

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 8, 2004
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:
- The status of the state general fund, as compared to original and revised projections
 - The executive budget revenue forecast for the 2005-07 biennium and deficiency budget requests
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Economy.com, Inc., on economic assumptions included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the 2005-07 biennium, including North Dakota economic outlooks
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:00 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:
- Division of Emergency Management (Request #1528) - To receive \$91,125 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund and to increase spending authority to accept the funds to provide payment to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service for interagency suppression and support costs incurred on state and private lands related to fires at Magpie Camp, Whitetail, and Deep Creek
 - Game and Fish Department (Request #1529) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$100,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service state wildlife grant program for the grants line item (\$100,000) to fund a temporary science coordinator position at the Nature Conservancy (January 1, 2005, through June 30, 2005) to provide guidance to agency biologists charged with the development and delivery of the state's comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy
 - Game and Fish Department (Request #1530) - To increase spending authority by \$100,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act (\$75,000) and from the Game and Fish operating fund (\$25,000) for the capital improvements line item to repair leaking fish rearing ponds located at the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery to prevent a decrease in their production capacity
 - Department of Career and Technical Education (Request #1531) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$138,586 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Education transition to teaching in North Dakota grant for the operating line item (\$138,586) for professional development and planned support designed to develop highly qualified teachers from the existing pool of eligible individuals

- Department of Career and Technical Education (Request #1532) - To increase federal funds spending authority to accept \$355,000 of federal funds from the United States Department of Labor incentive grant for the operating line item (\$147,375) and the grants line item (\$207,625) to expand opportunities for students in several areas related to career and technical education
- Agriculture Department (Request #1533) - To add two FTE positions for the State Board of Animal Health. The Emergency Commission (September 29, 2004) and Budget Section (October 5, 2004) previously approved \$515,000 of additional federal funds spending authority from the United States Department of Agriculture which will be used to fund the positions. The additional FTE positions were not included in the original request because of uncertainty at that time of whether the funding will continue; however, the department has since learned the grant will continue beyond the 2003-05 biennium. The Emergency Commission added the stipulation that the FTE positions are only authorized as long as the positions are federally funded.

1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on 2005-07 executive budget recommendations for capital projects and state employee compensation benefits

Presentations by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on executive budget recommendations and major funding changes for:

1:30 p.m. • Department of Human Services, including the Developmental Center, State Hospital, and State Department of Health

1:45 p.m. • Elementary, secondary, and vocational education

2:00 p.m. • Higher education institutions and the University System office

2:15 p.m. • Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Highway Patrol

2:30 p.m. • Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the North Dakota State University Extension Service and Main Research Station

2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding an update on the status of the medical assistance program, including payments, caseloads, and the receipt of enhanced federal medical assistance percentage funds

Continuation of presentations by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on executive budget recommendations and major funding changes for:

3:15 p.m. • Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department

3:30 p.m. • Department of Transportation and other state agencies and institutions

3:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding the trade promotion authority established pursuant to Sections 21 and 22 of House Bill No. 1019 (2003)

4:00 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 pursuant to Section 42 of Senate Bill No. 2015 (2003)

4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

5:00 p.m. Adjourn