

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, September 7, 2005
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the June 23, 2005, meeting
- 1:05 p.m. Presentations by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - 2003-05 biennium agency general fund turnback amounts
 - Status of 2003-05 biennium deficiency appropriations, including the amount of the deficiency appropriations which was used and whether any unused deficiency appropriations were included in general fund turnback or used for purposes other than the purpose for which the deficiency was requested
 - Status of the tobacco settlement proceeds
 - Carryover funds to be used for State Hospital electrical distribution repair and the potential need for additional funds for the 2007-09 biennium
- 1:45 p.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- Department of Emergency Services (Request #1546) - To increase the grants line item by \$2,498,250 to accept federal funds from the predisaster mitigation grant program to provide awards to the city of Fargo and Barnes County
 - Department of Emergency Services (Request #1547) - To increase federal and special funds spending authority by \$11,621,150 relating to Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act funding (\$10,371,150) and state disaster loan proceeds (\$1,250,000) for disaster costs associated with the severe storms and flooding in several counties and Indian reservations in June and July 2005. The request includes the authority for the department to obtain a \$1,250,000 loan from the Bank of North Dakota, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 37-17.1-23, to pay the estimated state share of the disaster recovery costs. Repayment of the loan will be requested as a deficiency appropriation from the 2007 Legislative Assembly. The request will require state general fund dollars to repay the Bank of North Dakota loan of \$1,250,000 plus interest.
 - State Historical Society (Request #1549) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$80,000 to accept federal funds from the Department of Interior Save America's Treasures grant program for the capital assets line item, with \$70,000 of general fund matching funds approved for carryover from the 2003-05 biennium under NDCC Section 54-44.1-11, for the construction of a protective

shelter for the French gratitude train boxcar located on the campus of the State Capitol

- Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request #1550) - To increase other funds spending authority by \$68,000 to accept funds from a private individual for the Youth Correctional Center to purchase the READ RIGHT reading program for the Marmot School
- State Department of Health (Request #1551) - To transfer \$300,000 of federal funds spending authority from the grants line item to the salaries line item for temporary employees, including two quality assurance coordinators, an accountant, and administrative support personnel to implement bioterrorism programs
- State Department of Health (Request #1552) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$4,100,000 of funds available from the Environmental Protection Agency for grants relating to the arsenic trioxide superfund project to oversee design and construct an arsenic trioxide remedy site in the Richland, Ransom, and Sargent Counties areas and to transfer \$700,000 of federal funds spending authority from the operating line item to the grants line item for the arsenic trioxide superfund project
- State Department of Health (Request #1553) - To increase other funds spending authority by \$7,200,000 of funds available from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota for operating expenses to purchase additional vaccines for statewide immunization programs

- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of an analysis of Budget Section duties and responsibilities for the 2005-07 biennium
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education on sources of local funds received for construction projects of entities under the board, pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-12.3
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Department of Public Instruction of an annual report of transfers to the state tuition fund, pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-02-14
- 3:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Public Service Commission of an annual report on payments received and expenditures from the performance assurance fund, pursuant to NDCC Section 49-21-31
- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce Division of Community Services on annual audits of renaissance fund organizations, pursuant to NDCC Section 40-63-07(9)
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce on funds spent to administer an Internet web site that provides career guidance and job opportunity services, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-60-10
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by the commissioner of the Department of Commerce on North Dakota economic goals and associated benchmarks, pursuant to Section 53 of 2005 Senate Bill No. 2018
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

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