NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
Tentative Agenda
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the October 15, 2019, meeting

STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY OF THE STATE CAPITOL
9:05 a.m. Presentation by Lieutenant Governor Brent Sanford, Chairman, Capitol Grounds Planning Commission, regarding the role of the commission and any plans to improve accessibility of the State Capitol grounds
9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. John Boyle, Director, Facility Management Division, Office of Management and Budget, regarding:
  • Plans for changes to the south entrance to the State Capitol and its effect on accessibility
  • A report from the Capitol accessibility workgroup, including improvement suggestions for accessibility of the State Capitol grounds and the cost to implement the suggestions

10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Highway Patrol regarding accessibility of the State Capitol grounds, including federal Department of Homeland Security requirements and any conflicts with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding the State Building Code, ADA requirements related to the State Capitol grounds, and statements of ADA conformance submitted to the department pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-21.3-04.1
10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study
10:45 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

STUDY OF OTHER USES OF THE VETERANS' HOME FACILITIES
10:55 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding laws relating to alcohol consumption in the Veterans' Home facilities
11:00 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Gary Skarphol, Chairman, Veterans' Home Governing Board, regarding the committee's study of other uses of the Veterans' Home facilities, including any concerns or suggestions for other revenue-generating uses of the Veterans' Home
11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Veterans' Home regarding the resident pharmacy program, costs of the program, and federal per diem funding provided from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for the program
11:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study
11:35 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study
11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess

STUDY OF STATE AND FEDERAL VETERANS' PROGRAMS
12:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Vietnam Veterans of America regarding the organization's mission and role, services available to veterans, recent membership trends, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans
1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the American Legion regarding the organization’s mission and role, services available to veterans, recent membership trends, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans

1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Disabled American Veterans regarding the organization’s mission and role, services available to veterans, recent membership trends, collaboration with federal and state agencies and programs, and ways to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans

1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Task Force for Veterans Affairs regarding the task force’s mission and role and how the task force has collaborated with other organizations to improve the care, assistance, and benefits available to veterans

1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Tax Commissioner’s office regarding state income tax and property tax benefits available to North Dakota veterans and recent veterans tax credit trends

2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study

2:05 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

STUDY OF THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK

2:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Duane Schell, Chief Technology Officer, Information Technology Department and Chairman, Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, regarding the current statewide interoperable radio network (SIRN) governance, opportunities to improve emergency services communications, and future statewide emergency services radio communication coverage as a result of SIRN

2:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Schell regarding the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee’s role related to SIRN, suggestions regarding the consolidation of SIRN governance and public safety communications, and other committee duties not related to SIRN

3:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Jerry Bergquist, Chairman, Emergency Services Communications Coordinating Committee, regarding the committee’s role related to SIRN and other committee duties not related to SIRN

3:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Association of Counties regarding concerns or challenges related to SIRN, state and local training needs regarding SIRN, how the $1,500 state cost-share will affect the number of radios purchased by political subdivisions, and suggestions regarding the potential consolidation of SIRN and public safety communications governance

3:35 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study

3:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members
Senators: Randy Burckhard (Chairman), Jay Elkin, John Grabinger, Joan Heckaman, Richard Marcellais, Scott Meyer, Kristin Roers

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