

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, March 13, 2012
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the December 13, 2011, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 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
 - Reports from state agencies applying for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
 - Monthly project variance reports from the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to Section 15-10-47
- 9:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of OMB regarding the development of the 2013-15 executive budget, including:
- Governor's budget request guidelines for state agencies
 - Anticipated activities and timeline
 - Budget system changes
 - Any proposed changes to the 2013-15 biennium budget data pursuant to Section 54-44.1-07
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of OMB regarding the status of implementation and administration of the state employee compensation philosophy statement and compensation system initiatives included in 2011 House Bill No. 1031 and the guidelines developed for July 2012 classified state employee salary increases
- 9:55 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Adjutant General regarding an update on 2011 flood disasters and related expenditures
- *10:05 a.m. Budget Section 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:
- **Attorney General (Request #1782)** - Request for \$80,000 from the state contingencies appropriation for the operating expenses line item for expenses related to the multistate arbitration hearings concerning funds due the state from the Master Settlement Agreement with tobacco companies
 - **Labor Commissioner (Request #1783)** - Request to increase federal funds spending authority by \$165,400 to accept funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the operating expenses line item to provide education, awareness, and information relating to the state's fair housing laws through announcements, paid advertising, and public speaking engagements

- **School for the Deaf (Request #1784)** - Request to increase the capital assets line item by \$200,000 of special funds from additional revenue generated by the use of the School for the Deaf campus and services by the Head Start program. The additional authority is to meet the funding requirements of master facility plan projects approved by the Legislative Assembly in 2011.
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1786)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$1 million to accept and disburse Federal Transit Administration grant funding to local transit providers to replace transit buses
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1787)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$906,614 to accept and disburse Federal Railroad Administration grant funding to the Red River Valley and Western Railroad (\$305,239) and Northern Plains Railroad (\$601,375) for reimbursement of costs related to disasters in 2009
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1788)** - Request to increase federal funds spending authority by \$349,131 to accept commercial driver's license program improvement grant funds from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for the operating expenses line item (\$216,271) and capital assets line item (\$132,860). The funding is to be used for RoadTest hardware and software and related training.
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1789)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$2 million, from \$6.9 million to \$8.9 million, to distribute additional funds from the public transportation fund to local public transit agencies. The additional funding is available due to revenues in the fund exceeding estimates.
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1790)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$251,840 to accept and disburse federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration high fatality rate grants
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1791)** - Request to increase the operating expenses line item by \$1.2 million of federal funding for snow removal and maintenance services on United States Air Force missile site roads
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1792)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$10 million to accept and disburse United States Department of Transportation TIGER III grant funding to rebuild a 20-mile segment of railroad track and two railroad bridges near Churchs Ferry
- **Department of Transportation (Request #1793)** - Request to increase spending authority by \$377,100,000 to accept and expend Federal Highway Administration emergency relief funding of \$344,700,000 and required local political subdivision matching funds of \$32,400,000. The spending authority request is for the operating expenses line item (\$64,670,000), capital assets line item (\$269,730,000), and grants line item (\$42,700,000). The request requires \$45.6 million of state matching funds and \$32.4 million of matching funds from local political subdivisions.
- **Game and Fish Department (Request #1794)** - Request to increase the grants line item by \$2.5 million to accept and disburse United States Fish and Wildlife Service Sportfish Restoration Act grants for the repair and reconstruction of Missouri River boating ramps damaged during the 2011 flood. The request requires 25 percent state matching funds which will be provided from Game and Fish Department operating funds.

*10:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Water Commission regarding a request for Budget Section approval pursuant to Section 19 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2371 and Section 4 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2020 to spend \$31,714,000 of additional funding anticipated to be available in the resources trust fund

- *10:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Mayville State University regarding a request for Budget Section approval under Section 48-01.2-25 to increase the Agassiz Hall renovation project authorization by \$30,000 from \$3,745,000 to \$3,775,000 for closeout costs and general contractor items to be paid from campus housing reserves
- *10:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the University of North Dakota for Budget Section approval for a change in scope of the joint University of North Dakota and North Dakota University System IT office building project under Section 48-01.2-25 to include renovation of an existing facility and construction of a new facility
- *10:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota State College of Science regarding a request for Budget Section approval under Section 48-01.2-25 to increase the size of the Bisek Hall project from 54,900 gross square feet to approximately 65,600 gross square feet
- *10:55 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota State College of Science regarding a request for Budget Section approval under Section 15-10-12.3 to utilize \$910,000 from auxiliary service income and \$40,000 from a vendor contribution rather than private funds for a portion of the costs of the football complex renovation project
- 11:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Minot State University regarding information on the effects of the 2011 flood on Minot State University
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education of a status report on its activities pursuant to Section 4-05.1-19(10)
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute regarding the status of the report on transportation infrastructure needs pursuant to Section 1 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2325
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Aeronautics Commission and other aviation industry representatives regarding the impact of increased oil activity on aviation infrastructure
- 12:05 p.m. Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Job Service North Dakota regarding the status of the job insurance trust fund pursuant to Section 52-02-17
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding the prison expansion project pursuant to Section 5 of 2011 House Bill No. 1015
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding United States Environmental Protection Agency litigation and other administrative proceedings pursuant to Section 5 of 2011 House Bill No. 1004
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by the Insurance Commissioner regarding the status of provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act pursuant to Section 9 of 2011 Senate Bill No. 2010
- 1:40 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of Medicaid claims processing and the Medicaid management information system project, including a timeline illustrating what has been spent by project component and a corresponding summary of what the component will accomplish
- 1:50 p.m. Distribution of a report from the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board regarding the development of investment policies for the legacy fund and budget stabilization fund pursuant to Section 21-10-11

- 2:00 p.m. Distribution of a report from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Executive Committee regarding the implementation of the comprehensive tobacco prevention and control plan pursuant to Section 2 of 2011 House Bill No. 1025
- 2:05 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

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