

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, March 8, 2006
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the December 15, 2005, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Status of the tobacco settlement proceeds
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a status report on the legislative applications replacement system
- 9:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the 2006 centers of excellence applications
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Centers of Excellence Commission and the listed applicants regarding the following funding award recommendations for centers of excellence:
- Centers of Excellence Commission - University of North Dakota Research Foundation - Life Sciences and Advanced Technologies - \$3,500,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission - University of North Dakota - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Simulation Applications - \$1,000,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission - North Dakota State University - Agbiotechnology: Oilseed Development - \$2,000,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission - North Dakota State University - Surface Protection - \$2,000,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission - Valley City State University - Institute for Customized Business Solutions - \$1,000,000
 - Centers of Excellence Commission - Williston State College - Petroleum Safety and Technology Center - \$400,000
- 11:45 a.m. Committee consideration of the funding award recommendations for centers of excellence made by the Centers of Excellence Commission and considered by the Emergency Commission, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-69-02
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Game and Fish Department on a land acquisition of up to 3,000 acres in Walsh and Pembina Counties that requires Budget Section approval, pursuant to NDCC Section 20.1-02-05.1

- 1:30 p.m. Committee consideration of state agency requests, pursuant to NDCC Chapter 54-16, that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- Attorney General (Request #1570) - To transfer \$97,000 from the state contingency fund for additional costs incurred in defending the school finance lawsuit. The amount available in the state contingency fund prior to consideration of this request is \$369,000.
 - State Historical Society of North Dakota (Request #1571) - To increase the grants line item and federal funds spending authority by \$250,000 to accept a Save America's Treasures grant for the emergency archaeological excavation of Beacon Island – Agate Basin site in Lake Sakakawea
 - Bank of North Dakota (Request #1572) - To make a line item transfer of \$500,000 from the salaries line to the operating line (\$500,000) to allow for transition from internal to external information technology service providers
 - Department of Transportation (Request #1574) - To increase the highways program line item by \$76,260 for federal funds available to the state from the Safe Routes to Schools program and for approval of one full-time equivalent (FTE) position to supervise the program
 - Department of Human Services (Request #1575) - To add 11 FTE positions for the State Hospital sex offender program. If savings cannot be generated internally within the agency to cover the additional cost, a deficiency appropriation will be requested by the agency in the next legislative session.
 - Information Technology Department (Request #1576) - To increase special funds spending authority from service fees by \$500,000 and salaries and wages line item (\$354,000) and operating line item (\$146,000) to provide software development support to the Bank of North Dakota (see Request #1572)
 - Department of Agriculture (Request #1578) - To increase spending authority by \$76,384 to transfer state contingency funds (\$58,669) and federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (\$17,715) for salary line item (\$41,860) and operating line item (\$34,524) and approval of one FTE position to respond to increased demand for state meat inspection services
 - Department of Emergency Services (Request #1580) - To increase spending authority by \$1,657,850 to receive federal funds (\$1,465,750) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and a Bank of North Dakota loan (\$192,100) for the required state match pursuant to NDCC Section 37-17.1-23 and the operating line item (\$25,000) and grants line item (\$1,632,850) for costs related to the November 2005 snowstorm
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of North Dakota State University regarding a request for Budget Section approval to accept and expend an additional \$8,000,000 in donated funds, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1, for the Bison Sports Arena addition and renovation
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The status of the Medicaid management information system (MMIS) and contract negotiations with the possible vendor
 - The status of the department's 2005-07 biennium budget and the ability to provide additional state matching funds required for the MMIS project

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative from Job Service North Dakota regarding status of the job insurance trust fund pursuant to NDCC Section 52-02-17
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft relating to the powers and duties of the Budget Section
- 3:20 p.m. Committee discussion of the bill draft
- 3:25 p.m. Distribution of a report on the Budget Committee on Health Care budget tours of North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, Mill and Elevator, and School for the Deaf
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:35 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Tom Brusegaard, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleon, Scot Kelsh, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Matthew M. Klein, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Ralph Metcalf, David Monson, Chet Pollert, Earl Rennerfeldt, Bob Skarphol, Blair Thoreson, Mike Timm, Francis J. Wald, Alon C. Wieland, Clark Williams

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