

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 8, 2010
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 11:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
- *11:05 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-16 that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- **Attorney General (Request #1754)** - Request for \$92,000 from the state contingencies appropriation for the litigation fees line item (\$38,000) for anticipated expenditures during the remainder of the 2009-11 biennium and the operating expenses line item (\$54,000) for anticipated reimbursements to city and county governments for prosecution witness fees for the remainder of the 2009-11 biennium
 - **Department of Transportation (Request #1755)** - Request to increase spending authority by \$14,130,000 of federal funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The funds will be used to construct the North Central Regional Economic Growth Intermodal Port Connector project in Minot.
 - **Game and Fish Department (Request #1756)** - Request to increase spending authority in the grants line item by \$687,000 of federal funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for a portion of costs associated with the reconstruction of the Clausen Springs Dam. Total project cost is estimated to be \$2,077,554 with the remaining funds provided by the State Water Commission, Barnes County Water Resource District, and Red River Joint Water Resource District
 - **Adjutant General (Request #1757)** - Request to increase special funds spending authority by \$3 million of federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the operating expenses line item (\$3 million) for monitoring and inspection of damaged sites relating to three presidentially declared disasters in 2010--the January winter storm, spring flooding, and the April ice storm
 - **Adjutant General (Request #1758)** - Request to increase special funds spending authority by \$8,343,750 of federal funds from FEMA pursuant to natural disaster emergency provisions within Sections 54-16-09 and 54-16-04.2 for the grants line item (\$8,343,750) for expenditures related to the 2010 spring flooding
 - **Secretary of State (Request #1762)** - Request to increase special funds spending authority by \$149,129 from the agency's general services operating fund for the salaries and wages line item (\$82,629) and the operating expenses line item (\$66,500) for staff overtime related to the development of the agency's software project and increased demand for agency services
 - **Office of Management and Budget (Request #1764)** - Request to increase spending authority by \$120,000 of federal funds from the Department of Commerce received under the ARRA energy efficiency grant program. The funds will be used to replace lamps and ballasts in the judicial wing of the Capitol.
 - **Williston State College (Request #1766)** - Request is for \$55,000 from the 2009-11 state contingencies appropriation to contract for a part-time security presence on campus from November 2010 through June 2011. The funding will be used along with \$44,960 of internally reallocated funds from the college's budget to contract for part-time security services.

- *11:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Adjutant General of a request for Budget Section approval to spend funds from the state disaster relief fund pursuant to provisions of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012 for the following:
- Up to \$2,005,000 to match federal disaster relief funds relating to the April 2010 ice storm. A portion of this amount will repay a Bank of North Dakota loan that was borrowed for this purpose (\$900,000).
 - Up to \$1,112,500 to match federal disaster relief funds relating to 2010 spring flooding
- *11:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Bismarck State College regarding the following requests for Budget Section approval of changes to the Technical Center renovation project pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25:
- Change in the scope of the project to include corridor flooring, door and hardware replacement, and wall treatments in the Interactive Video Network rooms at an estimated cost of \$150,000, which is within current budget authority
 - Increase project authorization from \$3,409,500 to \$3,526,138 from a Department of Commerce grant (\$76,638) and matching funds (\$40,000)
- *11:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the University of North Dakota regarding a request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization and scope of the Northern Plains Center for Behavioral Research project to include classroom technology equipment and related infrastructure at an estimated cost increase of \$194,000 from available departmental institutional funds
- *11:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Centers of Excellence Commission and committee consideration of the following funding award recommendation for centers of excellence made by the Centers of Excellence Commission and considered by the Emergency Commission pursuant to Section 15-69-02:
- North Dakota State University - Center for Biopharmaceutical Research and Production 2.0, \$3,015,000 (Request #1765)
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to Section 54-14-03.1
 - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including an update of funding information and agency requests to continue full-time equivalent (FTE) positions or programs paid for by ARRA funds
 - Report on any tobacco settlement proceeds
 - Estimated turnback for the 2009-11 biennium
 - Executive budget revenue forecast for the 2011-13 biennium; one-time revenues, including beginning balance; deficiency requests; and proposed statutory changes affecting revenues
 - Plans for presenting the legislative revenue forecast tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2011
 - Review of the appropriation bill format
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Economy.com regarding:
- Economic assumptions included in the executive budget revenue forecast for the 2011-13 biennium

- North Dakota economic outlook, including oil prices and agriculture commodity prices
 - Impact of the state's oil industry on state revenues
 - Effect on state revenues of projected changes in the number of acres included in the federal conservation reserve program
 - Projections for the value of the dollar and its effect on the North Dakota economy
 - Effect on state revenues of Congress not extending the federal income tax cuts approved in 2001 and 2003 that are scheduled to expire at the end of 2010
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget on the 2011-13 executive budget recommendations for:
- State employee compensation and benefits
 - One-time budget investments
 - Information technology projects
 - Capital projects
 - Use of bonding for capital projects and the impact of the limit on general fund lease payments
 - Elementary, secondary, and vocational education
 - Higher education institutions and the North Dakota University System office
 - State Department of Health
 - Department of Human Services, including the Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton and the State Hospital
 - Public safety agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Highway Patrol
 - Agricultural and economic development agencies, including the North Dakota State University Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station
 - Natural resource agencies, including the State Water Commission and the Game and Fish Department
 - Department of Transportation and other state agencies and institutions
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget on specified commodities and services exempted from procurement requirements of Section 54-44.4-02.2
- 3:05 p.m. Report from the Department of Commerce regarding the status of the centers of excellence fund pursuant to Section 28 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2018
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the Medicaid management information system project and the status of Medicaid claims processing
- 3:25 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans' Home regarding the status of the Veterans' Home construction project pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2007, including a report comparing actual costs to budget to date by major category of expenditure, and current estimates of total project costs
- 3:35 p.m. Report from the Highway Patrol regarding the status of implementation of the commercial vehicle information systems and networks pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2011

- 3:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Housing Finance Agency on the status of a pilot project to provide incentives for private sector investment in single-family residential dwelling units and multifamily housing facilities in difficult-to-develop areas of the state pursuant to provisions of Section 17 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2014
- 3:55 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
- 4:05 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

***This item includes a request for Budget Section action.**

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