

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, April 17, 2002
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the January 16, 2002, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- The status of the general fund
 - The status of the tobacco settlement collections
 - An update regarding North Dakota's homeland security issues and impacts, including state agency efforts and related budget impacts
 - An update on the impact of the federal "tax incentives for economic recovery" legislation
 - The effect of census figures on federal funding received by North Dakota agencies
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding unemployment compensation provisions included in the federal "tax incentives for economic recovery" legislation
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding the status of the procurement and implementation of the enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and consideration of a request to finance a portion of the costs of the ERP system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-59-05(4) and to increase related spending authority
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System on the following requests:
- Request for approval to increase spending authority for renovation of Schafer Hall at Bismarck State College from \$596,000 to \$700,000, \$65,000 of which is local funds from a previous North Dakota lawsuit settlement against asbestos manufacturers and \$39,000 is from the existing capital assets line, pursuant to NDCC Section 48-02-20
 - Request for approval to increase federal funds spending authority by \$2,953,462 for design and construction of a University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Excellence in Neurosciences Building (\$2,923,462) and for related facilities costs (\$30,000), pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1
 - Request for approval to increase federal funds spending authority by \$4,086,620 for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences to purchase a positron emission tomographic (PET) scanner (\$2,500,000), other related laboratory equipment (\$859,620), renovate existing facility space for a support laboratory (\$720,000), and related facilities costs (\$7,000), pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1

- Request for approval to increase federal funds spending authority by \$400,000 for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences to renovate existing facilities for laboratory space for conducting biomedical research projects, contingent upon receipt of a Center for Biomedical Research in Excellence grant, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1
- Request for approval for North Dakota State University to hire a replacement contractor for the F Court student apartment building without the public bids process, due to an emergency situation resulting from the termination of the previous contractor due to breach of contract, pursuant to NDCC Section 48-01.1-02, and approval to spend additional funds for completion of the project pursuant to Section 48-02-20
- Request for approval to increase other funds spending authority by \$800,000 and total authorization from \$7,850,000 to \$8,650,000 for Minot State University's Old Main/McFarland Auditorium renovation project due to higher than estimated project costs pursuant to NDCC Section 48-02-20
- Request for approval to increase other funds spending authority for the Williston State College Health Science and Sports Complex project, pursuant to NDCC Section 48-02-20

12:00 noon Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System on the following reports:

- A report from the University of North Dakota on a plan to enter into a lease agreement with the University of North Dakota Foundation for the issuance of lease revenue bonds by the foundation for the purpose of financing an addition and renovation to the Energy and Environmental Research Center
- A report from the University of North Dakota on a plan by a private investor for lease of land and construction of a hotel on university property

12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding the plans for use of federal funding provided to North Dakota for bioterrorism prevention and response programs and consideration of the related Emergency Commission request to spend the funding, which requires Budget Section approval

2:00 p.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:

- **Information Technology Department (Request #1387)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$5 million to accept loan proceeds from a financing agreement for expenses relating to the department's enterprise resource planning system initiative
- **State Board for Vocational and Technical Education (Request #1388)** - To increase the operating expenses line item by \$230,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Education (\$65,000) for the development of curriculum to be used for vocational education finance career programs and approval for a line item transfer (\$165,000) from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item for assuming administrative responsibilities for the school-to-work initiative previously with the Bismarck Public Schools
- **Council on the Arts (Request #1389)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$107,400 to accept federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts for support of various art organizations as well as educational and arts programming in underserved areas

- **Department of Human Services (Request #1391)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$244,346 and the operating expenses line item (\$54,520) and the grants line item (\$189,826) to accept funds from a Bush Foundation grant for providing professional development training for early childhood education personnel in the state
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1392)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$113,228 for salaries (\$35,000) and operating expenses (\$78,228) to accept federal funds from the Environmental Protection Agency for pesticide storage security education, to convert state pesticide labels to electronic format, and to monitor the pesticide products sold in North Dakota for proper registration
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1393)** - To transfer \$70,000 from the grants line item to the equipment line item to purchase a computer server for use in the department's geographic information systems applications
- **Game and Fish Department (Request #1394)** - To authorize three FTE positions and increase other funds spending authority and the private land habitat program line item by \$1.5 million to accept funds from the game and fish fund for the accelerated access program to increase the amount of private land open for sportsmen
- **Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1395)** - To transfer \$1,261,063 from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item (\$115,063), equipment line item (\$200,000), and capital projects line item (\$946,000) to reflect anticipated expenditures for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) construction projects and recreational trail program projects
- **Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1397)** - To establish a line of credit at the Bank of North Dakota pursuant to NDCC Section 54-16-13 to pay the required match for FEMA reimbursement and other expenses relating to June 2000 flood damage at Turtle River State Park
- **Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1398)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$850,000 and the salaries line item (\$69,850), operating expenses line item (\$100,150), equipment line item (\$35,000), and the grants line item (\$645,000) to accept federal funds for the On-A-Slant Mandan Indian Village reconstruction project and for land and water conservation projects
- **State Department of Health (Request #1399)** - To authorize 10 FTE positions and increase other funds spending authority by \$6,319,495 to accept federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention bioterrorism supplemental grant (\$5,826,910) and the Health Resources Services Administration bioterrorism grant (\$492,585) for salaries (\$519,702), operating expenses (\$3,338,251), equipment (\$424,632), and the grants line item (\$2,036,910) for bioterrorism prevention and response programs
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1400)** - To authorize one FTE position and increase other funds spending authority and the Board of Animal Health line item by \$101,394 to accept passthrough funds from the State Department of Health relating to the federal bioterrorism grant for an animal disease outbreak rapid response program
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1401)** - To authorize one FTE position and increase other funds spending authority and the Board of Animal Health line item by \$80,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture national scrapie eradication program to provide resolution of cases when animals have been infected and exposed to scrapie and to minimize the

impact on producers. Emergency Commission approved without the requested FTE position.

- **Division of Emergency Management (Request #1402)** - To increase other funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$777,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Justice state domestic preparedness equipment program for grants to be distributed primarily to local government units and other state agencies to purchase first responder equipment

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the National Guard on the survey of all political subdivision-owned armories pursuant to Section 1 of 2001 House Bill No. 1215
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on 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
- 3:30 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, and an update on the northern California energy industry campaign
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the *2001-03 Biennium Report on Compliance With Legislative Intent*
- 4:25 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of correspondence from ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Higher Education Committee on the following budget tours:
- The January 9-10, 2002, budget tour of the University of North Dakota and the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
 - The March 4-5, 2002, budget tour of Mayville State University and Lake Region State College
 - The March 25, 2002, budget tour of Bismarck State College
- 4:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Budget Committee on Human Services on the committee's April 4-5, 2002, budget tour of the Northeast Human Service Center, North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, and Mill and Elevator
- 4:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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