

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 28, 2009
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
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee
- STUDY OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of highway construction funding and other responsibilities, including:
- Receive a report from the Tax Commissioner regarding information provided by counties, cities, and townships on funding and expenditures relating to transportation projects and programs
 - Receive reports from the Department of Transportation regarding the use of state, federal, emergency, and other highway funding during the 2009-10 interim
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Transportation regarding the committee's study of highway construction funding, including:
- Estimated highway funding available for the 2009-11 biennium
 - The use of funding available for highway construction projects under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
 - Highway construction projects scheduled for the 2009-11 biennium
- 10:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of highway construction funding
- 10:25 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's study of highway construction funding
- STUDY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUNDING**
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of emergency medical services funding and other responsibilities, including receiving a report from the State Department of Health regarding the use of funding provided for grants to emergency medical operations during the 2009-11 biennium
- Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding the study of the state's emergency medical services system, including:
- 11:00 a.m. • The plan for distributing the \$2,250,000 appropriation from the insurance tax distribution fund for providing grants to emergency medical services operations (2009 Senate Bill No. 2004)
- 11:15 a.m. • The plan to hire a contractor pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2004 to provide regional assistance to ambulance services to develop a quality review process for emergency medical services personnel and a mechanism to report to medical directors and to develop, implement, and provide leadership development training; a biennial emergency medical services recruitment drive; and an access critical

ambulance service operations assessment process for the purpose of improving emergency medical services delivery

- 11:30 a.m. • The plan for distributing the \$128,400 appropriation from the general fund for providing emergency medical training grants to rural law enforcement officers (2009 Senate Bill No. 2047)
- 11:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of emergency medical services funding
- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's study of emergency medical services funding
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

STUDY OF 911 SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of 911 services and infrastructure
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Emergency Services regarding the state's 911 services and infrastructure
- 1:40 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the state's 911 services and infrastructure
- 1:50 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the committee's study of the state's 911 services and infrastructure

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding other committee responsibilities, including:
- A report from the Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee regarding the use of assessed communication service fee revenue and recommendations regarding changes to the operating standards for emergency services communications
 - A report from the Department of Transportation regarding any transfer between operating and capital assets line items when it is cost-effective for the construction and maintenance of highways
 - A report from the Department of Emergency Services regarding emergency snow removal grants distributed to counties, townships, and cities
 - Reports from the Department of Emergency Services regarding emergency disaster relief grants awarded to political subdivisions
- 2:25 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Emergency Services regarding a report of the distribution of emergency snow removal grants pursuant to Section 7 of 2009 Senate Bill No. 2012
- 2:40 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 2:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators David O'Connell (Chairman), Dwight Cook, Gary A. Lee, Elroy N. Lindaas, Richard Marcellais, George Nodland
 Representatives Edmund Gruchalla, Bob Hunsakor, Jerry Kelsh, James Kerzman, Matthew M. Klein, Bob Martinson, Michael R. Nathe, Todd Porter, Arlo Schmidt, Elwood Thorpe, Gerry Uglen, Don Vigesaa, Robin Weisz