

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Wednesday, August 22, 2001
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure

9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman on studies assigned to the committee

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE MANDATES STUDY

9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's responsibilities to study health insurance coverage mandates, receive a report from the Insurance Commissioner regarding existing health insurance mandates, and contract with a private entity to provide cost-benefit analysis of legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage of services, pursuant to Section 2 of 2001 House Bill No. 1407 and North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-03-28

9:25 a.m. Comments by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

9:35 a.m. Comments by the Insurance Commissioner

9:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

10:00 a.m. Comments by committee members

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES STUDY

10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study of the prices of prescription drugs and possible methods to lower costs to consumers and the state, pursuant to 2001 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4027

10:25 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services

10:40 a.m. Comments by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

10:55 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Public Employees Retirement System

11:10 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

11:30 a.m. Comments by committee members

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

COORDINATION OF MEDICAID AND HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAMS STUDY

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study of the coordination of the Medicaid and Healthy Steps programs, pursuant to Section 3 of 2001 House Bill No. 1441, and the receipt of annual reports from the Department of Human Services regarding the Healthy Steps program, pursuant to NDCC Section 50-29-02

1:10 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services

1:20 p.m. Comments by representatives of county social services agencies

1:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

1:45 p.m. Comments by committee members

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS STUDY

2:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study of the coordination of benefits for children with special needs, pursuant to Section 1 of 2001 Senate Bill No. 2330

2:10 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Public Instruction

2:20 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services

2:30 p.m. Comments by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota

2:40 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

2:50 p.m. Comments by committee members

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff relating to the following other duties and responsibilities assigned to the committee:

- Receiving an annual report from a representative of the State Board of Nursing on its study of nursing educational requirements and the nursing shortage in this state, pursuant to NDCC Section 43-12.1-08.2
- Receiving a report from the Insurance Commissioner regarding motor vehicle insurance independent medical examinations, pursuant to 2001 Senate Bill No. 2288

3:10 p.m. Comments by a representative of the State Board of Nursing regarding the board's study of nursing educational requirements and the nursing shortage in the state

3:20 p.m. Comments by the Insurance Commissioner regarding motor vehicle insurance independent medical examinations

3:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

3:40 p.m. Comments by committee members

3:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Judy Lee (Chairman), Dennis Bercier, Michael Polovitz, Ken Solberg, Russell T. Thane
Representatives Rick Berg, Audrey B. Cleary, William R. Devlin, David Drovdal, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Carol A. Niemeier, Kenton Onstad, Chet Pollert, Todd Porter, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz