

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

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

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 15, 2009, meeting
- 9:05 a.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 North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
 - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including:
 - Funding provided directly to political subdivisions
 - Funding available to the state that has not been accepted
 - The use of \$1.2 million of funds retained by the Department of Commerce for the administration of the state energy program
 - Funding provided for programs in the 2009-11 biennium that agencies may request funding from the general fund to continue in the 2011-13 biennium
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of Job Service North Dakota regarding the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds available to the state
- 10:15 a.m. Committee consideration of an Office of Management and Budget request to use funds from the capital improvements preliminary planning revolving fund for prepayment of consulting and planning fees for capital improvements pursuant to Section 54-27-22
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the *2009 North Dakota Finance Facts* pocket brochure prepared pursuant to 2009 House Concurrent Resolution No. 3036
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota regarding a request for Budget Section approval pursuant to Section 15-10-12.1 to:
- Accept a gift of \$445,308 in infrastructure improvements, including site preparation, planning, utilities, and steamline, related to the construction of a University of North Dakota Alumni Center
 - Accept and spend \$4 million of federal funds from the United States Department of Energy to construct a "fuels of the future" addition to the National Center for Hydrogen Technology facility at the University of North Dakota
- 10:50 a.m. Testimony from any interested legislators regarding the University of North Dakota's request to accept a gift relating to construction of a University of North Dakota Alumni Center
- 10:55 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding:
- Williston State College - Request for Budget Section approval to increase the authorization for the residence hall project from \$9,375,000 to \$9,875,000 pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25

- Williston State College - Request for Budget Section approval to use capital project funds of up to \$200,000 from the residence hall project, the science laboratory renovation project, and the virtual center for career and technical education project authorized by the 2009 Legislative Assembly to hire a temporary Williston State College employee to manage construction projects pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25
- Mayville State University - Request for Budget Section approval to change the scope of the Science Building and Byrnes Quanbeck Library renovation/addition project pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25

11:05 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the North Dakota University System regarding:

- University of North Dakota - Request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the new president's house from \$900,000 to \$1,262,705 pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25
- North Dakota State University - Request for Budget Section approval to increase the project authorization for the new president's house from \$900,000 to \$2,039,522 pursuant to Section 48-01.2-25

11:15 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:

- Public Service Commission (Request #1711) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$766,350 of federal funds from the United States Department of Energy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 relating to the regulation and oversight of transmission and generation infrastructure, to provide training to agency personnel, and for three temporary positions.
- Information Technology Department (Request #1716) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$2 million of federal funds from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for operating expenses for a comprehensive assessment of broadband availability and demand within the state.
- Information Technology Department (Request #1717) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$1 million of federal funds from the United States Department of Transportation and the United States Department of Commerce for the operating expenses line item (\$500,000) and the capital assets line item (\$500,000) for implementation of enhanced 911 services by the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee.
- Information Technology Department (Request #1718) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$10 million of federal funds from the United States Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences for the Statewide Longitudinal Data System Initiative.
- State Department of Health (Request #1719) - The request is to increase spending authority by \$7,076,990 of federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for arsenic trioxide grants (\$6,800,000), ambulatory surgical center surveys (\$18,685), a temporary employee to coordinate and implement state health care-associated infection prevention efforts (\$201,830), and for a grant to the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Rural Health to increase the number of health care professionals in underserved areas of the state (\$56,475).

- Department of Human Services (Request #1720) - The request is to increase special funds spending authority by \$202,771 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Administration on Aging for the salaries and wages line item (\$19,579) and the operating expenses line item (\$183,192) for implementation of an Aging and Disability Resource Center pilot project in the Bismarck region.
- 11:45 a.m. Committee consideration of a request from the Agriculture Commissioner for Budget Section approval to lease additional office space pursuant to Section 8 of 2009 House Bill No. 1009
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the Medicaid management information system project and the cost of change orders and whether they are attributable to federal law changes or state requests
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Public Service Commission regarding a report on the status of the metrology program transition from a public to a private service pursuant to Section 3 of House Bill No. 1008
- 1:40 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
- 2:00 p.m. Report from the Department of Emergency Services regarding emergency disaster relief grants awarded to political subdivisions pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012
- 2:20 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
- 2:40 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
- 3:00 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, Karen K. Krebsbach, Elroy N. Lindaas, Tim Mathern, Carolyn Nelson, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Tom Seymour, Bob Stenehjem, Rich Wardner, John Warner

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