

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WORKFORCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 6, 2007
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

9:10 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding responsibilities of the committee

STUDIES

9:15 a.m. Comments by Mr. William G. Goetz, Chancellor, North Dakota University System, and a presentation by Ms. Marsha Krotseng, North Dakota University System, regarding educational demographics of the region and ACT data

Committee questions and discussion

9:40 a.m. Comments by Mr. Shane C. Goettle, Commissioner, Department of Commerce, regarding the status of North Dakota's workforce, North Dakota workforce activities, and the Governor's Workforce Summit scheduled for October 11-12, 2007

Comments via telephone by Mr. Richard Judy, Workforce Associates, Inc., regarding the upcoming "State of the North Dakota Workforce Report" and associated workforce trends

Committee questions and discussion

10:40 a.m. Break

10:55 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Economic Development Association of North Dakota regarding the current status of the local workforce and the workforce system

Committee questions and discussion

11:20 a.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce regarding the current status of the local workforce and the workforce system

Committee questions and discussion

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of background memorandums on the studies of:

- The state's system for addressing workforce needs through a workforce system initiative (Section 20 of House Bill No. 1018);
- Job development authorities across the state to determine the economic impact created by the authorities, to examine funding mechanisms used by the authorities when expending resources for economic development purposes, and to determine whether the authorities serve a viable purpose (Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2149);
- Possible methods of growing North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state (House Concurrent Resolution No. 3025); and
- The means by which the University System fulfills North Dakota's workforce needs (Legislative Council chairman directive)

Committee questions and discussion

- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jim Hirsch, Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Development, regarding the state's workforce system and 2007 legislation impacting workforce
- Comments by interested persons
- Committee questions and discussion
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of job development authorities
- Committee questions and discussion
- 2:30 p.m. Break

REPORTS

- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Gordon LaFrance, Department of Commerce Division of Community Services, of the annual report on renaissance zone progress
- Comments by interested persons
- Committee questions and discussion
- 3:05 p.m. Comments by Ms. Lisa Feldner, Statewide Longitudinal Data System Committee, regarding the status of the committee's activities and the committee's upcoming report on the status of the plan for a longitudinal data system
- Comments by interested persons
- Committee questions and discussion

INTERIM PLANNING

- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives regarding the study approach for the committee's receipt of reports and study charges
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Tony Grindberg (Chairman), Ray Holmberg, Dave Nething, Tom Seymour
 Representatives Donald L. Clark, Stacey Dahl, Mary Ekstrom, Glen Froseth, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Guleson, Nancy Johnson, George J. Keiser, Lisa Meier, Lee Myxter, Dan J. Ruby, Clark Williams, Steve Zaiser