

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 19, 1997
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Review of Legislative Council rules of operation and procedure
- 10:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman on study responsibilities assigned to the Welfare Reform Committee

STUDY THE MONITORING OF NORTH DAKOTA'S WELFARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study of monitoring welfare reform implementation efforts as directed by Section 31 of House Bill No. 1012, the study of the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program required by Section 82 of House Bill No. 1226, responsibilities related to revised administration of the TANF program pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-09-29 (Section 76 of 1997 House Bill No. 1226), and the responsibilities related to federal waiver terminations that may be necessary for statewide implementation of the training, education, employment, and management (TEEM) program
- 10:45 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the committee's study of monitoring welfare reform implementation efforts and the study of the implementation of the TANF program and presentation of information on:
- The status of the selection of a consultant to conduct a review of the state's implementation of its welfare reform efforts
 - The need for federal waiver termination necessary for the statewide implementation of the TEEM program

- A summary of the provisions of 1997 House Bill No. 1226 regarding welfare reform, the requirements for the administration of the TANF program, and the status of the implementation of the TANF program
- The status of the United States Department of Health and Human Services approval of the state's TANF plan
- Information regarding the TANF program including:
 - Relevant current statistics, base numbers, and projections, including caseloads and other informational and relevant indices including unemployment rates
 - The availability of client employment opportunities
 - The projected rate of TANF expenditures for the 1997-99 biennium

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding the study of welfare reform implementation and monitoring

1:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study

2:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the welfare reform study

STUDY OF WELFARE REFORM ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATE AND INDIAN TRIBES

3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study, as directed by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4030, of the issues of welfare reform as they relate to the relationship between the state and the federally recognized Indian tribes within the state

3:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Indian Affairs Commission regarding the committee's study and the opportunity for Indian tribes to operate their own TANF programs

3:30 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the current status of issues relating to welfare

reform and the Indian tribes' authority to provide their own TANF programs

- 4:00 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding the committee's study
- 4:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of welfare reform issues relating to the state and Indian tribes
- 4:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives regarding the study of welfare reform issues related to the Indian tribes
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Jim Yockim (Chairman), Judy L. DeMers, Tom Fischer, Judy Lee, Donna L. Nalewaja, Bob Stenehjem, Russell T. Thane
Representatives LeRoy G. Bernstein, Linda Christenson, Jack Dalrymple, Connie Johnsen, Ralph L. Kilzer, Carol A. Niemeier, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz