

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 23, 2009, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund and the state's economy, including information on economic sectors showing growth
 - Final report on 2007-09 biennium general fund revenues, spending, turnback, and use of deficiency appropriations
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
 - Number of employees receiving bonuses above the 25 percent limitation pursuant to Section 54-06-30 and Section 1 of 2009 House Bill No. 1030
 - Status of the state's major trust funds, including information on each fund's current balance compared to two years ago and the effect of any investment gains or losses on each fund during the past two years
 - Federal stimulus funds retained by agencies for administration purposes
 - Actual amount of Veterans' Home July 1, 2009, special fund balance compared to the amount anticipated in the Veterans' Home 2009-11 budget
 - Information on 2007-09 capital construction and information technology project funding continued by the Capital Construction Carryover Committee
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Information on selected agencies that have had pay and market equity concerns, including specific information on how salary equity increases have affected the salaries of the affected employees and how the general salary increase funds were distributed to these and other employees within the agency, including the range of percentage increases provided
 - A summary of how general salary increases were distributed among employees for each agency and the effect these distribution methods have had on salary compression issues of agencies
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance and the Risk Management Division of the Office of Management and Budget on the status of the risk management workers' compensation program pursuant to Section 65-04-03.1(5)
- 10:35 a.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests, pursuant to Chapter 54-16, that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section and to notify the Budget Section of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds received by the Department of Human Services:

- Department of Commerce (Request #1703) - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$258,858 to accept federal funds from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 enhanced government energy assurance and resiliency grant for the creation and testing of standardized energy assurance and resiliency plans to use during energy emergencies and supply disruptions.
- Department of Commerce (Request #1704) - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$615,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Energy under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide rebates for consumers purchasing Energy Star appliances.
- Department of Human Services (Request #1705) - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$11,062,000 to accept federal funds from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for grant funds for the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program increased caseload from 2007 to 2008 (\$510,000), one-time funds for subsidized employment costs to assist individuals exiting the TANF program or to avoid entering the program (\$10,345,000), and administrative funds for the supplemental nutrition assistance program (\$207,000).
- State Department of Health (Request #1708) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$4,920,000 to accept federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the salaries and wages line item (\$480,000), the operating expenses line item (\$640,000), the capital assets line item (\$200,000), and the grants line item (\$3,600,000) for pandemic influenza preparedness and a vaccination campaign.

Department of Human Services - This item is to notify the Budget Section that the Department of Human Services has received and spent an additional \$3.2 million of federal funds during the 2007-09 biennium from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for child support incentive matching funds. No additional appropriation authority is necessary for the 2009-11 biennium. The 2009 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$84,389,205 of federal funds made available to the department under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including \$3.2 million of child support incentive matching funds, for the 2009-11 biennium.

- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Williston State College regarding a request for Budget Section approval to expand the scope and increase the authorization for the science laboratory project from \$1.6 million to \$2.2 million pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education regarding:
- An update on the status of major higher education capital construction projects currently in progress
 - Sources of local funds received for construction projects of entities under the board pursuant to Section 15-10-12.3
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Game and Fish Department regarding land acquisitions in Morton, Grand Forks, and Pembina Counties that require Budget Section approval pursuant to Section 20.1-02-05.1
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services and Affiliated Computer Services regarding the status of the Medicaid management information system project and by representatives of the Department of Human Services of a request for Budget Section approval to spend \$2,172,584 of project contingency funds pursuant to Section 4 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 2024

- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- The status of the construction of the Great Plains Applied Energy Research Center, including the extent to which nonstate matching funds have been made available for the project pursuant to 2009 House Bill No. 1350
 - Annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to Section 40-63-07(9)
- 1:45 p.m. Report from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee regarding the implementation of the comprehensive tobacco prevention and control plan pursuant to 2009 House Bill No. 1015
- 2:00 p.m. Report from the Department of Emergency Services regarding emergency snow removal grants distributed to counties, townships, and cities pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012
- 2:15 p.m. Report from the Adjutant General on 2009 flood disaster-related expenditures, transfers, reimbursements, and general fund deposits pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2444
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Transportation regarding the anticipated use of state, federal, emergency, and other highway funding during the 2009 construction season pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding a summary of the annual report of the Information Technology Department pursuant to Section 54-59-19
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Health Information Technology Office and Health Information Technology Advisory Committee regarding the status of health information technology activities pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2332
- 3:15 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of a summary report from the Veterans' Home construction project manager regarding the status of the Veterans' Home construction project pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2007
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Ray Holmberg (Chairman), Bill Bowman, Randel Christmann, Tom Fischer, Tony S. Grindberg, Ralph L. Kilzer, Aaron Krauter, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Tim Mathern, Carolyn Nelson, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Tom Seymour, Bob Stenehjem, Rich Wardner, John Warner

Representatives Larry Bellew, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Eliot Glassheim, Kathy Hawken, Lee Kaldor, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Matthew M. Klein, Gary Kreidt, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Ralph Metcalf, Shirley Meyer, David Monson, Jon Nelson, Kenton Onstad, Chet Pollert, Bob Skarphol, Ken Svedjan, Blair Thoreson, Don Vigesaa, Francis J. Wald, Alon C. Wieland, Clark Williams