

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23, 2008
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding the status of the general fund, including oil and gas tax distributions to local governments
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of proposed changes to appropriation bills, including options for adding the authorized number of full-time equivalent positions for each agency
- 9:25 a.m. Comments by representatives of OMB on proposed appropriation bill changes
- 9:30 a.m. Committee discussion regarding proposed appropriation bill changes
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of OMB on information relating to the 2009-11 biennium budget, including:
- The number of agency budget requests submitted to date
 - Estimated ongoing and one-time revenues and related general fund transfers
 - Cost to continue items
 - Major anticipated appropriations, including appropriations relating to salaries and wages, health insurance, and one-time funding items
 - Major initiatives that may be considered as part of the executive budget
 - Potential state government efficiencies being identified as part of the budget development process
 - Potential options for use of funding in the permanent oil tax trust fund
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the updated preliminary budget outlook for the 2009-11 biennium
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Industrial Commission regarding potential amounts that may be available for transfer to the general fund from the Bank of North Dakota, Mill and Elevator, and student loan trust fund during the 2009-11 biennium
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Land Department regarding potential amounts that may be available for transfer from the lands and minerals trust fund to the general fund during the 2009-11 biennium
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- Status of the department's 2007-09 biennium budget by major category, major programmatic changes, and status of one-time expenditures
 - Information on the Department of Human Services' 2009-11 biennium budget request, including cost to continue items, anticipated cost and utilization changes of major programs, requested provider rate increases, other major budget changes and initiatives, and one-time funding requests

- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:
- Status of the department's 2007-09 biennium budget, including numbers of inmates compared to budgeted amounts, major programmatic changes, and status of one-time expenditures
 - Information on the department's 2009-11 biennium budget request, including cost to continue items, anticipated inmate numbers, staffing changes, capital improvements and deferred maintenance requests, other major budget changes and initiatives, and other one-time funding items requested for the 2009-11 biennium
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Water Commission regarding:
- Anticipated uses of additional resources trust fund revenues available for the 2007-09 biennium
 - Information on the commission's 2009-11 biennium budget request, including total water project funding requests by major category, the total amount of outstanding bonds payable and anticipated bond payments, and projected sources and uses of funding for the 2009-11 biennium
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding the Northern Tier Network, including information on the needs of elementary and secondary education and what types of telecommunications activities are being transferred to the network
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the Northern Tier Network
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Tax Department regarding its "GenTax" computer system, including actual return on investment compared to estimates made as part of the original project plan
- 2:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding 2009-11 biennium level of spending recommendations
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Al Carlson (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Jeff Delzer, Bob Martinson, Bob Skarphol, Ken Svedjan, Clark Williams
 Senators Randel Christmann, Tony Grindberg, Ray Holmberg, Elroy N. Lindaas, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Bob Stenehjem