

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 6, 2006
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the state general fund as compared to original and revised projections
 - Estimated impact of increased oil activity and oil prices on state revenues for the 2005-07 and 2007-09 bienniums
 - Status of tobacco settlement collections
 - Executive budget revenue forecast for the 2007-09 biennium; one-time revenues, including beginning balance; deficiency budget requests; and proposed statutory changes affecting revenues
 - Plans for the legislative revised revenue forecast during the week of February 5, 2007
- 11:40 a.m. Committee consideration of the state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- Department of Public Instruction (Request #1616) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$424,500 and the salaries and wages line item (\$30,600), operating expenses line item (\$44,900), and grants line item (\$349,000) to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Education for a state personnel development grant to improve the personnel preparation and professional development system for special education teachers and related services personnel.
 - State Historical Society (Request #1617) - To increase spending authority by \$180,000 to accept federal funds from the Bureau of Land Management for the salaries line item (\$90,000) and operating expenses line item (\$90,000) to prepare a resource management plan for cultural resources for the Bureau of Land Management, which at the same time will allow for updating of the North Dakota comprehensive plan for historic preservation.
 - Veterans Home (Request #1618) - To increase special funds spending authority from additional resident rent revenue and the operating expenses line item by \$150,000 for costs of primary care lab work, tests, and x-rays which were previously covered by the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fargo and for contract nursing costs due to the inability to find candidates to fill several nursing positions.
 - Department of Financial Institutions (Request #1620) - To increase spending authority by \$67,500 from other funds for the operating expenses line item (\$67,500) for legal services related to investigation and for support of mortgage broker examiners and a line item transfer from the capital assets line item (\$7,500) to the operating expenses line item (\$7,500) for Office of Management and Budget service fees higher than expected.

- State Historical Society (Request #1621) - To increase spending authority by \$200,000 to accept transportation enhancement grant federal funds passed through from the Department of Transportation for the capital assets line item (\$200,000) for the design and fabrication of new exhibits at the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center.
- 11:50 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Historical Society regarding a request for Budget Section approval for additional expenditures related to the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Economy.com regarding:
- Economic assumptions included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the 2007-09 biennium
 - North Dakota economic outlook, oil prices, and agriculture commodity prices
 - Impact of the state's oil industry on state revenues
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on the 2007-09 executive budget recommendations for:
- State employee compensation and benefits
 - Capital projects
 - Use of bonding for capital projects and the impact of the limit on general fund lease payments
 - One-time budget investments
 - Information technology projects
 - Department of Human Services, including the Developmental Center, the State Hospital, and the State Department of Health
 - Elementary, secondary, and vocational education
 - Higher education institutions and the University System office
 - Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Highway Patrol
 - Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the North Dakota State University Extension Service and the Main Research Station
 - Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department
 - Department of Transportation and other state agencies and institutions
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding an update on the status of the Medicaid management information system, including costs and options for Phase 2 of the project
- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on specified commodities and services exempted from the procurement requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-44.4
- 3:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the reconciliation of the salary increases provided in 2005-07 with planned future salary increases

- 4:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Land Department regarding state agencies' unclaimed property
- 4:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn