

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, June 14, 2006
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the March 8, 2006, 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, including the balance in the related funds and commitments from the water development trust fund
 - Review of the revenue forecast process for the remainder of the 2005-07 biennium and the 2007-09 biennium, including timeframes and the use of an economic forecast consultant
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Oil and Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources regarding oil pipeline transportation issues, oil production, and oil prices
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the 2006 centers of excellence application
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Centers of Excellence Commission and the listed applicant regarding the following funding award recommendation for centers of excellence:
- Centers of Excellence Commission - Dickinson State University - Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Revitalization - \$1,150,000
- 10:25 a.m. Committee consideration of the funding award recommendation for centers of excellence made by the Centers of Excellence Commission and considered by the Emergency Commission, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 15-69-02
- 10:40 a.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:
- Aeronautics Commission (Request #1589) - To increase special funds spending authority and the capital assets line item by \$600,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for capital assets line (\$600,000) for reconstruction of the runway at the International Peace Garden airport
 - Game and Fish Department (Request #1590) - To increase spending authority by \$189,700 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for the operating expenses line item (\$189,700) to collect samples for monitoring avian influenza in waterfowl, shorebirds, and other migratory birds and chronic wasting disease from dead or sick deer
 - Department of Emergency Services (Request #1591) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$361,346 and the salaries and wages line item (\$32,850) and the grants line item (\$328,496) to accept federal funds from the predisaster

mitigation grant program for administration and support of grant awards and for planning grants to Billings, Burleigh, and Cass Counties and the city of Medora

- Department of Emergency Services (Request #1593) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$6,903,780 to receive federal funds (\$6,055,100) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and state disaster loan proceeds (\$848,680) for the salaries and wages line item (\$100,000), operating expenses line item (\$270,000), and grants line item (\$6,533,780) for costs related to flooding occurring in the Red River Valley in 2006
- Adjutant General (Request #1594) - To increase special funds spending authority and the Army Guard contracts line item by \$16.6 million to accept federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for the construction of a field maintenance shop in Minot (\$12.3 million) and a weapons of mass destruction civil support team building at Fraire Barracks in Bismarck (\$4.3 million)
- Adjutant General (Request #1595) - To transfer \$85,000 from the state contingency fund for costs incurred by the North Dakota National Guard for flood relief in Grand Forks, Walsh, and Pembina Counties in April 2006 (\$130,853) and estimated costs for the Ward County search in May 2006 (\$22,150). Total costs of \$153,003, less National Guard emergency funds of \$68,458, result in a shortfall of \$84,545. **NOTE:** Approved by the Emergency Commission with the stipulation that the state's contingency fund be reimbursed when the agency receives federal offsetting funds.
- Department of Human Services (Request #1596) - To add eight additional full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for the State Hospital sex offender program. These positions are in addition to the 11 FTE positions approved for the State Hospital sex offender program at the March 2006 Budget Section meeting. **NOTE:** Approved by the Emergency Commission with the stipulation that the agency provides additional supporting information at the June 14, 2006, Budget Section meeting.
- North Dakota Veterans Home (Request #1598) - To increase special funds spending authority from additional resident rent revenue and the operating line item by \$116,000 to purchase medications for the Veterans Home pharmacy

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Minot State University - Bottineau regarding a request for Budget Section approval to change the scope of the Thatcher Hall addition project, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.1

11:15 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the State Board of Higher Education regarding:

- The allocation of the higher education equity pool, pursuant to Section 9 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2003
- The status of the higher education review of the long-term finance plan, pursuant to Section 17 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2003
- The status of utilities budgets for the institutions of higher education for the 2005-07 biennium

11:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Agriculture Research and Education of the status report, pursuant to NDCC Section 4-05.1-19(10)

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance and the Risk Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the risk management workers' compensation program, pursuant to NDCC Section 65-04-03.1(5)

- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services on positions affected by the department's reorganization and justification of any prior salary increases, pursuant to Section 10 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services detailing the use of federal homeland security funds at the state and local levels and a report regarding any discrepancies relating to needs assessment completed by the department and political subdivisions and purchases, pursuant to Section 7 of 2005 House Bill No. 1016
- 1:45 p.m. Distribution of information from the Land Department identifying there are no state agencies that have not submitted a claim for unclaimed property belonging to that agency as required by NDCC Section 47-30.1-24.1
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Transportation regarding any additional full-time equivalent positions hired for highway construction, pursuant to Section 4 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2012
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative from Job Service North Dakota regarding the status of the agency's unemployment insurance computer system modernization procurement planning
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the status of the Medicaid management information system (MMIS) computer system project
- 2:45 p.m. Committee discussion of a bill draft relating to the powers and duties of the Budget Section
- 3:00 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of correspondence from ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state, pursuant to NDCC Section 4-14.1-07
- 3:05 p.m. Distribution of reports on the Higher Education Committee budget tours of the State College of Science, North Dakota State University, Valley City State University, Minot State University, Minot State University - Bottineau, and Lake Region State College and the Budget Committee on Human Services budget tours of the State Hospital, Veterans Home, Developmental Center, and selected human service centers
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:15 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 Gulleson, 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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