



BUDGET SECTION

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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- 8:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 17, 2020, meeting](#)
- 8:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- The [status](#) of the state budget
 - Higher education project variance [reports](#) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-47
- *8:15 a.m. Budget Section consideration of the following state agency requests pursuant to Chapter 54-16 authorized by the Emergency Commission which require Budget Section approval:
- **Industrial Commission (Request #2022)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$77,249 to accept and spend federal Safe Drinking Water Act funding to plug abandoned wells confiscated by the department.
 - **Department of Commerce (Request #2023)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$1,921,418 in the CARES Act Funding 2020 line item for funding available for the community development block grant program, which will be transferred to the Department of Human Services for a household emergency rent bridge program to assist low-income individuals for rent eviction prevention.
 - **State Department of Health (Request #2024)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$54,540,000 in the COVID-19 response line item to accept and expend funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for laboratory testing and capacity, personal protective equipment, overtime, and other related costs to contain and mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).
 - **Department of Human Services (Request #2025)** - The request is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$25,534,942 to accept and expend federal funds to extend the emergency rent bridge program (\$4,034,942), to allow the department to receive and use a federal disaster response grant to provide mental health services to individuals affected by flooding in 2019 (\$4,000,000), and to continue the temporary increase of 6.2 percent in the state's federal medical assistance percentage for foster care and subsidized adoption (\$500,000) and medical assistance grants (\$17,000,000) through March 2021.

- **Multiple agencies (Request #2026)** - The [request](#) is to increase federal funds spending authority by \$221,430,286 to allow the following agencies to accept and expend federal coronavirus relief funds for costs relating to the COVID-19 pandemic:

Office of Management and Budget - \$988,830;
Office of Administrative Hearings - \$522;
Legislative Assembly - \$1,100,000;
Department of Public Instruction - \$33,816,217;
Bismarck State College - \$228,000;
Lake Region State College - \$27,500;
Williston State College - \$612,000;
University of North Dakota - \$1,614,803;
North Dakota State College of Science - \$80,000;
Dickinson State University - \$306,184;
Mayville State University - \$1,193,625;
Minot State University - \$911,500;
Valley City State University - \$231,796;
Dakota College at Bottineau - \$54,355;
Department of Career and Technical Education - \$470,980;
State Department of Health - \$10,000,000;
Department of Environmental Quality - \$675,000;
Veterans' Home - \$330,943;
Indian Affairs Commission - \$20,915;
Department of Human Services - \$14,846,520;
Job Service North Dakota - \$9,727,570;
Industrial Commission - \$16,000,000;
Bank of North Dakota - \$20,000,000;
Mill and Elevator Association - \$12,920;
Workforce Safety and Insurance - \$818,122;
Highway Patrol - \$13,515,000;
Department of Commerce - \$29,000,000;
Department of Agriculture - \$2,200,000;
State Seed Department - \$6,117;
State Fair - \$105,272;
Parks and Recreation Department - \$154,438;
Department of Transportation - \$651,458; and
State Treasurer (To be distributed to political subdivisions) - \$61,729,699.

8:55 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

9:00 a.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

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