

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

2015-16 Interim

### LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

(17 members)

**Chairman:** Senator Ray Holmberg

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Al Carlson

**Legislative Council Staff:** Jim W. Smith

**Representatives:**

- Belter, Wesley R.
- Carlson, Al
- Devlin, Bill
- Dockter, Jason
- Hogan, Kathy
- Nelson, Marvin E.
- Onstad, Kenton
- Ruby, Dan
- Schmidt, Jim

**Senators:**

- Axness, Tyler
- Holmberg, Ray
- Klein, Jerry
- Schaible, Donald
- Schneider, Mac
- Triplett, Connie
- Unruh, Jessica
- Wardner, Rich

# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

## (18 Members)

Approve extension of time for administrative agencies to adopt rules (NDCC § 28-32-07)

Establish standard procedures for administrative agency compliance with notice requirements of proposed rulemaking (NDCC § 28-32-10)

Establish procedure to distribute copies of administrative agency filings of notice of proposed rulemaking (NDCC § 28-32-10)

Determine whether an administrative rule is void (NDCC § 28-32-18)

Receive notice of appeal of an administrative agency's rulemaking action (NDCC § 28-32-42)

Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing service awards to employees in the classified service (NDCC § 54-06-32)

Approve, with the State Personnel Board, rules adopted by Human Resource Management Services authorizing state agencies to provide employer-paid costs of training or educational courses to employees in the classified service (NDCC § 54-06-33)

Study and review administrative rules and related statutes (NDCC § 54-35-02.6)

**Chairman:** Representative Bill Devlin

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Kelly M. Armstrong

**Legislative Council Staff:** Vonette J. Richter

## Representatives:

- Boehning, Randy
- Boschee, Joshua A.
- Devlin, Bill
- Frantsvog, Robert
- Koppelman, Kim
- Louser, Scott
- Mooney, Gail
- Schatz, Mike
- Schneider, Mary
- Silbernagel, Peter F.
- Sukut, Gary R.
- Thoreson, Blair
- Toman, Nathan
- Weisz, Robin

## Senators:

- Armstrong, Kelly M.
- Davison, Kyle R.
- Klein, Jerry
- Triplett, Connie

# AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

## (12 Members)

1028 § 1 Shall study provisions of Century Code that relate to agriculture, for the purposes of eliminating provisions that are irrelevant or duplicative, clarifying provisions that are inconsistent or unclear in their intent and direction, and rearranging provisions in a logical order

1081 § 5 Shall study Game and Fish Department licenses provided to entities for the purpose of fundraising

Receive report from the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Agriculture on the status of the committee's activities (NDCC § 4-01-24)

Receive report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education on its annual evaluation of research activities and expenditures (NDCC § 4-05.1-19(8))

**Chairman:** Representative Kenton Onstad

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Larry Luick

**Legislative Council Staff:** Dustin Assel

## Representatives:

- Brabandt, Roger
- Hunskor, Bob
- Johnson, Dennis
- Kiefert, Dwight
- Larson, Diane
- Onstad, Kenton
- Trottier, Wayne

## Senators:

- Bowman, Bill L.
- Erbele, Robert
- Luick, Larry
- Miller, Joe
- Murphy, Philip M.

# BUDGET SECTION

## (43 Members)

- 3001 Hold the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants passed by Congress
- Receive annual report from the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Main Research Center on full-time equivalent position adjustments made (NDCC § 4-05.1-05)
- Receive status report from the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (NDCC § 4-05.1-19(10))
- Receive annual report from the NDSU Extension Service on full-time equivalent position adjustments made (NDCC § 4-08-10)
- Approve any purchase of commercial or residential property by the Board of University and School Lands as sole owner (NDCC § 15-03-04)
- Authorize the State Board of Higher Education to authorize construction of any building, or campus improvements and building maintenance of more than \$385,000, if financed by donations (NDCC § 15-10-12.1)
- Receive biennial report from each institution under the control of the State Board of Higher Education undertaking a capital construction project that was approved by the Legislative Assembly and for which local funds are to be used which details the source of all funds used in the project (NDCC § 15-10-12.3)
- Receive reports from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the State Board of Higher Education's project variance semiannual reports regarding construction projects valued at more than \$250,000 (NDCC § 15-10-47)
- Receive annual audits from a center of excellence that is awarded funds under NDCC Chapter 15-69 on the funds distributed to the center, until completion of four years following the final distribution of funds (NDCC § 15-69-05, repealed effective August 1, 2023)
- Receive biennial report from the State Fire Marshal summarizing the expenditures by certified fire departments and districts of funds received from the insurance tax distribution fund and reserve fund balances (NDCC § 18-04-02)
- Approve comprehensive statewide land acquisition plan established by the Director of the Game and Fish Department and every land acquisition of more than 10 acres or exceeding \$10,000 by the Game and Fish Department (NDCC § 20.1-02-05.1)
- Authorize the Game and Fish Department to spend money in the game and fish fund if the balance would be reduced below \$15 million (NDCC § 20.1-02-16.1)
- Receive at least semiannual reports from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board (NDCC § 21-10-11)
- Authorize the Life Skills and Transition Center to provide services under contract with a governmental or nongovernmental person (NDCC § 25-04-02.2)
- Approve, with the Emergency Commission, use of the state disaster relief fund to provide the required state share of funding for expenses associated with presidentially declared and governor-declared disasters in the state (NDCC § 37-17.1-27)
- Receive report from the Industrial Commission each biennium on the balance of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund and expenditures from the fund (NDCC § 38-08-04.5)
- Approve waiver of exemption of state property in a city from special assessments levied for flood control purposes (NDCC § 40-23-22.1)
- Receive annual report from the Division of Community Services on conclusions of annual audits of renaissance fund organizations (NDCC § 40-63-07(9))
- Receive report from the Commissioner of University and School Lands identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency (NDCC § 47-30.1-24.1)
- Approve state agency relinquishment of unclaimed property belonging to that agency (NDCC § 47-30.1-24.1)
- Approve the change or expansion of, or any additional expenditure for, a state building construction project approved by the Legislative Assembly, but if within six months before or three months after a regular session the authorization is limited to changes in project scope and related expenditures resulting from an unforeseen emergency event (NDCC § 48-01.2-25)
- Approve termination of federal food stamp or energy assistance program (NDCC § 50-06-05.1)
- Receive report from Job Service North Dakota before March 1 of each year on the actual job insurance trust fund balance and the targeted modified average high-cost multiplier, as of December 31 of the previous year, and a projected trust fund balance for the next three years (NDCC § 52-02-17)
- Receive report from Human Resource Management Services on the number of employees receiving bonuses above the 25 percent limitation (NDCC § 54-06-30)
- Receive report from the State Treasurer, within 90 days of the beginning of each fiscal year, regarding all warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than three years (NDCC § 54-11-01)
- Receive reports on fiscal irregularities (NDCC § 54-14-03.1)
- Approve transfers of money or spending authority which would eliminate or make impossible accomplishment of a program or objective funded by the Legislative Assembly (NDCC § 54-16-04(1))
- Approve transfers exceeding \$50,000 from one fund or line item to another unless necessary to comply with a court order or to avoid imminent threat to safety or imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-04(2))
- Approve, with the Emergency Commission, acceptance of any federal funds made available to the state which are not for a specific purpose or program and which are not required to be spent before the next regular legislative session for deposit in a special fund until the Legislative Assembly appropriates the funds (NDCC § 54-16-04.1(4))
- Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's acceptance of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-04.1)
- Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's expenditure of federal funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-04.1)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's acceptance of funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-04.2)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of a state officer's expenditure of funds in excess of \$50,000 if the acceptance of funds is necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-04.2)

Approve, on the advice of the Office of Management and Budget and the recommendation of the Emergency Commission, a state officer to employ full-time equivalent positions in addition to those authorized by the Legislative Assembly (NDCC § 54-16-04.3)

Approve Emergency Commission authorization of transfer of spending authority from the state contingencies appropriation in excess of \$50,000 if the transfer is not necessary to avoid an imminent threat to the safety of people or property due to a natural disaster or war crisis or an imminent financial loss to the state (NDCC § 54-16-09)

Receive report from the Housing Finance Agency quarterly on the progress being made to reduce the overall number of housing units owned, master leased, or subsidized by cities, counties, school districts, or other employers of essential service workers (NDCC § 54-17-40, effective through June 30, 2017)

Receive biennial report from the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Advisory Board (NDCC § 54-17.8-07)

Receive report from the Director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on any new program that serves adult or juvenile offenders, including alternatives to conventional incarceration and programs operated on a contract basis, if the program is anticipated to cost in excess of \$100,000 during a biennium (NDCC § 54-23.3-09)

Approve use of the preliminary planning revolving fund (NDCC § 54-27-22)

Approve use of cashflow financing (NDCC § 54-27-23)

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget at each meeting of the Budget Section regarding the reports received from state agencies, other than entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, that have applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more (NDCC § 54-27-27)

Receive report on transfers of funds from the budget stabilization fund to the general fund to offset projected decrease in general fund revenues (NDCC § 54-27.2-03)

Receive report from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of tobacco settlement funds and related information (NDCC § 54-44-04(23))

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding any purchase of oil put options by the State Investment Board to offset reduced general fund oil and gas tax revenues due to oil and gas prices falling below selected levels (NDCC § 54-44-16)

Prescribe form of budget information prepared by the Director of the Budget (NDCC § 54-44.1-07)

Object to any allotment by the Director of the Budget, any expenditure of a budget unit, or any failure to make an allotment or expenditure if the action or failure to act is contrary to legislative intent (NDCC § 54-44.1-12.1)

Approve reduction of budgets due to initiative or referendum action (NDCC § 54-44.1-13.1)

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget in December of even-numbered years regarding commodities and services exempted from state procurement requirements (NDCC § 54-44.4-02.2)

Approve grants, not otherwise specifically approved by the Legislative Assembly, distributed by the Children's Services Coordinating Committee to children's services organizations and programs (NDCC § 54-56-03)

Approve execution by the Information Technology Department of proposed agreement to finance the purchase of software, equipment, or implementation of services in excess of \$1 million (NDCC § 54-59-05(4))

Receive summary of annual report from the Information Technology Department (NDCC § 54-59-19)

Receive annual audits from a center of research excellence receiving funds under NDCC Chapter 54-65 on funds distributed to the center (NDCC § 54-65-03)

Receive report (for review) from the Tax Commissioner regarding any reduction the Tax Commissioner makes in the homestead property income tax credit (NDCC § 57-38-01.29)

Approve any reduction the Tax Commissioner makes in the commercial property income tax credit (NDCC § 57-38-01.30)

Receive annual report from the governing body of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of any agreement under NDCC Chapter 57-39.8 (NDCC § 57-39.8-02)

Receive report from tribal governing bodies annually regarding investment of oil and gas tax receipts in essential infrastructure and fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry (NDCC § 57-51.2-02)

Authorize establishment of casualty insurance organization to provide extraterritorial workforce safety and insurance (NDCC § 65-08.1-02)

Review and report on budget data prepared by the Director of the Budget

Receive a report from the Legislative Council staff in the fall of 2016 on the status of the state's federal funds receipts for the current biennium and estimated federal funds receipts for the subsequent biennium

Receive report from a representative of a hub city annually on the use of funding received from allocations from the oil and gas gross production tax under NDCC Section 57-51-15

Receive report from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation annually on the department's prison population management plan and inmate admissions and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing (2013 S.L. ch.46, § 6)

Approve purchase or lease of aircraft by a state agency or entity of state government, other than the Adjutant General or the University of North Dakota School of Aviation, if the Legislative Assembly is not in session (NDCC § 54-06-37)

Approve conveyance of North Central Research Extension Center and Williston Research Extension Center property (2013 S.L. ch.67, § 1)

Approve a State Board of Higher Education plan to reorganize the office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 4)

Receive report from NDSU regarding the status of the Minard Hall project and may request increased spending authorization from the Budget Section for the project (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 27)

Approve any tuition rate increases over 2.5 percent by the State Board of Higher Education for the 2015-16 or 2016-17 academic years (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 39)

Receive report from the Industrial Commission on the use of the funding provided for the core library expansion project, including the amounts spent to date and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium, and on the progress of the project (2015 House Bill No. 1014, § 25)

Receive report from the Bank of North Dakota on the use of the funding provided for the North Dakota Financial Center, including the amounts spent to date and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium, and on the progress of the project (2015 House Bill No. 1014, § 26)

Receive annual report from the State Board of Higher Education on full-time equivalent position adjustments made (2015 House Bill No. 1020, § 15)

Receive report from the Main Research Center regarding the status of the flooded lands study and spending related to the study (2015 House Bill No. 1020, § 16)

Approve Department of Veterans' Affairs service dog program to assist veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (2015 House Bill No. 1025, § 4)

Receive report from Department of Transportation on the use of one-time funding appropriated in Section 4 of 2015 House Bill No. 1176, including the amounts distributed to each county, the amounts spent to date, and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium (2015 House Bill No. 1176, § 4)

Receive a report from the Commissioner of the Board of University and School Lands on the use of the funding provided in Section 5 of 2015 House Bill No. 1176, including the amounts awarded, the amounts spent to date, and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium (2015 House Bill No. 1176, § 5)

Receive report from the Governor's office regarding the source, amount, and purpose of federal or other funds received by the Governor's office (2015 Senate Bill No. 2001, § 3)

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget in September 2015 and September 2016, regarding the amount of salary savings used to reduce funding needed from the general fund and to report on the number and duration of vacant full-time equivalent positions in the Attorney General's office (2015 Senate Bill No. 2003, § 3)

Receive a report from the Attorney General by September 30, 2016, regarding any fees charged to a campus in excess of the campus assessments listed in Section 13 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2003 for legal fees charged by the Attorney General (2015 Senate Bill No. 2003, § 13)

Receive report from the Department of Human Services after June 30, 2016, any transfers made in excess of \$50,000 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 3)

Receive report from State Board of Higher Education regarding the status of the Valley City State University fine arts building project (2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 8)

Receive certification from the State Board of Higher Education stating that the Dunbar Hall project conforms to the North Dakota University System campus master plan and space utilization study, contingent upon general fund revenues for the period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2016, exceeding the 2015 legislative estimates (2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 8)

Approve additional amounts from the resources trust fund and water development trust fund which become available to the State Water Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 5)

Approve transfers by the State Water Commission for project funding designations in Section 17 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2020 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 8)

Approve State Water Commission revenue bonds (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 30)

Receive report from the Department of Transportation on the use of one-time funding appropriated in Section 2 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2103, including the amounts distributed to each county, the amounts spent to date, and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium (2015 Senate Bill No. 2103, § 2)

Approve the Office of Management and Budget to spend any donated funds over \$1 million for upgraded fixtures and furniture for the new Governor's residence (2015 Senate Bill No. 2304, § 3)

Receive report from the Industrial Commission on the fiscal impact or estimated fiscal effect on the state in excess of \$20 million in a biennium of the effect of any order, regulation, or policy of the Industrial Commission to implement the provisions of NDCC Chapter 38-08, on state revenues and expenditures, including any effect on the funds of the Industrial Commission (2015 Senate Bill No. 2343, § 1)

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**Vice Chairman:** Representative Larry Bellew

**Legislative Council Staff:** Chris Kadrmas  
Allen H. Knudson

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- Bellew, Larry
- Belter, Wesley R.
- Boe, Tracy
- Boehning, Randy
- Brandenburg, Mike
- Carlson, Al
- Delzer, Jeff
- Dosch, Mark A.
- Glassheim, Eliot
- Guggisberg, Ron
- Hogan, Kathy
- Holman, Richard G.
- Kempenich, Keith
- Kreidt, Gary
- Martinson, Bob
- Mock, Corey
- Monson, David
- Nelson, Jon O.
- Onstad, Kenton
- Pollert, Chet
- Sanford, Mark
- Schmidt, Jim
- Silbermagel, Peter F.
- Skarphol Robert J.
- Streytle, Roscoe
- Thoreson, Blair
- Vigesaa, Don

**Senators:**

- Bowman, Bill L.
- Carlisle, Ron
- Erbele, Robert
- Heckaman, Joan
- Holmberg, Ray
- Kilzer, Ralph
- Klein, Jerry
- Krebsbach, Karen K.
- Lee, Gary A.
- Mathern, Tim
- O'Connell, David
- Robinson, Larry J.
- Schneider, Mac
- Sorvaag, Ronald
- Wanzek, Terry M.
- Wardner, Rich

# COMMISSION ON ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION

**(18 members)**

Study sentencing alternatives, mandatory sentences, treatment options, the expanded use of problem-solving courts, home monitoring, and other related issues (NDCC § 54-35-24, until August 1, 2017)

**Chairman:** Senator Ron Carlisle

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Jon O. Nelson

**Legislative Council Staff:** Samantha E. Kramer

**Representatives:**

- Guggisberg, Ron
- Koppelman, Kim
- Nelson, Jon O.

**Senators:**

- Carlisle, Ron
- Grabinger, John
- Wanzek, Terry M.

**Citizen Members:**

- Anderson, Maggie D.
- Bertsch, Leann K.
- Donlin, Dan
- Friese, Mark A.
- Huseby Larson, Meredith
- Johnston, Duane
- Laney, Paul D.
- McEvers, Justice Lisa
- Olson, Jason T.
- Rabe, Dr. Gary
- Stenehjem, Wayne
- VandeWalle, Chief Justice Gerald W.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT COMMITTEE

## (15 Members)

1018 § 25 Consider studying issues related to the state's development of a civilian ground center. The issues include: deployable pilots, sensor operators, and aircraft; a central location for processing first responder data, including high-definition, high-spectral, infrared, and thermal imagery, as well as electronic signals through cell phones and internet service, generated from the deployment of unmanned aircraft and unmanned systems by first responders during federal, state, and local government responses to emergencies, natural disasters, emergency preparedness, and law enforcement activities; training services; data management, data analysis, data interpretation, and information routing approximating a real-time basis; and a repository of data and best practices for first responders at federal, state, and local levels.

2167 § 1 Consider studying the One-Call Excavation Notice System

2276 § 1 Consider studying issues related to providing natural gas service to underserved communities in this state from available natural gas not otherwise committed in main gas transmission lines near those underserved communities

Receive report from the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee by November 1 of each even-numbered year regarding the use of the assessed communications services fee revenue; and receive recommendation regarding changes to the operating standards for emergency services communications, including training or certification standards for dispatchers (NDCC § 57-40.6-12)

Receive report from the Department of Commerce semiannually regarding status of program to establish and administer an unmanned aircraft systems test site in cooperation with the University of North Dakota, the Aeronautics Commission, Adjutant General, and private parties appointed by the Governor (NDCC § 54-60-28)

**Chairman:** Senator Connie Triplett

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Gary R. Sukut

**Legislative Council Staff:** Christopher S. Joseph

### Representatives:

- Beadle, Thomas
- Becker, Rich S.
- Boschee, Joshua A.
- Guggisberg, Ron
- Klein, Matthew M.
- Koppelman, Ben
- Schreiber Beck, Cynthia
- Sukut, Gary R.

### Senators:

- Burckhard, Randall A.
- Campbell, Tom
- Casper, Jonathan
- Laffen, Lonnie J.
- Schneider, Mac
- Triplett, Connie
- Wanzek, Terry M.

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## (23 Members)

2031 § 29 Shall study content standards and assessments. The study must provide for a review of the content standards applicable to all grade levels in this state, from kindergarten through grade 12, in the areas of English language arts and mathematics, compare the content standards of this state to those of other states that are recognized as having high academic achievement levels, and review the standards development process. The study must review the purpose of general and alternate student assessments, examine the availability of existing and proposed assessment models, and examine the assessments utilized by other states that are recognized as having high academic achievement levels. The study must review those sections of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [20 U.S.C. 6301, et seq.] that address standards, assessments, accountability, and local flexibility, and any recent pertinent regulatory changes or policy statements issued by the United States Department of Education. The Legislative Council may seek assistance from individuals who are content specialists at the higher education level, individuals who are content and assessment specialists at the elementary or high school level, and other professionals, as necessary, to complete the directives of this section.

2031 § 36 Consider studying the nature and scope of career and technical education opportunities available to students in this state, the manner in which such opportunities are financially supported, and the manner in which such opportunities are monitored to ensure that they provide students with 21<sup>st</sup> century technical skills that are aligned to industry standards, in addition to providing appropriate academic foundations

4018 Study the use of seclusion and restraint procedures in schools

Receive annual report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the end of February on the financial condition of school districts (NDCC § 15.1-02-09)

Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of annual school district employee compensation reports (NDCC § 15.1-02-13)

Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a request from a school or school district for a waiver of any rule governing the accreditation of schools (NDCC § 15.1-06-08)

Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of a request from a school or school district for a waiver of NDCC Section 15.1-21-03 (NDCC § 15.1-06-08.1)

Receive report from the Education Standards and Practices Board regarding electronic satisfaction survey results of all interactions with individuals seeking information or services from the board (NDCC § 15.1-13-36)

Receive from the Superintendent of Public Instruction the compilation of test scores of a test aligned to the state content standards in reading and mathematics given annually to students in three grades statewide (NDCC § 15.1-21-10)

Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction before July 1, 2016, regarding findings and recommendations of the School District Reporting Review Committee (2015 Senate Bill No. 2031, § 28)

Receive report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction by August 1, 2016, regarding the implementation of a uniform system for the accounting, budgeting, and reporting of data by an early childhood education provider who has received a grant distributed in accordance with Section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2151 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2151, § 6)

**Chairman:** Senator Donald Schaible

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Mike Nathe

**Legislative Council Staff:** Dustin Assel

## Representatives:

- Holman, Richard G.
- Hunskor, Bob
- Johnson, Mary C.
- Kelsh, Jerry
- Looyesen, Alex
- Meier, Lisa
- Monson, David
- Nathe, Mike
- Rohr, Karen M.
- Sanford, Mark
- Schreiber Beck, Cynthia
- Wallman, Kris
- Zubke, Denton

## Senators:

- Anderson, Jr., Howard C.
- Davison, Kyle R.
- Erbele, Robert
- Flakoll, Tim
- Heckaman, Joan
- Marcellais, Richard
- Oban, Erin
- Poolman, Nicole
- Rust, David S.
- Schaible, Donald

# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

## (13 Members)

- Receive notice from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement of necessary or desirable changes in statutes relating to the administration of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement Fund (NDCC § 15-39.1-05.2)
- Receive annual report from the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement regarding annual test of actuarial adequacy of statutory contribution rate (NDCC § 15-39.1-10.11)
- Approve terminology adopted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board for Teachers' Fund for Retirement provisions to comply with applicable federal statutes or rules (NDCC § 15-39.1-35)
- Receive notice from firefighters relief associations of the association's intent to provide a substitution monthly service pension (NDCC § 18-11-15)
- Receive periodic reports from Human Resource Management Services on the implementation, progress, and bonuses provided by state agency programs to provide bonuses to recruit or retain employees in hard-to-fill positions (NDCC § 54-06-31)
- Receive biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of state agencies providing service awards to employees in the classified service (NDCC § 54-06-32)
- Receive biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of state agencies providing employer-paid costs of training or educational courses to employees in the classified service (NDCC § 54-06-33)
- Receive biennial report from the Office of Management and Budget summarizing reports of executive branch state agencies paying employee membership dues for professional organizations and membership dues for service clubs when required to do business or if the membership is primarily for the benefit of the state (NDCC § 54-06-34)
- Review legislative measures and proposals affecting public employees retirement programs and health and retiree health plans (NDCC § 54-35-02.4)
- Approve terminology adopted by the Public Employees Retirement System Board to comply with federal requirements (NDCC §§ 39-03.1-29, 54-52-23, 54-52.1-08.2)

**Chairman:** Senator Karen K. Krebsbach

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Gary Kreidt

**Legislative Council Staff:** Alex J. Cronquist

## Representatives:

- Anderson, Pamela
- Boehning, Randy
- Dockter, Jason
- Haak, Jessica
- Kreidt, Gary
- Laning, Vernon
- Onstad, Kenton

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- Dever, Dick
- Kilzer, Ralph
- Krebsbach, Karen K.
- Nelson, Carolyn C.
- Oban, Erin
- Poolman, Nicole

# ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSMISSION COMMITTEE

## (12 Members)

- 1176 § 6 Consider studying the oil and gas tax revenue allocation formulas. The study must include consideration of current and historical allocations to political subdivisions and the appropriate level of oil and gas tax revenue allocations to political subdivisions based on infrastructure and other needs.
- 2372 § 1 Consider studying the impacts and costs of the Environmental Protection Agency regulations on carbon dioxide emissions for new and existing electric generation units. The study must include the regulations' estimated compliance costs on the industry, estimated impacts on regional grid reliability, estimated economic impact to ratepayers in this state, and the feasibility of implementing the regulations, including the proposed timeline. The study must also include an update on the status of technologies related to reduction of carbon dioxide emissions. The Legislative Management may consult with the Lignite Energy Council, State Department of Health, Public Service Commission, Attorney General, and other state and federal agencies as needed.
- Study the impact of a comprehensive energy policy for the state and the development of each facet of the energy industry from the obtaining of the raw natural resource to the sale of the final product in this state, other states, and other countries (NDCC § 54-35-18)
- Receive written report from the North Dakota Transmission Authority each biennium (NDCC § 17-05-13)
- Receive biennial report from the North Dakota Pipeline Authority on its activities (NDCC § 54-17.7-13)
- Receive, along with the Governor, report from the Industrial Commission in December 2014 and every four years thereafter discussing whether the amount in the carbon dioxide storage facility trust fund and fees being paid into the fund are sufficient to satisfy the fund's objectives (NDCC § 38-22-15)
- Receive annual report from the operator of a coal conversion facility that receives a carbon dioxide capture credit for certain coal conversion facilities regarding the facility's carbon dioxide capture project (NDCC § 57-60-02.1)
- Receive biennial report from the Energy Policy Commission and its recommendations to the state energy policy (NDCC § 17-07-01)
- Receive report from the Energy and Environmental Research Center by December 1, 2015, regarding recommendations on existing regulations on construction and monitoring of crude oil and produced water pipelines, determine the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of requiring leak detection and monitoring technology on new and existing pipeline systems (2015 House Bill No. 1358, § 8)
- Receive report from the Public Service Commission at least once each year of the 2015-16 interim, on the most current information available on the status of retail sales of electricity in the state meeting or exceeding the state renewable and recycled energy objective established in NDCC Section 49-02-28 and a comparison of the amount of renewable and recycled energy produced in the state with the amount sold at retail in the state (2015 Senate Bill No. 2037, § 5)

**Chairman:** Senator Rich Wardner

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Todd Porter

**Legislative Council Staff:** Adam Mathiak

## Representatives:

- Anderson, Dick
- Brandenburg, Mike
- Damschen, Chuck
- Hanson, Ben
- Mock, Corey
- Porter, Todd

## Senators:

- Armstrong, Kelly M.
- Bekkedahl, Brad
- Bowman, Bill L.
- Murphy, Philip M.
- Wardner, Rich
- Warner, John M.

# GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

## (21 Members)

1083 § 1 Shall study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed on North Dakota state government agencies by United States government agencies as a condition of the receipt of federal funding to determine whether there are viable options to meet the needs of our state without having the federal government's oversight and involvement, which state needs can be met if federal funding associated with undesirable regulation or excessive direct and indirect costs is refused, and whether the benefit of accepting certain federal funds outweighs the benefit of participation in the federal programs.

2015 § 40 Shall study the functions of the Budget Section. The study must review the 85 duties and studies assigned to the Budget Section, including the need to continue the duties and the ability of the Budget Section to authorize financial decisions, including full-time equivalent positions, North Dakota University System building projects, and project scope changes.

Review state budget information, including monitoring the status of revenues and appropriations

Receive annual report from the Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities detailing the committee's activities, goals, and progress in reaching these goals, and strategies and policies that can help the committee to realize its goals (NDCC § 50-06.1-16)

Approve any agreement between a North Dakota state entity and South Dakota to form a bistate authority (NDCC § 54-40-01)

Receive a report by the Office of Management and Budget by October 15 of each even-numbered year, regarding the reports received by the Office of Management and Budget from each executive branch state agency, excluding entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, receiving federal funds, a plan to operate the state agency when federal funds are reduced by 5 percent or more of the total federal funds the state agency receives (2015 House Bill No. 1085, § 1)

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding its statewide plan and any appropriation authority transferred from the targeted market equity pool (2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 4)

Receive report from the Office of Management and Budget regarding distributions from the energy development impact funding pool and each agency receiving a distribution from the energy impact funding pool regarding its plan to discontinue energy impact adjustments for employees at the end of the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 5)

**Chairman:** Representative Jeff Delzer

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- Becker, Rick C.
- Boschee, Joshua A.
- Delzer, Jeff
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- Haak, Jessica
- Headland, Craig
- Kasper, Jim
- Koppelman, Kim
- Laning, Vernon
- Lefor, Mike
- Louser, Scott
- Pollert, Chet
- Schmidt, Jim
- Steiner, Vicky
- Vigesaa, Don
- Wallman, Kris

## Senators:

- Carlisle, Ron
- Kilzer, Ralph
- Marcellais, Richard
- Sorvaag, Ronald

# HEALTH CARE REFORM REVIEW COMMITTEE

## (16 members)

- 1035 § 1 Consider continuing its ongoing study of the needs and challenges of the North Dakota health care delivery system. The study may include monitoring the implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act, examining Medicaid Expansion and Medicaid reform, reviewing any impact on rural access to primary health care and emergency services, making recommendations to maintain and enhance rural primary health care and emergency services, and considering the feasibility of developing a state-based plan for a health care model that will comply with federal health care reform in a manner that will provide high-quality access and affordable care for North Dakota citizens. The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council shall make periodic reports to the Legislative Management on the status of the biennial report developed pursuant to Section 15-52-04.
- 1378 § 1 Shall study the proposed and final federal rules issued by the federal Health and Human Services Department relating to the essential health benefits under the federal Affordable Care Act. Specifically, the study must include a review of the rules relating to the state's ability to participate in defining the state-based essential health benefits package for plan years 2017 and beyond, how the state may be authorized to select a benchmark plan for plan years 2017 and beyond, and the deadlines related to these rules and related decisions.
- 3003 Study state contributions for state employee health insurance premiums, including the feasibility and desirability of establishing a maximum state contribution for state employee health insurance premiums and the effect of losing the state's grandfathered status under the federal Affordable Care Act

**Chairman:** Representative George Keiser

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Tom Campbell

**Legislative Council Staff:** Jennifer S. N. Clark

### Representatives:

- Becker, Rick C.
- Fehr, Alan
- Frantsvog, Robert
- Glassheim, Eliot
- Johnson, Mary C.
- Kasper, Jim
- Keiser, George
- Lefor, Mike
- Looyesen, Alex
- Mitskog, Alisa
- Rohr, Karen M.

### Senators:

- Campbell, Tom
- Lee, Gary A.
- Mathern, Tim
- O'Connell, David
- Sorvaag, Ronald

# HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

## (15 members)

- 1004 § 7 Consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the University of North Dakota acquiring the building that houses the University of North Dakota forensic pathology center
- 3004 Continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state
- 3049 Study issues related to employment restrictions in public assistance programs
- 4004 Continue to study dental services in the state, including the effectiveness of case management services and the state infrastructure necessary to cost-effectively use mid-level providers to improve access to services and address dental service provider shortages in underserved areas of the state
- Receive report from the State Fire Marshal each interim on the State Fire Marshal's findings and any recommendation for legislation to improve the effectiveness of the law on reduced ignition propensity standards for cigarettes (NDCC § 18-13-02(6))
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services, State Department of Health, Indian Affairs Commission, and Public Employees Retirement System before June 1 of each even-numbered year on their collaboration to identify goals and benchmarks while also developing individual agency plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the state, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes (NDCC § 23-01-40)
- Receive report by the State Department of Health before June 1 of each even-numbered year, regarding progress made toward the recommendations provided in NDCC Section 23-43-04 and any recommendations for future legislation (NDCC § 23-43-04)
- Contract with a private entity, after receiving recommendations from the Insurance Commissioner, to provide a cost-benefit analysis of every legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services or payment for specified providers of services, or an amendment that mandates such coverage or payment (NDCC § 54-03-28)
- Receive a report by the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Advisory Committee and the State Department of Health by September 1, 2016, regarding grant expenditures, the granting process, and reporting requirements of the \$500,000 grant, included in the funding appropriated in Section 1 of 2015 House Bill No. 1024 (2015 House Bill No. 1024, § 2)
- Receive periodic reports from the State Department of Health on the status of the health professional assistance program study. Before July 1, 2016, the State Department of Health shall report to the Legislative Management on the outcome of the study, including presentation of recommended legislation. (2015 House Bill No. 1036, § 1)
- Receive reports from the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners, Board of Counselor Examiners, North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners, State Board of Psychologist Examiners, State Board of Medical Examiners, and North Dakota Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board on plans and any legislative changes necessary to implement those plans for administration and implementation of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees (2015 House Bill No. 1048, § 1)
- Receive report from the Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners by July 1, 2016, on the status of the periodic evaluation of the initial licensure coursework requirements and clinical training requirements (2015 House Bill No. 1049, § 4)

**Chairman:** Senator Judy Lee

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Alan Fehr

**Legislative Council Staff:** Sheila M. Sandness

## Representatives:

- Becker, Rich S.
- Fehr, Alan
- Kiefert, Dwight
- Mooney, Gail
- Paur, Gary
- Porter, Todd
- Rohr, Karen M.
- Seibel, Jay
- Strinden, Marie

## Senators:

- Anderson, Jr., Howard C.
- Axness, Tyler
- Heckaman, Joan
- Lee, Judy
- Oehlke, Dave
- Warner, John M.

# HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## (22 members)

- 1003 § 45 Consider studying the delivery methods of higher education courses offered by institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education. The study, if conducted, must include a review of current methods of distance education offered by institutions, options to improve delivery methods, revenue generated by each type of delivery method, and how course delivery methods may affect future campus infrastructure needs and must include study of the components of the higher education funding formula established in NDCC Chapter 15-18.2, including the uses of funding provided through each of the components for costs-to-continue, salary adjustments, and other inflationary adjustments and tuition waivers.
- 1003 § 46 Consider studying the missions of all two-year institutions and the missions of any other institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education, as determined by the Legislative Management, including the feasibility and desirability of the institutions offering only workforce and career and technical education programs. The study must review the current missions of the institutions, current and projected course and program enrollments, projected workforce needs, including how the institutions can serve the needs, and options to increase operating efficiencies.
- 1003 § 47 Consider studying administrative costs at institutions under the control of the State Board of Higher Education. The study, if conducted, must review the number of administrator positions at each institution, the number of new administrator positions added at each institution during the previous five academic years, the total salaries and benefits associated with the administrator positions, the average salaries and benefits for administrator positions at each institution for each of the previous five fiscal years, the percentage of overall institution operating costs attributable to administration, and options to provide future increased legislative appropriations to institutions specifically for instructional purposes.
- 3046 Study public higher education in North Dakota for the purpose of developing and implementing a governance model that articulates the role and function of the State Board of Higher Education, and that of its Chairman and other members, including the board's objectives and the monitoring responsibilities necessary to ensure that its objectives are achieved; the role and function of the Commissioner of Higher Education, including the Commissioner's relationship with the board, the Commissioner's responsibility for implementing the board's objectives, and for meeting the board's expectations regarding organizational performance; and the role and function of each institution's president, including the authority and responsibility to supervise and direct the efficient operation of the institution, to execute all directives from the Commissioner of Higher Education, and to report directly to the Commissioner regarding the operation and management of the institution, and the execution of the directives.
- Receive biennial report and recommendations from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Advisory Council regarding the strategic plan, programs, and facilities of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (NDCC § 15-52-04)
- Receive annual report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding the number of North Dakota academic scholarships and career and technical education scholarships provided and demographic information pertaining to the recipients (NDCC § 15-62.2-05)
- Receive report from any tribally-controlled community college receiving a grant under NDCC Chapter 15-70 detailing the expenditures of the grant funds, a copy of the institution's latest audit report, and documentation of the enrollment status of students (NDCC § 15-70-05)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education on the status of the development of the unified workforce, vocational, and technical education program system (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 3)
- Receive an annual report regarding the number of North Dakota academic scholarships and career and technical education scholarships provided and demographic information pertaining to the recipients (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 12)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding distributions from the deferred maintenance, campus security, and internal audit funding pools (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 25)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education regarding the use of extraordinary repairs funding and related matching funds (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 38)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2016, regarding the operations and financial condition of Dickinson State University (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 40)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2016, on the status of the implementation of the student and student organization disciplinary proceedings uniform procedure (2015 Senate Bill No. 2150, § 2)
- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2016, regarding the policies, procedures, supports, and services available to all public institutions of higher education in the state regarding sexual assault and related incidents (2015 House Concurrent Resolution No. 3052)

**Chairman:** Representative Mark Sanford

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Roscoe Streytle

**Legislative Council Staff:** Brady A. Larson



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- Holman, Richard G.
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- Klein, Matthew M.
- Martinson, Bob
- Meier, Lisa
- Monson, David
- Oversen, Kylie
- Sanford, Mark
- Schatz, Mike
- Schreiber Beck, Cynthia
- Streyle, Roscoe

**Senators:**

- Flakoll, Tim
- Holmberg, Ray
- Krebsbach, Karen K.
- Nelson, Carolyn C.
- O'Connell, David
- Robinson, Larry J.

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## (17 members)

- 1279 § 1 Consider studying family caregiver supports and services. The study must identify policies, resources, and programs available for family caregivers and encourage additional innovative and creative means to support family caregivers so that they are able to continue to provide in-home support for older adults. The study must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of hospitals, social and clinical providers, advocacy organizations, tribal government, state and local agencies and institutions, and caregivers in this state. The study committee may receive testimony on the needs of family caregivers, including designation of caregivers, training, respite services, medical leave policies, and delegation of tasks to nonmedical aides. The study must include an inventory of the resources available to family caregivers and may make any recommendations for administrative actions to support family caregivers. The Legislative Management may contract for consulting and coordination of study services.
- 2048 § 7 Consider studying behavioral health needs. The study must include consideration of behavioral health needs of youth and adults and access, availability, and delivery of services. The study must include a review of services related to autism spectrum disorder. The study must include input from stakeholders, including representatives of law enforcement, social and clinical service providers, education, medical providers, mental health advocacy organizations, emergency medical service providers, juvenile court, tribal government, and state and local agencies and institutions. The study must also include the monitoring and reviewing of strategies to improve behavioral health services implemented pursuant to legislation enacted by the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly and other behavioral health-related recommendations presented to the 2013-14 interim Human Services Committee.
- Receive autism spectrum disorder plan from the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force before July 1, 2010, and an annual status report thereafter (NDCC § 50-06-32)
- Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services describing enrollment statistics and costs associated with the children's health insurance program state plan (NDCC § 50-29-02)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services regarding the autism spectrum disorder program pilot project (NDCC § 50-06-32.1)
- Receive report by the Department of Human Services by July 1, 2016, on the outcome of the Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion cost-sharing provisions study and the associated legislative recommendations and related draft legislation (2015 House Bill No. 1037, § 1)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services by July 1, 2016, on the use of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of 2015 House Bill No. 1046 (2015 House Bill No. 1046, § 1)
- Receive a report from the Department of Human Services regarding development activities of the developmental disabilities system reimbursement project (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 14)
- Receive report from a statewide family-controlled parent-to-parent support organization receiving a grant under Section 19 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, on the use of grant funds (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 19)
- Receive report from a statewide family-to-family health information and education organization receiving a grant under Section 20 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, on the use of grant funds (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 20)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services regarding the adult protective services program, including the effectiveness of the program, information on services and outcomes, and funding by human service region and in total (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 23)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services on its quarterly behavioral health services reports (2015 Senate Bill No. 2012, § 24)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services before July 1, 2016, regarding the rules adopted to establish and administer the voucher system to assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by private licensed substance abuse treatment programs (2015 Senate Bill No. 2048, § 4)
- Receive report from the Department of Public Instruction before July 1, 2016, on mental health training provided by school districts (2015 Senate Bill No. 2048, § 5)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services before August 1, 2016, on the outcome of the study of statutory references to mental health professionals to determine whether changes in the law may help to more fully utilize these professionals within their scope of practice, as it relates to the responsibilities of the Department of Human Services to provide services or license facilities together with any recommendations (2015 Senate Bill No. 2049, § 1)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services by January 1, 2016, regarding eligibility for developmental disability waivers (2015 Senate Bill No. 2234, § 1)

**Chairman:** Representative Kathy Hogan

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Tyler Axness

**Legislative Council Staff:** Michael C. Johnson

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- Anderson, Dick
- Damschen, Chuck
- Fehr, Alan
- Hogan, Kathy
- Kiefert, Dwight
- Mooney, Gail
- Muscha, Naomi
- Oversen, Kylie
- Seibel, Jay
- Silbermagel, Peter F.
- Westlind, Greg

**Senators:**

- Axness, Tyler
- Dever, Dick
- Larsen, Oley
- Lee, Judy
- Mathern, Tim

# INCARCERATION ISSUES COMMITTEE

## (16 members)

1015 § 4 Shall study pretrial services, sentencing alternatives, treatment options, and other related issues

1165 § 1 Study, in conjunction with representatives of the executive and judicial branches and other stakeholders, justice reinvestment reforms. The Legislative Management shall participate with representatives of the executive and judicial branches and other stakeholders such as judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, victims' advocates, corrections staff, law enforcement agencies, and service providers to seek cost-effective and evidence-based strategies to enhance public safety and properly manage corrections and supervision populations. The Legislative Management shall cooperate with representatives of the executive and judicial branches to seek technical assistance as appropriate from the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance, The PEW Charitable Trusts, and the Council of State Governments' Justice Center to conduct the reform initiative.

**Chairman:** Senator Ron Carlisle

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Jon O. Nelson

**Legislative Council Staff:** Samantha E. Kramer

### Representatives:

- Guggisberg, Ron
- Koppelman, Kim
- Nelson, Jon O.

### Senators:

- Carlisle, Ron
- Grabinger, John
- Wanzek, Terry M.

### Citizen Members:

- Bertsch, Leann K.
- Erhardt, Thomas
- Larson, Rozanna
- Mattson, Douglas
- Racek, Frank
- Roseland, Aaron
- Steele, Scott
- Stenehjem, Wayne
- VandeWalle, Chief Justice Gerald W.
- Ziegler, Randy

# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

## (12 members)

- Receive report from the State Board of Higher Education, on request, regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects (NDCC § 15-10-44)
- Determine information technology compliance reviews to be conducted by the State Auditor and receive the results of those reviews (NDCC §§ 54-10-28; 54-35-15.4)
- Receive a project startup report and a project closeout report from the affected legislative or judicial branch agency regarding any information technology project with a total cost of \$500,000 or more (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)
- Receive a report from the Chief Information Officer regarding the recommendations of the State Information Technology Advisory Committee relating to the prioritization of proposed major information technology projects and other information technology issues (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)
- Receive and review information received from the State Board of Higher Education relating to higher education information technology projects with a total cost of \$500,000 and receive and review information from the department regarding any information technology project of an executive branch agency with a total cost of between \$100,000 and \$500,000 (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)
- Receive information from the State Board of Higher Education regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)
- Review the activities of the Information Technology Department, statewide information technology standards, the statewide information technology plan, and major information technology projects; review cost-benefit analyses of major projects; conduct studies; and make recommendations regarding established or proposed information technology programs and information technology acquisition (NDCC § 54-35-15.2)
- Receive from the Chief Information Officer recommendations of the department's advisory committee regarding major software projects for consideration and the drafting of appropriate legislation to implement the recommendations (NDCC § 54-59-02.1)
- Receive report from the Chief Information Officer regarding the coordination of services with political subdivisions and from the Chief Information Officer and the Chief Information Officer of the North Dakota University System regarding coordination of information technology between the Information Technology Department and higher education (NDCC § 54-59-12)
- Receive annual report from the Information Technology Department (NDCC § 54-59-19)
- Receive report from the Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee regarding recommendations for further development, cost proposals, proposals for legislation, and recommendations for data sharing governance (NDCC § 54-59-36)
- Receive a report from the Information Technology Department before July 1, 2016, on the findings of the consultant hired by the Health Information Technology Office to provide for a health data study (2015 House Bill No. 1021, § 3)
- Receive report from the Secretary of State certifying that the information technology components of the electronic filing system are ready for implementation before August 1, 2016 (2015 House Bill No. 1330, § 1)

**Chairman:** Representative Mark S. Owens

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Larry J. Robinson

**Legislative Council Staff:** Adam Mathiak

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- Koppelman, Ben
- Olson, Christopher D.
- Owens, Mark S.
- Thoreson, Blair
- Toman, Nathan
- Weisz, Robin

## **Senators:**

- Davison, Kyle R.
- Marcellais, Richard
- Robinson, Larry J.
- Rust, David S.
- Schaible, Donald

## **Citizen Member:**

- Ressler, Mike  
Information Technology Department  
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# JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## (21 members)

- 1302 § 1 Consider studying voter registration and policies to implement a system of voter registration, including provisions necessary to allow same day voter registration
- 1389 § 1 Consider studying issues relating to verification of citizenship status for the purpose of voting, including absentee and mail ballot voting
- 3012 Study the registration requirements for offenders against children and sex offenders under NDCC Section 12.1-32-15 Statutory and constitutional revision
- Receive report from the Attorney General before July 1 of every even-numbered year on the current status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts in this state (NDCC § 19-03.1-44)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services before March 1 of each even-numbered year on services provided by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation relating to individuals at the State Hospital who have been committed to the care and custody of the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services (NDCC § 50-06-31)
- Receive biennial report from the Racing Commission and recommendations for legislation which address the issue of the liability of charitable organizations that receive and disburse money handled through account wagering (NDCC § 53-06.2-04)
- Receive report, as requested, from the Director of the North Dakota Lottery regarding the operation of the lottery (NDCC § 53-12.1-03)
- Review uniform laws recommended by the Commission on Uniform State Laws (NDCC § 54-35-02)
- Receive annual report from the Director of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents containing pertinent data on the indigent defense contract system and established public defender offices (NDCC § 54-61-03)
- Review any executive order issued by the President of the United States which has not been affirmed by a vote of Congress and signed into law, and recommend to the Attorney General and the Governor that the executive order be further reviewed to determine the constitutionality of the order and whether the state should seek an exemption from the order or seek to have the order declared to be an unconstitutional exercise of legislative authority by the President (NDCC § 54-03-32)
- Receive report from the Department of Human Services before July 1, 2016, regarding the number of revoked obligor driver's licenses, the duration and effectiveness of revocations, including a comparison of the state's driver's license revocation with other rural states, and shall present a specific proposal that may limit the use of revocation of driver's licenses as a tool of enforcement (2015 House Bill No. 1111, § 15)
- Receive report from the Task Force on Substance Exposed Newborns before July 1, 2016, on its findings and recommendations and any proposed legislation necessary to implement the recommendations (2015 Senate Bill No. 2367, § 1)
- A review of North Dakota statutes that may be in conflict with the definition of marriage ruling from the United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and to propose any appropriate changes for the Legislative Assembly to consider (Legislative Management Chairman directive)

**Chairman:** Senator David Hogue

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Kim Koppelman

**Legislative Council Staff:** Samantha E. Kramer

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- Anderson, Pamela
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- Delmore, Lois
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- Karls, Karen
- Klemin, Lawrence R.
- Koppelman, Kim
- Kretschmar, William E.
- Larson, Diane
- Maragos, Andrew G.
- Olson, Christopher D.
- Paur, Gary
- Schneider, Mary

## Senators:

- Armstrong, Kelly M.
- Grabinger, John
- Hogue, David
- Nelson, Carolyn C.
- Oban, Erin
- Schneider, Mac

# LEGACY AND BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

## (7 members)

Develop recommendations for the investment of funds in the legacy fund and the budget stabilization fund to present to the State Investment Board (NDCC § 21-10-11)

**Chairman:** Representative Keith Kempenich

**Vice Chairman:** Senator Jerry Klein

**Legislative Council Staff:** Sheila M. Sandness

### Representatives:

- Kempenich, Keith
- Kreidt, Gary

### Senators:

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# LEGISLATIVE AUDIT AND FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

## (15 members)

Receive annual audit report from the State Fair Association (NDCC § 4-02.1-18)

Receive electronic copy of audit report from the North Dakota Stockmen's Association at least once every two years (NDCC § 4.1-72-08)

Receive annual audit report from a corporation receiving an ethanol or methanol production subsidy (NDCC § 10-19.1-152)

Receive annual audit report from any limited liability company that produces agricultural ethanol alcohol or methanol in this state and which receives a production subsidy from the state (NDCC § 10-32-156)

Receive report on writeoff of patients' accounts at the Life Skills and Transition Center (NDCC § 25-04-17)

Receive annual audited financial statement and report from the North Dakota low-risk incentive fund (NDCC § 26.1-50-05)

Receive annual audit report from a limited partnership receiving an ethanol alcohol or methanol production subsidy (NDCC § 45-10.2-115)

Receive annual report from the Department of Human Services on writeoff of recipients' or patients' accounts (NDCC § 50-06.3-08)

Receive report of biennial performance audit of the divisions of Job Service North Dakota (NDCC § 52-02-18)

Approve the State Auditor's hiring of a consultant to assist with conducting a performance audit of a state agency (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine frequency of audits of state agencies (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine necessary performance audits by the State Auditor (NDCC § 54-10-01)

Determine when the State Auditor is to perform audits of political subdivisions (NDCC § 54-10-13)

Order the State Auditor to audit or review the accounts of any political subdivision (NDCC § 54-10-15)

Study and review audit reports submitted by the State Auditor (NDCC § 54-35-02.2)

Receive a report by the State Board of Higher Education before July 1, 2016, on the operations of Dickinson State University. The report must detail the financial condition of the institution and board directives and plans to improve the financial stability of the institution. (2015 House Bill No. 1003, § 40)

**Chairman:** Senator Jerry Klein

**Vice Chairman:** Representative Chet Pollert

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- Hatlestad, Patrick R.
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- Klemin, Lawrence R.
- Kreidt, Gary
- Maragos, Andrew G.
- Martinson, Bob
- Mock, Corey
- Nathe, Mike
- Nelson, Marvin E.
- Pollert, Chet
- Skarphol, Robert J.

## Senators:

- Klein, Jerry
- Lee, Judy
- O'Connell, David



# LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

## (11 members)

- Determine when agricultural commodity promotion groups must report to the standing Agriculture Committees (NDCC § 4-24-10)
- Determine when the Agriculture Commissioner must submit a biennial report to a joint meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate Agriculture Committees on the status of the pesticide container disposal program (NDCC § 4-35.2-04)
- Determine contents of contracts for printing of legislative bills, resolutions, journals, and Session Laws (NDCC § 46-02-05)
- Establish guidelines on maximum reimbursement of legislators sharing lodging during a legislative session (NDCC § 54-03-20)
- Determine the fee payable by legislators for use of personal computers (NDCC § 54-03-26)
- Establish policy under which a legislator may purchase the computer used by that legislator upon replacement of the computer by the Legislative Council (NDCC § 54-03-26)
- Establish guidelines defining reasonable and appropriate use of state telephones by legislative branch personnel (NDCC § 54-06-26)
- Establish guidelines for use of legislative chambers and displays in Memorial Hall (NDCC § 54-35-02)
- Determine access to legislative information services and impose fees for providing legislative information services and copies of legislative documents (NDCC § 54-35-02)
- As the Legislative Ethics Committee, consider or prepare a legislative code of ethics (NDCC § 54-35-02.8)
- Make arrangements for legislative session (NDCC § 54-35-11)
- Determine the standing committees that will receive the report from the Commissioner of Commerce on the department's goals and objectives, its long-term goals and objectives, and on commerce benchmarks (NDCC § 54-60-03)
- Administer appropriation for legislative wing equipment and improvements (2009 S.L., ch. 29, § 5)
- Administer appropriation for legislative committee room renovations and improvements (2011 S.L., ch. 1, § 6)
- Review legislative rules
- Receive periodic reports from the State Court Administrator regarding the status of the facility space expansion authorized under 2015 House Bill No. 1002 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2015, § 10)
- Upon request, receive report from the Friends of the Residence regarding the fundraising plans of the task force and the progress of fundraising efforts for a new Governor's residence (2015 Senate Bill No. 2304, § 1)

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- Holmberg, Ray
- Klein, Jerry
- Schneider, Mac
- Wardner, Rich

# POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TAXATION COMMITTEE

## (21 members)

1401 § 1 Consider studying sales and use taxation application for purchases by contractors on behalf of an exempt entity

2057 § 1 Shall study the analysis of economic development tax incentives as provided in NDCC Section 54-35-26

2206 § 12 Shall conduct a study to develop a proposed transition plan for transferring the costs of operating social services programs from county property tax levies to general fund appropriations. A proposed transition plan must include a timeline for the major milestones of the transition plan, considerations for the transition, estimated costs, a plan to require a property tax reduction for the amount of the budgeted savings brought about by the transfer of county social services costs to the state, a plan resulting in the elimination of the county social services levy under NDCC Section 50-06.2-05, and potential legislation to implement recommended changes. The study must include consideration of the feasibility of implementing the proposed transition plan.

Receive annual reports from the Division of Community Services on renaissance zone progress (NDCC § 40-63-03)

Receive annual report from the Department of Commerce compiling reports from cities that have a renaissance zone included in a tax increment financing district (NDCC § 40-63-03(10))

Study the income tax reciprocity agreement between North Dakota and Montana, scheduled for renewal on January 1, 2016, including consideration of the number of individuals utilizing the agreement's optional provisions and the resulting fiscal impact on the income tax revenues of North Dakota and Montana - Legislative Management Chairman directive

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- Kretschmar, William E.
- Lefor, Mike
- Mitskog, Alisa
- Mooney, Gail
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- Nathe, Mike
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- Weisz, Robin

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- Burckhard, Randall A.
- Cook, Dwight
- Dotzenrod, Jim
- Mathern, Tim
- Unruh, Jessica

# TAXATION COMMITTEE

## (18 members)

2015 § 42 Shall study the current scientific and economic information regarding oil and gas recovery and enhanced recovery techniques, including the use of carbon dioxide, the timeline for implementing the techniques, and the estimated future annual economic impact, to evaluate existing and alternative tax incentives and recommend tax incentives that under current and foreseeable conditions, and within different oil formations, would best serve the interests of the state, political subdivisions, and fossil fuel energy production industries

2318 § 4 Shall study the oil extraction tax exemption available for incremental production from a tertiary recovery project that uses carbon dioxide. The study must include consideration of the potential benefits and costs to industry, the state, and the environment of using carbon dioxide enhanced recovery methods. The Legislative Management shall secure assistance from the Energy and Environmental Research Center to analyze potential future usage of carbon dioxide in oil recovery operations in the Bakken and Three Forks Formations, the potential production and environmental benefits of that usage for energy industries in this state, the economic conditions in which that usage is feasible for oil producers, and the estimated fiscal effect of that usage for the state and political subdivisions.

Receive the compilation and summary of state grantor reports filed annually by the Department of Commerce and the reports of state agencies that award business incentives for the previous calendar year (NDCC § 54-60.1-07)

Receive report from the Tax Commissioner within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year from compiled reports from counties receiving allocations of oil and gas gross production tax revenues describing funds received, expended, and unexpended (NDCC § 57-51-15)

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- Kasper, Jim
- Kelsh, Jerry
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# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## (15 members)

1012 § 10 Shall study the truck size and weight provisions under NDCC Chapter 39-12 relating to size, width, and height restrictions, in order to ensure the state of North Dakota may harmonize its truck size and weight regulations with the regulations of the states in the Western States Transportation Alliance, and shall utilize the findings of the collaborative study of the Department of Transportation and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute to determine appropriate changes to state law

1020 § 17 Consider studying the feasibility of placing the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute under the administrative authority of the Department of Transportation. If conducted, the study must identify potential efficiencies, potential issues, and current services or benefits provided to the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute by North Dakota State University.

1073 § 1 Consider studying required motor vehicle insurance

1377 § 5 Shall study truck permitting systems in oil and gas producing counties. The study must review the North Dakota association of oil and gas producing counties' uniform county truck permit program, including the system's integration with the Highway Patrol's online electronic truck permitting and routing system and the communications between county representatives and industry representatives regarding road conditions. The study must evaluate the appropriateness of additional fees assessed by the board of county commissioners and other local authorities to the oil and gas industry related to additional road permitting fees and analyze other relevant data regarding uniform truck permitting fees and procedures. The study must include input from representatives of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, representatives of the North Dakota Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties, and other interested persons.

2015 § 41 Consider studying special transportation funding distributions to political subdivisions. The study must review distribution methods, including the feasibility and desirability of using Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute needs studies, county major collector miles, or a combination of both, if there are future special transportation funding distributions to political subdivisions, and must review options to ensure counties are reporting information consistently. The Legislative Management shall consider methods to ensure that road projects in each county are properly coordinated with state road projects and projects in adjacent counties. The study must also review the use of special transportation funding in comparison to the Legislative Assembly's intent.

Receive report from the Department of Transportation regarding information collected from transportation network companies during each biennium (NDCC § 39-34-05)

Receive a report from the Department of Transportation by June 30, 2016, regarding its study of state funding distributions and allocations to public transportation providers (2015 House Bill No. 1012, § 12)

Receive a report from the Department of Transportation regarding the department's updated North Dakota State Rail Plan (2015 House Bill No. 1012, § 18)

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- Klein, Jerry
- Miller, Joe
- O'Connell, David
- Oehlke, Dave
- Rust, David S.
- Sinner, George

# TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

**(7 members)**

3006 Study the feasibility and desirability of state, federal, and tribal collaboration in providing services for tribal youth in the state who are adjudicated in tribal courts

Study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government relations, human services, education, corrections, and issues related to the promotion of economic development (NDCC § 54-35-23)

Receive report from the Governor describing the negotiations and terms of any agreement between the Governor and the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation relating to taxation and regulation of oil and gas exploration and production within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation and thereafter receive biennial reports describing the agreement's implementation and any difficulties in its implementation (NDCC § 57-51.2-04)

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- Heckaman, Joan
- Larsen, Oley
- Oehlke, Dave

# WATER TOPICS OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

## (21 members)

1095 § 4 Shall assign to the Water Topics Overview Committee the responsibility of studying the use of quick take in eminent domain by water resource districts. The study must include input from stakeholders, including the State Water Commission, water resource districts, and landowners.

2020 § 22 Shall study options available for providing a sustainable water supply to central and eastern North Dakota

3020 Study the impact on owners of land that has been inundated by rising waters in Devils Lake and Stump Lake

Legislative overview of water-related topics and related matters and any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water-related topics (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Legislative overview of the Garrison Diversion Project (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Report on the committee's project prioritization process, provide updates on allocated program expenditures, and report on the fund balances of projects, grants, and contracts (NDCC § 54-35-02.7)

Receive reports from the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District to review its progress in planning and designing the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 14)

Receive notification from the State Water Commission of funding transfers authorized in Section 18 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2020 and approved by the Budget Section (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 18)

Receive report from the State Water Commission every six months during the 2015-16 interim regarding any changes made to the State Water Commission priority projects list presented to the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017 (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 26)

Receive report from the F-M Area Diversion Authority Board biannually regarding an update on congressional authorization of the diversion project and the status of the self-insured crop insurance pool; mitigation efforts, alternatives, and costs; easements; and the project budget. The MNDak Upstream Coalition shall report biannually regarding an update on the impacts of the Fargo flood control project and mitigation efforts, alternatives, and costs. (2015 Senate Bill No. 2020, § 27)

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- Luick, Larry
- Robinson, Larry J.
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# WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

## (6 members)

Review workers' compensation claims that are brought to the committee by injured workers for the purpose of determining whether changes should be made to the laws relating to workers' compensation (NDCC § 54-35-22)

Receive report from the Director of Workforce Safety and Insurance, the Chairman of the Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors, and the audit firm regarding the quadrennial performance evaluation of Workforce Safety and Insurance and select no more than four elements for inclusion in the performance evaluation (NDCC § 65-02-30)

Receive biennial report from Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding compiled data relating to safety grants issued under NDCC Chapter 65-03 (NDCC § 65-03-05)

Receive annual report from Workforce Safety and Insurance which includes reports on pilot programs to assess alternative methods of providing rehabilitation services (NDCC § 65-05.1-06.3)

Receive report from Workforce Safety and Insurance on recommendations based on a biennial safety review of Roughrider Industries work programs and a biennial performance review of the program of modified workers' compensation coverage by Workforce Safety and Insurance (NDCC § 65-06.2-09)

Receive report from Workforce Safety and Insurance before August 1, 2016, on whether there is an industry interest in using safety programs under NDCC Section 65-03-04 to provide grants to an industry association to provide alcohol server training to employees of bars and restaurants that serve alcohol in order to address workplace safety and public safety (2015 House Bill No. 1416, § 3)

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