

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Thursday, June 14, 2001
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Thursday, June 14, 2001 - After adjournment of the Legislative Council meeting

- 1:30 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 1:35 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the state general fund
- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following reports:
- 2001-03 biennium analysis of legislative changes to the executive budget (including supplemental and statistical information regarding state appropriations)
 - 2001-03 biennium budget status report on appropriations and estimated revenues
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the duties and responsibilities of the Budget Section for the 2001-03 biennium
- 3:15 p.m. Consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **University of North Dakota (Request #1342)** - To increase spending authority (\$12 million) for a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota to pay expenses relating to the 1997 flood disaster pending receipt of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or insurance carrier reimbursements
 - **Children's Service Coordinating Committee (Request #1344)** - To increase the grants line item by \$750,000 of special funds from "refinancing" activities (federal funds received through the Department of Human Services) to be provided to the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1345)** - To increase the federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$3,806,147 for providing grants to individuals under the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP)
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1346)** - To increase the federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$2,125,000 to be provided to counties for reimbursement of child welfare-related administrative costs (\$1.6 million) and to the Children's Services Coordinating Committee for assistance to regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees (\$525,000)
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #1347)** - To transfer \$250,000 of general fund appropriation authority from the State Hospital to the grants line

item of the medical services program to provide additional general fund moneys to use as state matching funds under the Medicaid program if needed to cover the costs of the program for the 1999-2001 biennium

- **Office of the Adjutant General (Request #1348)** - To increase other funds spending authority and the capital improvements line item by \$100,000 to accept federal funds from the Division of Emergency Management for the completion of the addition to the Fraire Barracks Emergency Operations Center
- **Bismarck State College (Request #1349)** - To increase other funds spending authority from higher than anticipated fiscal year 2001 tuition collections and the operating expenses line item by \$75,000 for increased utility costs
- **Information Technology Department (Request #1350)** - To increase other funds spending authority (\$3.5 million) to accept funds from other state agencies and allow for payment for various services contracted by the Information Technology Department, on behalf of state agencies, with outside vendors for software development, consulting services, and related technology
- **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Prisons Division (Request #1351)** - To transfer \$150,000 from the program services line item and \$500,000 from the security and safety line item to increase the support services line item by \$650,000 for increased inmate medical costs
- **Division of Emergency Management (Request #1352)** - To increase spending authority by \$14,841,660 to accept federal funds (\$13,071,870) from FEMA and from a loan from the Bank of North Dakota (\$1,769,790) for salaries (\$136,800), operating expenses (\$27,360), equipment (\$15,000), and grants (\$14,662,500) for expenses associated with flooding during the spring of 2001
- **Division of Emergency Management (Request #1353)** - To increase spending authority by \$868,216 to accept federal funds (\$766,759) from FEMA and from a loan from the Bank of North Dakota (\$101,457) for salaries (\$6,850), operating expenses (\$9,920), equipment (\$5,200), and grants (\$846,246) for expenses associated with severe weather during November 2000
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1356)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$393,000 to accept funds available from the Environmental Agency 319 nonpoint pollution prevention program to accelerate the completion of digitized soil maps used to assess potential ground water contamination from agricultural pesticide uses
- **North Dakota State University (Request #1358)** - To increase spending authority (\$12.5 million) for a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota to pay expenses relating to the 2000 flood disaster pending receipt of funds from FEMA and/or insurance carriers

4:00 p.m.

Presentation by Ms. Sherlyn Dahl, Executive Director, Fargo Family Healthcare Center of:

- Background information relating to forgiveness of debt owed by the center to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- A plan to address sustainability of programs and services at the center
- A request for Budget Section approval of the plan, as provided for in Section 21 of 2001 House Bill No. 1015
- Plans for a future request of the Budget Section for approval of the debt writeoff

- 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. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Ole Aarsvold, Wesley R. Belter, LeRoy G. Bernstein, James Boehm, Merle Boucher, Rex R. Byerly, Ron Carlisle, Jeff Delzer, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleon, Robert Huether, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Amy N. Kliniske-Warnke, Kim Koppelman, Bob Martinson, David Monson, Bob Skarphol, Ken Svedjan, Blair Thoreson, Mike Timm, Francis J. Wald, John M. Warner, Janet Wentz

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