

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**

Wednesday and Thursday, January 4-5, 2006  
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind  
Mill and Elevator  
Grand Forks, North Dakota  
School for the Deaf  
Devils Lake, North Dakota

**Wednesday, January 4, 2006 - Meeting and budget tours - University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 501 North Columbia Road; North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, 500 Stanford Road; Mill and Elevator, 1823 Mill Road, Grand Forks** (The committee will begin its meeting at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Room 3933.)

8:30 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting

**FUTURE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH CARE NEEDS**

8:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Rural Health regarding:

- Access, quality, and cost of health care within North Dakota
- Shortages of health care professionals in North Dakota
- Innovations affecting the delivery of health care in rural areas

9:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences regarding:

- The percentage of medical school graduates who remain in North Dakota
- The physician loan program
- The focus of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences

9:45 a.m. Tour of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

10:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Michael Unhjem, Chairman, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Board, regarding the need for a comprehensive, long-range study of the state's current and future health care needs

10:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding possible expansion of the department's current federal grant program study of health insurance coverage to a comprehensive, long-range study of the state's current and future health care needs, including details on the study topic areas that would be added, the funding needed for the additional topic areas, and potential sources of funding for the study expansion

- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Medical Association regarding health care technology, legal and marketing issues, national guidelines for duplication of technology and the number of procedures to be completed annually by a physician to be certified for that certain procedure, and the rate at which North Dakota physicians meet those guidelines
- 11:50 a.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Travel to North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind (The committee will begin its meeting in the gymnasium at North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, and legislators are encouraged to park in the parking lot off Sixth Avenue North.)
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind regarding the status of the 2005-07 budget, programs and services, number of clients, and anticipated budget needs for the 2007-09 biennium
- 1:30 p.m. Budget tour of North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind
- 2:45 p.m. Travel to the Mill and Elevator
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Mill and Elevator regarding the status of the 2005-07 budget, programs and services, and anticipated budget and capital improvement needs for the 2007-09 biennium
- 3:45 p.m. Budget tour of the Mill and Elevator
- 4:45 p.m. Recess - Travel to Devils Lake

**Thursday, January 5, 2006 - Meeting and budget tour - School for the Deaf, 1401 College Drive, Devils Lake**

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the School for the Deaf regarding the status of the 2005-07 budget, programs and services, number of students and capacity, and anticipated budget and capital improvement needs for the 2007-09 biennium
- 9:30 a.m. Tour of the School for the Deaf

**CONSOLIDATION OF STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STUDY**

- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of memorandums regarding requirements for licensure and membership data of North Dakota's health profession boards and other states' efforts relating to consolidation of boards and commissions
- 11:05 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators Aaron Krauter (Chairman), John M. Andrist, Richard L. Brown, Ralph L. Kilzer, Judy Lee, Tim Mathern, Carolyn Nelson, Russell T. Thane  
 Representatives William R. Devlin, Lee Kaldor, Gary Kreidt, Shirley Meyer, Vonnie Pietsch, Todd Porter, Louise Potter, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz, Alon C. Wieland