

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 23, 2015, meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund, including plans to address a potential general fund revenue shortfall
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
 - Reports from state agencies that applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
 - Semiannual project variance reports from the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to Section 15-10-47
- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the potential effect on the 2015-17 budget of lower than projected revenue collections
- *10:45 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
- **Department of Veterans' Affairs (Request #1870)** - Request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$64,253 in the Department of Veterans' Affairs line item. The funding is for providing transportation services to veterans or purchasing vehicles to transport veterans.
 - **Department of Veterans' Affairs (Request #1871)** - Request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,264,612 in the Department of Veterans' Affairs line item. The funding is for purchasing wheelchair accessible vans, for the operation of the vans, and for providing reimbursements to subrecipients proving medical-related transportation services.
 - **Job Service North Dakota (Request #1873)** - Request is for \$240,000 from the state contingencies appropriation for operating expenses (\$50,000) and salaries and wages (\$190,000) to maintain staffing through January 2016 related to the functionality of the new automated system for unemployment insurance claim services for employers and workers.
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the city of Williston on use of funding received from hub city allocations from the oil and gas gross production tax under Section 57-51-15, for the period September 2014 through August 2015
- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the city of Dickinson on use of funding received from hub city allocations from the oil and gas gross production tax under Section 57-51-15, for the period September 2014 through August 2015
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the city of Minot on use of funding received from hub city allocations from the oil and gas gross production tax under Section 57-51-15, for the period September 2014 through August 2015

- 11:30 a.m. Presentation 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
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation regarding fees, expenses, and charges the tribe imposes on the oil industry and essential infrastructure projects (and each project's cost) completed by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation using oil and gas tax receipts pursuant to Section 57-51.2-02
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of North Dakota State University (NDSU) regarding:
- Status of the Minard Hall project pursuant to Section 27 of 2015 House Bill No. 1003
 - Annual report regarding full-time equivalent position adjustments made for the NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU Main Research Center, Branch Research Centers, and Agronomy Seed Farm pursuant to Section 15 of 2015 House Bill No. 1020 and Sections 4-05.1-05 and 4-08-10
 - Report from the NDSU Main Research Center on the status of the flooded lands study relating to the recovery of grasslands affected by Souris River flooding pursuant to Section 16 of 2015 House Bill No. 1020 and on the use of funding provided by the 2013 and 2015 Legislative Assemblies for the flooded lands study
- *1:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Board of Higher Education regarding a request for Budget Section approval of the Board's plan for the reorganization of the Commissioner of Higher Education's office, and request Budget Section approval of the \$1 million contingent appropriation pursuant to Section 4 of 2015 House Bill No. 1003
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- Annual audits of centers of excellence recipients awarded funds pursuant to Chapter 15-69
 - Annual audits of the centers of research excellence recipients awarded funds pursuant to Chapter 54-65
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Housing Finance Agency regarding the progress being made to reduce the overall number of housing units owned, master leased, or subsidized by cities, school districts, or other employers of essential service workers pursuant to Section 54-17-40
- 1:55 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Fire Marshal on expenditures by certified fire departments and district funds received from the insurance tax distribution fund and reserve fund balances for 2014 and any information available for 2015 pursuant to Section 18-04-02
- 2:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding the use of funding provided for the core library expansion project, including the amounts spent to date and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium, and on the progress of the project pursuant to Section 25 of 2015 House Bill No. 1014
- 2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Gary A. Lee (Chairman), Bill L. Bowman, Ron Carlisle, Robert Erbele, Joan Heckaman, Ray Holmberg, Ralph Kilzer, Jerry Klein, Karen K. Krebsbach, Tim Mathern, David O'Connell, Larry J. Robinson, Mac Schneider, Ronald Sorvaag, Terry M. Wanzek, Rich Wardner

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