

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Tentative Agenda

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 26, 2005  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure  
Comments by Representative Rick Berg, Chairman, regarding the activities of the committee during the interim

#### **BUSINESS CLIMATE STUDY**

9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the business climate study

9:20 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Commerce regarding the business climate study and the services the department will be able to provide

9:30 a.m. Committee discussion regarding committee duties, Department of Commerce duties, consultant services, and procedure for the business climate initiative focus groups and Business Congress held as part of this study

10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the business climate study  
Committee directives

#### **VENTURE AND RISK CAPITAL STUDY**

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the venture and risk capital study

10:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the venture and risk capital study  
Committee discussion and directives

10:55 a.m. Coffee break

#### **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

##### **Status Reports on Programs and Studies**

11:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Bank of North Dakota regarding the status of the Bank's investment in alternative and venture capital investments and early-stage capital funds program

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

11:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Commerce on the status of the following new programs:

- American Indian Business Development Office
- International Trade and Business Office
- Local economic developer certification
- Image information program
- Business hotline program

- Dakota Manufacturing Initiative

Presentation by representatives of the Department of Commerce summarizing activities of the department in preparing for the required reports to the committee regarding the department's studies of:

- The state's intellectual property laws as they relate to the protection of intellectual property rights
- The state's economic development incentives

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

12:15 p.m.

Luncheon recess

1:15 p.m.

Presentation by Mr. Eddie Dunn, North Dakota University System, and Mr. Mark Nisbet, Centers of Excellence Commission, on the status of the centers of excellence program

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

1:45 p.m.

Presentation by Dr. Robert L. Potts, Chancellor, North Dakota University System, summarizing activities of the agency in preparing for the required report to the committee regarding the agency's study of incentives the state could adopt to serve as catalysts for stimulating more efficient commercialization of new technologies

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

2:00 p.m.

Presentation by Ms. Sherry Neas, Office of Management and Budget, regarding the status of the new program through which the department provides procurement information through the Internet and summarizing activities of the agency in preparing for the required report to the committee regarding the agency's procurement assistance center study

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

### **Renaissance Zone Annual Report**

2:15 p.m.

Presentation by Mr. Richard Gray, Department of Commerce Division of Community Services, of the annual report on renaissance zone progress

Comments by interested persons

Committee discussion and directives

2:30 p.m.

Comments by the committee chairman

Committee discussion

3:00 p.m.

Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives Rick Berg, Dawn Marie Charging, Donald L. Clark, Donald D. Dietrich, Mark A. Dosch, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleon, Jim Kasper, Bob Martinson, Lisa Meier, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Dan J. Ruby, Elwood Thorpe, Clark Williams  
 Senators April Fairfield, Nicholas P. Hacker, Duane Mutch, Randy A. Schobinger, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor, John M. Warner