

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 4, 2002
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- The status of the state general fund, as compared to original and revised projections
 - The status of the tobacco settlement collections
 - The executive budget revenue forecast for the 2003-05 biennium and deficiency budget requests
- 11:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on 2003-05 executive budget recommendations for capital projects and state employee compensation and benefits
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Economy.com on economic assumptions included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the 2003-05 biennium
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Workers Compensation Bureau on the status of the creation of a workers' compensation insurance company for the purpose of offering extraterritorial or other states' insurance
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the funding for and availability of mental health services at the regional human service centers and the status of funding for the service payments for elderly and disabled (SPED) program
- Presentations by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on executive budget recommendations and major funding changes for:
- 2:00 p.m. • Department of Human Services, including the Developmental Center and State Hospital, and the State Department of Health
- 2:15 p.m. • Elementary, secondary, and vocational education
- 2:30 p.m. • Higher education institutions and the University System office
- 2:45 p.m. • Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Highway Patrol
- 3:00 p.m. • Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the North Dakota State University Extension Service and Main Research Station
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of North Dakota State University regarding the cost of the F Court student apartment building

3:30 p.m.

Consideration of the state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:

- **Department of Agriculture (Request #1426)** - To increase federal funds spending authority and the State Board of Animal Health line item by \$163,765 to accept funds from the United States Department of Agriculture for homeland security assistance against foreign animal diseases and bioterrorism, and to establish related national emergency preparedness standards
- **State Radio Communications (Request #1428)** - To accept federal passthrough funds from the State Department of Health and increase spending authority by \$90,000 for the equipment line item (\$78,000) and operating line item (\$12,000) to pilot test the digital radio technology prior to full mitigation of emergency communications from analog radio technology
- **State Radio Communications (Request #1429)** - To transfer spending authority from the salaries line item (\$120,000) and equipment line item (\$170,000) to the operating line item (\$290,000) to purchase software and hardware for locating land line and cellular 911 callers
- **State Board for Vocational and Technical Education (Request #1431)** - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$115,937 to accept funds from United States Department of Education for operating line item (\$110,937) and equipment line item (\$5,000) for "Transition to Teaching in North Dakota" program, which is a system of professional development and support to develop teachers from a pool of career-changing individuals, and persons from industry or the military who have specific vocational-technical skills
- **Division of Emergency Management (Request #1433)** - To increase other funds spending authority by \$454,671 to accept federal funds allocated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency from the 2002 supplemental appropriations act for further recovery from and response to terrorist attacks on the United States for salaries and wages (\$52,133), operating (\$99,032), and grants (\$303,506) for activities in the areas of homeland security planning, the community emergency response team program, and emergency operations centers
- **Veterans Home (Request #1435)** - To increase other funds spending authority and the operating line item by \$137,000 to retain a consultant to assist the Veterans Home in implementing the State Auditor's office performance audit recommendations

Continuation of presentations by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on executive budget recommendations and major funding changes for:

4:00 p.m.

- Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department

4:15 p.m.

- Department of Transportation and other state agencies and institutions

4:55 p.m.

Committee discussion and staff directives

5:00 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 Gulletson, Robert Huether, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Kim Koppelman, Bob Martinson, David Monson, Bob Skarphol, Blair Thoreson, Mike Timm, Francis J. Wald, John M. Warner, Amy Warnke, Janet Wentz

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