

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, October 9, 2001
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the June 14, 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
- 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 University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences of recommendations regarding background information and the request for debt forgiveness from the Fargo Family Healthcare Center
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Fargo Family Healthcare Center 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
- 11:45 a.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
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 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
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Workers Compensation Bureau on the progress of construction and proposed rental space within the new Workers Compensation Bureau building, pursuant to Section 5 of 2001 House Bill No. 1024
- 2:30 p.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 Human Services (Request #1361)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,128,600 to accept Older Americans Act funds for operating expenses (\$497,784) and the grants line item (\$630,816) to analyze the needs of family caregivers in North Dakota and to develop a service delivery system to address identified needs
 - **Department of Transportation (Request #1362)** - To transfer \$392,000 of federal funds from the grants line item to the operating expenses line item

relating to the development of an intelligent transportation system - commercial vehicle operations deployment

- **Department of Transportation (Request #1363)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the equipment line item by \$104,100 to accept funds from the Federal Highway Administration to provide an anti-icing system for the Buxton overpass
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1364)** - To increase federal funds (\$59 million from federal emergency relief funds) and special funds (\$12 million from a Bank of North Dakota loan for the state matching requirement) spending authority by \$71 million and the operating expenses line item (\$4 million), the capital improvements line item (\$50 million), and the grants line item (\$17 million) for emergency grade raises in the Devils Lake Basin
- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1366)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$180,000, the operating expenses line item (\$150,000), and the Board of Animal Health line item (\$30,000) to promote specialty crops and value-added agriculture projects
- **Department of Commerce (Request #1367)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission line item by \$700,000 to provide grants for value-added businesses, exploration of nontraditional crops and livestock, and foreign trade missions
- **Department of Public Instruction (Request #1368)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$5,483,750 (\$49,350 for salaries and wages, \$5,488 for operating expenses, and \$5,428,912 for grants) for school repairs, renovations, and technology costs
- **Parks and Recreation Department (Request #1369)** - To transfer \$715,000 from the grants line item to the equipment line item (\$215,000) to purchase snowmobile trail grooming equipment and to the capital improvements line item (\$500,000) for flood damage repairs and reconstruction of Devils Lake and Turtle River State Parks
- **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.)

- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on fiscal irregularities reported pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System office regarding the reporting of fiscal irregularities and the presentation of capital project and local funds tracking reports
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Higher Education Committee on the committee's budget tour of Valley City State University and the State College of Science
- 4:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Budget Committee on Government Administration on the committee's budget tour of the Veterans Home
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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

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