

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET SECTION

Tuesday, April 13, 2004
Senate Chamber, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the January 14, 2004, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentations by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- Status of the general fund
 - Status of the tobacco settlement proceeds
 - Any line item transfers to accommodate information technology funding reductions, pursuant to Section 8 of 2003 House Bill No. 1505
 - A review of Office of Management and Budget agency budget guidelines for the 2005-07 biennium
 - Irregularities in the fiscal practices of the state, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-14-03.1
 - Any transfers by the Veterans Home between line items for the 2001-03 biennium to implement changes in technology and telecommunications, pursuant to Section 6 of 2003 House Bill No. 1007
 - Any other statutory reporting requirements
- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding projected expenditures as compared to the appropriations for the State Hospital treatment costs related to sexual predator civil commitments and for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation costs related to sexual offenders in the correctional system
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- An update on the status of the medical assistance program, including payments, caseloads, and the receipt of enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP)
 - An update on the status of the child care assistance program, including projected expenditures as compared to the appropriation
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Information Technology Department regarding the delivery of consolidated services to agencies and the status of accumulated savings, pursuant to Section 30 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 2015 and Section 12 of 2003 House Bill No. 1505
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Department of Health on the status of outsourcing employee positions, pursuant to Section 13 of 2003 House Bill No. 1004
- 11:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the judicial branch on employee salary increases, pursuant to Section 3 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 2423

- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education on the status of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education, pursuant to NDCC Section 4-05.1-19
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Committee consideration of the following state agency requests that have been authorized by the Emergency Commission and require consideration by the Budget Section:
- Game and Fish Department (Request #1498) - To increase spending authority by \$550,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (\$350,000) and other funds from the game and fish operating fund (\$200,000) for the grants line item (\$550,000) to be used for repairs, extensions, and maintenance on boat ramp access locations on Lake Sakakawea
 - State Tax Commissioner (Request #1499) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the operating line item by \$150,000 to accept passthrough funds from the Department of Transportation for developing an electronic processing system for motor fuels tax returns
 - Department of Financial Institutions (Request #1500) - To increase special funds spending authority by \$62,000 to utilize existing special funds for the operating line item (\$62,000) for legal fees and court costs (\$52,000) and for financial literacy training (\$10,000)
 - Office of Management and Budget - State Radio Division (Request #1501) - To increase spending authority and the operating line item by \$90,000 to accept federal bioterrorism passthrough funds from the State Department of Health to upgrade from an analog to digital emergency communications system
 - Veterans Home (Request #1502) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the operating line item by \$66,531 to accept a laundry remodeling grant recently made available from the Veterans Administration relating to a project completed in 1993. The grant will be used for expenses relating to strategic plan funding, consulting fees, and software conversion and training fees.
 - Department of Human Services (Request #1503) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$16 million, of which \$13.4 million is for low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) grants for increased fuel costs and weatherization and \$2.6 million is for food stamp program grants
 - Department of Human Services (Request #1504) - To increase federal funds spending authority by \$2.3 million for subsidized adoption and for the foster care therapeutic program, resulting from additional children being eligible for federal reimbursement under the subsidized adoption program and more children in foster care requiring therapeutic services than anticipated in the budget. The federal funds require state matching dollars; however, the department has general fund money and other funds from additional child support collections available within its current budget to provide the state match of approximately \$960,000.
 - State Department of Health (Request #1506) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$1,065,000 to accept funds from the United States Department of Justice for the Safe Havens supervised visitation and safe exchange grant program (\$800,000) and for the encourage arrest policies and enforcement of protection orders program (\$265,000). The grant will be awarded to the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services for providing safe places for visitation and exchange of children.

- State Department of Health (Request #1507) - To increase federal funds spending authority and the grants line item by \$500,000 to accept funds from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide direct assistance to communities to access and remediate Brownfield sites (city, county, or development organization-owned properties that are underdeveloped or underutilized due to actual or perceived contamination)
- State Department of Health (Request #1508) - To increase federal funds spending authority and to accept \$1.2 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for salaries and wages (\$55,000), operating expenses (\$553,000), capital assets (\$192,000), and the grants line item (\$400,000) to expand testing and reporting for the West Nile virus program, mosquito program, hepatitis testing, and for severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)
- Agriculture Department (Request #1509) - To increase spending authority by \$150,190 to accept federal Environmental Protection Agency passthrough funds from the State Department of Health for Project Safe Send pesticide disposal program
- Attorney General (Request #1511) - To increase other funds spending authority by \$200,000 to accept funds from other states involved in a multistate antitrust lawsuit challenging Oracle's bid to take over PeopleSoft. North Dakota has been asked by the multistate group to administer the multistate funding for the lawsuit.

- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Industrial Commission regarding the recommendations for the Oil and Gas Division and Geological Survey merger, pursuant to Section 14 of 2003 House Bill No. 1015
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System of the system's third annual performance and accountability report
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Higher Education Committee on that committee's budget tours of North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind, the University of North Dakota, UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and the Mill and Elevator
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Budget Committee on Government Services on that committee's budget tours of the Missouri River Correctional Center and the Youth Correctional Center
- 2:20 p.m. Distribution by the Legislative Council staff of correspondence from ethanol plants receiving production incentives from the state, pursuant to NDCC Section 4-14.1-07
- 2:25 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Ken Svedjan (Chairman), Ole Aarsvold, Larry Bellew, Rick Berg, Merle Boucher, Thomas Brusegaard, Ron Carlisle, Al Carlson, Jeff Delzer, Eliot Glassheim, Pam Gulleon, Keith Kempenich, James Kerzman, Kim Koppelman, Joe Kroeber, Bob Martinson, Ralph Metcalf, David Monson, Earl Rennerfeldt, Bob Skarphol, Blair Thoreson, Mike Timm, Francis J. Wald, John Warner, Amy Warnke

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