

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

## Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET SECTION**

Thursday, September 29, 2016  
Senate Chamber, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the June 27, 2016, meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
  - Key economic indicators, including consumer prices, money markets, personal income, commodity prices, unemployment, energy prices and production, and interest rates
  - Revised 2015-17 biennium and preliminary 2017-19 biennium revenue forecasts
  - The number of agency budget requests submitted by the July 15, 2016, statutory deadline, the number submitted to date, the number of extensions granted, and new submission deadlines
  - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-14-03.1
  - Report on the number of employees receiving bonuses above the 25 percent limitation pursuant to Section 54-06-30
  - Reports from state agencies that applied for federal grants estimated to be \$25,000 or more pursuant to Section 54-27-27
  - Report regarding the amount of salary savings used to reduce funding needed from the general fund and to report on the number and duration of vacant full-time equivalent positions in the Attorney General's office pursuant to Section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2003
  - Report on the change in the number of full-time equivalent employees and special funding reported due to the new reporting requirement for the State Board of Higher Education
  - Semiannual project variance reports from the State Board of Higher Education pursuant to Section 15-10-47
- \*10:40 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section pursuant to Chapter 54-16:
- **Attorney General (Request #1883)** - Request is to transfer \$70 from the abortion litigation fees line item and \$121,644 from the higher education legal services fees line item to the operating expenses line item for a total transfer of \$121,714 for prosecution witness fees
  - **Veterans' Home (Request #1884)** - Request to increase special funds spending authority by \$360,000, of which \$225,000 is in the operating expenses line item, and \$135,000 in the capital assets line item. The request is to offset general fund budget reductions of \$569,701 approved during the August 2016 special legislative session. Funding is from available Veterans' Home special funds.

- **Secretary of State (Request #1887)** - Request to increase special funds spending authority by \$200,000 from the Secretary of State's general service operating fund. The number of contractor licenses issued has been more than anticipated resulting in additional expenses.
- \*10:50 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- A request for Budget Section approval to authorize public use of certain services at the Life Skills and Transition Center pursuant to Section 25-04-02.2
  - Transfers between line items or subdivisions in excess of \$50,000 pursuant to Section 3 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2012
- \*11:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding a memorandum on block grant hearings required during the 2017 legislative session and a resolution draft authorizing the Budget Section to hold any legislative block grant hearings required during the 2017-19 interim
- \*11:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff and Budget Section consideration of the appropriations bill format for the 2017 legislative session
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following:
- *64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly State Budget Actions Supplement for the 2015-17 Biennium* report
  - The *2016 North Dakota Finance Facts* pocket brochure
  - A memorandum on federal funds to be received by state agencies during the 2015-17 and 2017-19 bienniums
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the department's prison population management plan, inmate admissions, and the number of inmates the department has not admitted after sentencing pursuant to Section 6 of 2013 Senate Bill No. 2015
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Board of University and School Lands regarding the use of oil and gas impact grant funds including amounts awarded, 2015-17 biennium amounts spent to date, and amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium pursuant to Section 5 of 2015 House Bill No. 1176
- 11:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Transportation regarding the use of one-time funding including amounts distributed to each non-oil-producing county, the amounts spent to date, and the amounts anticipated to be continued into the 2017-19 biennium pursuant to Section 4 of 2015 House Bill No. 1176 and Section 2 of 2015 Senate Bill No. 2103
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding annual audits of renaissance fund organizations pursuant to Section 40-63-07(9)
- 1:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Treasurer regarding warrants and checks outstanding for more than 90 days and less than 3 years pursuant to Section 54-11-01
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding a summary of the department's annual report pursuant to Section 54-59-19
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding student enrollments for the 2015-16 academic year and projections for the 2016-17 academic year
- 1:40 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

- 1:50 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
- 2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:45 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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