



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 20, 2023, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding:

- [68th Legislative Assembly State Budget Actions Supplement for the 2023-25 Biennium](#) reflecting legislative action during the October 2023 special session
- [Budget and Fiscal Trends](#) report

10:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- The status of the general fund
- Selected special fund balances
- The status of the cash management study under Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2393
- The status of the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditures
- The amount of uncommitted federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund appropriation authority transferred from the Information Technology Department to the Department of Career and Technical Education pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1021

10:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Career and Technical Education regarding the amount of inflationary funding provided for each career academy project and the construction status of each project pursuant to Section 10 of House Bill No. 1021 and Section 1 of House Bill No. 1543

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

10:35 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding a summary of the state agency fee report which was presented in September 2022, including a comparison of the fee revenues and costs associated with the fee

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the State Treasurer's office regarding the fees collected by the agency, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees

11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Tax Department regarding the fees collected by the agency, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees

11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding the fees collected by the judicial branch, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees

- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Trust Lands regarding the fees collected by the agency, including a brief summary of each fee and comments regarding the appropriateness of each fee and any recommendations to change or remove the fees
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of state agency fees
- 12:00 noon Recess

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE REPORTS

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation of reports by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding:
- The status of the uncrewed aircraft systems test site pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-60-28
 - The development of the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program and the total amount deposited in the general fund pursuant to Section 54-60-29.1
- 1:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding the status of each grant program in Section 2 of House Bill No. 1018, including the funding spent, the individuals or businesses awarded funding, grant criteria, and a detailed listing of how the funding was used pursuant to Section 30 of House Bill No. 1018

STUDY OF STATE-OWNED AIRCRAFT

- 1:25 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [background memorandum](#) regarding the committee's study of the need to modernize the fleet of state-owned aircraft
- 1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding the types, maintenance status, and use of state-owned aircraft operated by the agency, including comments regarding the adequacy of the current aircraft for travel needs and the feasibility and desirability of establishing an aircraft pool
- 1:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Transportation regarding the types, maintenance status, and use of state-owned aircraft operated by the department, including comments regarding the adequacy of the current aircraft for travel needs and the feasibility and desirability of establishing an aircraft pool
- 1:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the need to modernize the fleet of state-owned aircraft

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS BUDGET STUDY

- 2:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Financial Institutions regarding a brief comparison of similar agencies in other states, including the number of agencies with legislative appropriations compared to the number of agencies with alternative appropriation methods and the size of the department compared to the size of similar agencies in other states
- 2:15 p.m. [Comments](#) by the Office of Management and Budget regarding the current appropriation method and the feasibility and desirability of changing the appropriation method and staffing structure for the Department of Financial Institutions
- 2:25 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the appropriations procedures for the Department of Financial Institutions
- 2:35 p.m. Break

OIL AND GAS ACTIVITY

- 2:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority regarding the status of oil and gas activities in the state, including pipeline development activities and the status of the Dakota Access Pipeline
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Dean Rummel (Chairman), Jeff Barta, Todd Beard, Kristin Roers, Donald Schaible, Ronald Sorvaag, Michael A. Wobbema

Representatives: Bert Anderson, Larry Bellew, Craig Headland, Jeff A. Hoverson, Keith Kempenich, Lisa Meier, Mike Nathe, Emily O'Brien, Brandy Pyle, Paul J. Thomas, Steve Vetter, Don Vigesaa

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