GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:30 a.m.  Call to order
Roll call
Review of the Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management

9:35 a.m.  Comments by the Chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

9:40 a.m.  Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of an overview of the State Budget Actions for the 2019-21 Biennium report

9:50 a.m.  Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- Status of the general fund, including major revenue estimate variances for the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium to date
- Selected special fund balances
- Unexpended 2017-19 biennium general fund appropriations (turnback)
- An overview of general fund revenues for the 2019-21 biennium, including monthly revenue estimates by revenue type

LEWIS AND CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER STUDY

10:10 a.m.  Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's assigned study of the feasibility and desirability of reducing Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center fees and the sustainability of its operations

10:20 a.m.  Presentation by a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department regarding historical information related to fees, visitation data, revenues by source, and expenditures of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center

10:50 a.m.  Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the study

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

11:00 a.m.  Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's assigned study of state agency fees

11:10 a.m.  Presentation by representatives of the State Auditor's office regarding the status of its performance audit of state agency fees

11:30 a.m.  Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the study

OTHER DUTIES OF THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

11:35 a.m.  Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding other duties of the Government Finance Committee

11:40 a.m.  Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding other duties of the committee
11:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee’s assigned study of public access and use of real property owned by the state.

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Tour of the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) site and of the land between the MRCC and the Missouri River.

3:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department regarding:
- The department’s perspective on the feasibility and desirability of transferring MRCC land for use by the public.
- The potential impact of transferring the MRCC land to the Parks and Recreation Department and the ability of the department to maintain the property.

3:40 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:
- The department’s perspective on the feasibility and desirability of transferring MRCC land for use by the public.
- Security risks related to public use of land around MRCC and a plan to mitigate those risks along with potential costs necessary to implement the mitigation plan.
- Review of previous MRCC land use studies and conclusions.

4:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons

4:05 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members
Senators: Ronald Sorvaag (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson Jr., Randy Burckhard, Dwight Cook, Jordan Kannianen, Diane Larson, Erin Oban, Jessica Unruh
Representatives: Bert Anderson, Larry Bellew, Jeff Delzer, Sebastian Ertelt, Jay Fisher, Michael Howe, Corey Mock, Gary Paur, Mike Schatz, Michelle Strinden
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