

*Tentative*  
**AGENDA**

**NDCCA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

December 11, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. CST

NDACo County Office Building – 1661 Capitol Way, Bismarck

Microsoft Teams – 701-297-2863 (Conf ID: 345 441 953#)

Call to Order

Self-Introduction of Members

Legislative Leadership

Legislative Engagement

Weekly Committee Meetings

(Each Friday beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> – 2:00-3:00pm)

Governor's Budget Highlights

Anticipated Major Legislative Issues

ILG Legislative Process Training – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

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# **2025 NDCCA**

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Joan Hollekim, Mountrail County (*Chair*)

Jason Arth, Sargent County (*NDCCA Board*)

Joel Brown, McKenzie County

Glenda Collier, Eddy County (*NDCCA Board*)

Tracey Dolezal, Dunn County (*NDCCA Board*)

John Fjeldahl, Ward County

Jeff Frith, Ramsey County

Becky Hagel, Foster County

Cory Hanson, Williams County (*NDCCA Board*)

Scott Johnson, Sargent County

Jim Kapitan, Cass County (*NDCCA Board*)

Neal Messer, Stark County (*NDCCA Board*)

Aaron Mork, Nelson County

Andy Zachmeier, Morton County (*NDCCA Board*)

# LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

## HOUSE



**Majority Leader - Mike Lefor, Dickinson**

Assistant Majority Leader - Glenn Bosch, Bismarck

**Minority Leader - Zachary Ista, Grand Forks**

Assistant Minority Leader - Gretchen Dobervich, Fargo

**Majority Leader - David Hogue, Minot**

Assistant Majority Leader - Jerry Klein, Fessenden

**Minority Leader - Kathy Hogan, Fargo**

Assistant Minority Leader - Josh Boschee, Fargo

## SENATE



## COMMITTEES

### Appropriations

**House** - Don Vigesaa, Cooperstown

**Senate** - Brad Bekkedahl, Williston

### Approps - Education & Environment

**House** - Mike Nathe, Bismarck

**Senate** - Ron Sorvaag, Fargo

### Approps - Government Operations

**House** - David Monson, Osnabrock

**Senate** - Terry Wanzek, Jamestown

### Approps - Human Resources

**House** - Jon Nelson, Rugby

**Senate** - Dick Dever, Bismarck

### Agriculture

**House** - Mike Beltz, Hillsboro

### Agriculture & Veterans Affairs

**Senate** - Larry Luick, Fairmount

### Education

**House** - Pat Heinert, Bismarck

**Senate** - Todd Beard, Williston

### Energy & Natural Resources

**House** - Todd Porter, Mandan

**Senate** - Dale Patten, Watford City

### Finance & Tax

**House** - Craig Headland, Montpelier

**Senate** - Mark Weber, Casselton

### Government & Veterans Affairs

**House** - Austen Schauer, West Fargo

### Human Services

**House** - Matt Ruby, Minot

**Senate** - Judy Lee, Fargo

### Industry, Business & Labor

**House** - Jonathan Warrey, Casselton

### Industry & Business

**Senate** - Jeffrey Barta, Grand Forks

### Judiciary

**House** - Larry Klemin, Bismarck

**Senate** - Diane Larson, Bismarck

### Political Subdivisions

**House** - Donald Longmuir, Stanley

### State & Local Government

**Senate** - Kristin Roers, Fargo

### Transportation

**House** - Dan Ruby, Minot

**Senate** - David Clemens, West Fargo

### Workforce Development

**Senate** - Michael Wobbema, Valley City

# LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

CONNECTING COUNTIES TO THE CAPITOL

## ND COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE BLOG

NDCOUNTIES.BLOG



STAY UPDATED ON COUNTY RELATED LEGISLATIVE NEWS



### Connect to the NDACo Legislative Blog & be connected to the Capitol!

The blog is NDACo's **PRIMARY** source of county related legislative information.

- Subscribe for email alerts!
- Weekly schedules focused on county related bills
- Hearing updates, reports and call-to-actions
- Links to legislative resources
- Subscribe for email alerts by visiting: [ndcounties.blog](http://ndcounties.blog)
- Receive email alert when information is updated



### Legislative Committee Collaboration

NDCCA and numerous Member Associations hold weekly legislative committee calls.

- Review activity
- Gather input on upcoming bills
- Develop strategy & position for bill hearings
- Develop testimony



### Engage with Legislators

60% of all bills filed typically impact counties

- Build relationship with Legislators
- Email / Call / Text them on bills
- Keep It Simple and Short, reference bill number & position



## **2025 Legislative Session Preparation**

### **69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Starts January 7, 2025**

#### **What You Need to Know:**

- **20** newly elected legislators – 3 House members moved to Senate
- Republicans retain super majority
  - 42 (R) / 5 (D) – Senate
  - 83 (R) / 11 (D) - House
- Starts Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – limited to 80 days (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **New Rule:** Senate chamber closed to public 30 minutes prior to session. Allowed to enter and sit behind rail after Senate convenes.

#### **Engagement:**

- Weekly NDCCA + various member calls (Auditors/Treasurers, Sheriffs, Engineers, Public Health)
- ND Legislative Council Website: [www.ndlegis.gov](http://www.ndlegis.gov)
  - Watch Live & Recorded: Committee Hearings, House and Senate Floor
  - Look up Bills
- NDACo Legislative Blog: <https://ndcounties.blog>
  - Subscribe to the ND Counties Legislative Blog to receive weekly hearing schedules and updates on county related bills.
    - Go to <https://ndcounties.blog>
    - Enter email in subscribe box (top right)
    - Once subscribed, you will receive emails when new information is posted

#### **Budget Proposals:**

- Governor Burgum Proposed Budget
- Governor-Elect Kelly Armstrong – State of State: January 7<sup>th</sup>
- Legislative Base Budget

#### **Burgum Budget Highlights:**

Total budget: \$19.6 Billion

General Fund spending: \$6.5 billion (up from \$6.1 billion)

Great focus on Workforce Development (housing, childcare)

#### **Tax Relief/Reform:**

- Continue income tax relief (\$570 million in income tax relief since 2021) and primary residence tax credit (\$157 million in PRC approved in 2023)
- Called on legislature to stop subsidizing local government (\$5 billion 23-25 biennium in state funds to cover local costs)

- Encouraged permanent tax reductions
- \$5 million for property tax transparency portal

#### Infrastructure:

- \$171 million - Flexible Transportation Fund + \$150 million to ND DOT
- \$435 million - Flood control & water supply projects
- \$120 million - Airport projects: Grand Forks, Fargo, Dickinson

#### Corrections:

- New 600-bed facility at Missouri River Correctional Center
- \$36.5 million to complete Heart River Women's Transformational Center

#### Bonding:

\$1.5 billion bonding package

- Highway 85 – 4 lane
- Red River Valley Water Supply Project
- Flood protection – Minot
- Airport improvements
- Missouri River Correctional Center – renovation & expansion
- State Hospital - replacement

#### Key Issues:

- Expect Record # of Bills (no limit in introduction of bills)
- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF + REFORM (55 being drafted as of 12/1/24)
- Corrections / Behavioral Health Investments
- Infrastructure Funding
- Gov. Armstrong – Budget Priorities

#### Local Infrastructure Funding for non-oil counties through Oil & Gas Revenue Buckets “Prairie Dog”

- Bucket #1 has filled: dedicated to cities over 1,000 population
- Bucket #2: cities/counties/townships expected to fill early 2025

