive awards, and temporary salary adjustments
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Higher Education Committee on that committee's budget tour of North Dakota State University, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, Main Research Station, and North Dakota State University Extension Service
- 4:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the budget tour group regarding the budget tour of the State Penitentiary, Roughrider Industries, Missouri River Correctional Center, Youth Correctional Center, James River Correctional Center, State Hospital, and South Central Human Service Center
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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