

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM - PROPOSED BILL DRAFT - ITEMS TO CONSIDER

The committee may wish to consider the following items if it chooses to proceed with recommendations for the development of a government performance and accountability system for North Dakota:

1. Approve a motion asking the Legislative Council chairman to encourage the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to proceed with including performance-related information in the 2005-07 biennium budget requests.
2. Request the Legislative Council staff to prepare a bill draft establishing a government performance and accountability system in statute. The bill draft could:
 - a. **Require performance-related information to be included in agency budget requests** - Amend North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-06 to require performance measure information to be included in the budget data prepared by OMB. If approved, this will continue the process suggested by OMB for the 2005-07 biennium budget requests.
 - b. **Establish a government performance and accountability system** - Create a new section to NDCC Chapter 54-44.1 to direct OMB to establish and maintain a government performance and accountability system throughout North Dakota state government. The system would utilize designated performance measurement indicators to allow agency

managers, the Governor, the Legislative Assembly, and the public to evaluate and assess agency performance for the purpose of ensuring that state government services are effective and that state resources are used efficiently.

- c. **Establish a legislative committee** - Create a new section to NDCC Chapter 54-35 to establish a legislative government performance and accountability committee to monitor and provide guidance to OMB on the implementation and operation of the government performance and accountability system.

The proposed bill draft as described above would provide broad authority to OMB and the interim legislative committee to implement and operate the system. The Office of Management and Budget, subject to the approval of the interim committee, would determine the various components and the specific requirements that would be a part of the system. If the committee chooses to include more specifics in the proposed bill draft, provisions could be added relating to:

- Strategic plans.
- Measurement indicators.
- Measurement targets.
- Rewards and penalties.
- Performance reporting.
- Performance auditing.
- Implementation plan.