

## NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### Tentative Agenda

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 17, 2003  
Cityscape B Room, Radisson Hotel  
Fargo, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure

9:05 a.m. Comments by the committee chairman on studies assigned to the committee

### **POPULATION STUDY**

9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study, as directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 3072, of possible methods of growing the state's population

9:20 a.m. Comments by Mr. Richard Rathge, State Data Center, regarding population statistics

10:10 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of growing the state's population

10:20 a.m. Committee comments and discussion and staff directives

10:25 a.m. Coffee break

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN RED RIVER VALLEY STUDY**

10:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study, as directed by House Concurrent Resolution No. 3051, of economic development efforts associated with and including establishment of a Red River Valley business and technology development zone

10:50 a.m. Comments by Senator Tony S. Grindberg regarding the study of economic development efforts in the Red River Valley

11:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of economic development efforts in the Red River Valley

11:10 a.m. Committee comments and discussion and staff directives

### **REPORTS**

11:15 a.m. Report by Mr. Richard Gray, Division of Community Services, Department of Commerce, of the annual report on renaissance zone progress

11:35 a.m. Welcome to Fargo Renaissance Zone by Mr. Bruce Furness, Fargo Mayor; Mr. Dave Anderson, Downtown Community Partnership; Mr. Art Rosenberg, Renaissance Ventures, LLC; and Mr. Jim Gilmour, City of Fargo

11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons and by committee members regarding the renaissance zone progress report

12:00 noon Walking tour of Fargo Renaissance Zone projects

12:40 p.m. Luncheon break

- 1:45 p.m. Report by Mr. Lee Peterson, Commissioner of Commerce, regarding specified economic goals and associated benchmarks
- 2:05 p.m. Comments by interested persons and by committee members regarding the economic goals and associated benchmarks report
- PRIMARY SECTOR BUSINESS STUDY**
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's study, as directed by House Bill No. 1504, of the state's business climate and primary sector business growth
- 2:25 p.m. Comments by Mr. Brian Walters, Fargo Cass County Economic Development Corporation, regarding the Fargo economic development experience as it relates to primary sector business growth
- 2:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of the state's business climate and primary sector business growth
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding the study of the state's business climate and primary sector business growth
- 3:25 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Rick Berg, Tracy Boe, Byron Clark, Mark A. Dosch, Mary Ekstrom, Glen Froseth, Nancy Johnson, Jim Kasper, George Keiser, Eugene Nicholas, Kenton Onstad, Ken Svedjan  
Senators Dick Dever, Duaine C. Espgaard, Tony S. Grindberg, John O. Syverson, Ryan M. Taylor