

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE**

Wednesday, August 6, 2003  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, 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 chairman regarding the responsibilities of the committee

**PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS STUDY**

9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the committee's responsibilities to study the medical assistance program use of benefit purchasing pools, preferred drug lists, and other pharmacy benefit management concepts, pursuant to Section 11 of 2003 House Bill No. 1430

9:45 a.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services

10:00 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

10:15 a.m. Comments by committee members

**NURSING HOME SURVEY PROCESS STUDY**

10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the study of the nursing home survey process, pursuant to Section 14 of 2003 House Bill No. 1004

10:45 a.m. Comments by representatives of the State Department of Health

11:00 a.m. Comments by the Department of Human Services

11:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons

11:55 a.m. Comments by committee members

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL STUDY**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the feasibility and desirability of establishing an advisory council for the medical assistance program of the Department of Human Services, pursuant to Section 16 of 2003 Senate Bill No. 2012

1:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services

1:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

1:45 p.m. Comments by committee members

**COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM REPORTS**

2:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the implementation of the community health grant program, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 23-38-02

2:10 p.m. Comments by representatives of the State Department of Health

2:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

2:40 p.m. Comments by committee members

### **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum relating to the following other duties and responsibilities assigned to the committee:

- Receive an annual report from a representative of the State Board of Nursing on its study of nursing educational requirements and the nursing shortage in this state, pursuant to NDCC Section 43-12.1-08.2
- Receive an annual report from the Department of Human Services describing enrollment statistics and costs associated with the children's health insurance program, pursuant to NDCC Section 50-29-02
- Recommend a private entity, after receiving recommendations from the Insurance Commissioner, to provide a cost-benefit analysis of legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage, pursuant to NDCC Section 54-03-28

3:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

3:30 p.m. Comments by committee members

3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Senators Judy Lee (Chairman), Tom Fischer, Ralph L. Kilzer, Tim Mathern, Russell T. Thane  
Representatives David Drovdal, Joyce Kingsbury, Gary Kreidt, Ralph Metcalf, Carol A. Niemeier, Vonnie Pietsch, Todd Porter, Sally M. Sandvig, Dale C. Severson, Gerald Uglem