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REPORTS, NEWS, AND HIGHLIGHTS – State General Receipts Report and Medicaid Report have been posted. Recent Supreme Court decisions.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS – Staff attended the Social Services Board meeting and the Game Fish and Parks Commission meeting.

LRC STAFF UPDATES – The LRC Network Administrator position has been filled.

NOTEWORTHY NUGGETS – 2017 Interim Travel Policy, Early Bird Registration, and E-subscribe.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Committee/Meeting	Location
4/18/2017	Executive Board	Room 413
4/25/2017	Government Operations and Audit Committee	Room 362
5/1/2017	Rules Review Committee	Room 413
5/15/2017	Executive Board	Room 413
6/5/2017	Rules Review Committee	Room 413
6/6/2017	Executive Board	Sioux Falls
6/7-9/2017	Appropriations East River Tour	TBA
7/9-12/2017	CSG Midwest Conference	Des Moines, IA
7/19-21/2017	ALEC Annual Meeting	Denver, CO
8/6-9/2017	NCSL Legislative Summit	Boston, MA





REPORTS, NEWS, AND HIGHLIGHTS

[State General Funds Receipts Report](#)

[State General Fund Expenditure and Encumbrance Report](#)

Did you know? You can view all of the Budget Transfer Documents [Here](#)

[Report on Recent Supreme Court Decisions](#)



INTERIM MEETING REPORTS

[APPROPRIATIONS](#) – The Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations met on [March 27](#). The Department of Education explained the rules regarding the waiver process prepared by the School Finance Accountability Board. The committee issued the following letters of intent: the Department of Labor and Regulation for conducting a lean audit; the School of Mines and Technology for the Math @ Mines Program; the SSA-CDI Unit to the departments of Social Services, Corrections and Human Services and the Unified Judicial System; to include the provider inflation amendment in the June 1 report. A memorandum was issued to the Department of Transportation regarding the bid process for construction projects and the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) process. A memorandum was issued to the Department of Labor and Regulation and the Governor's Office of Economic Development regarding a review of workforce development programs to evaluate their effectiveness and determine if there is any duplication of state resources between programs. A memorandum was issued to the Board of Regents requesting they pursue opportunities to maximize results through efficiencies to demonstrate that the SD Higher Education System is a good steward of taxpayer and student dollars. The committee will take three state facilities tours this interim. And, staff will review the level of other fund spending authority for the Bureau of Administration and the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications including the A-87 federal cost allocation plan. Staff contact: [Annie Mehlhaff](#)

[EXECUTIVE BOARD](#) – The Executive Board met on [March 27](#). The Board heard from a representative of Congresswoman Kristi Noem's office regarding an update on the Affordable Care Act. The Board set its calendar for the 2017 interim. The Board heard updates from staff on the interim study topics and selection process and travel policies. Staff contact: [Jason Hancock](#)

[RULES REVIEW](#) – The Rules Review Committee met [March 28](#), to hear the rules listed below. Staff contact: [Doug Decker](#)

- » Department of Health: Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners – Amend rules to update outdated language related to examinations, licensing and continuing education.
- » Department of Game, Fish, and Parks – Amend a Park License and Trail Use Pass rule to eliminate the park entrance license (PEL) exemption for persons visiting campers assigned to the Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park and establish a PEL exemption for members and guests of a South Dakota veterans group, South Dakota National Guard unit, South Dakota military reserve unit, or patients currently admitted to a veterans hospital located in South Dakota and their attendants from the state PEL requirement when participating in a non-competitive event sponsored by a veterans group, National Guard or military reserve unit, or veterans hospital which has obtained an event permit from the manager of the state park where the event is to be held.
- » Department of Transportation – Amend a Tripp County speed zone rule by reducing a speed limit from 65 mph to 45 mph on U.S. Highway 183 beginning at its junction with U.S. Highway 18 in Colome, then south for 0.5 mile.
- » Department of Transportation – Amend a 65 mile per hour speed zone on Interstate 29 by extending it an additional 1.58 miles south to begin at milepost 72.72 and end at milepost 85.25.
- » Department of Education: Board of Education – Amend a Share Services Grants rule to make it clear that individual school districts will be reimbursed for expenses to ensure accurate accounting documentation of grant funds.
- » Department of Revenue: South Dakota Gaming Commission – Amend various gaming rules affecting blackjack games, bet limit clarification, Let it ride, High Card Flush; and provide that closed circuit surveillance of slot machines is required for machines that have awards of \$12,000 or greater; and require at least one video recorder within licensee surveillance systems.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND AUDIT (GOAC) – GOAC met on [March 28](#). The Unified Judicial System, Department of Corrections and Department of Social Services discussed the Juvenile Justice Public Safety Improvement Act and efforts made to implement legislation. The Department of Social Services discussed the current financial position of block grants and how potential federal government level changes may impact South Dakota. The Department of Social Services also discussed admissions and overtime pay at the Human Services Center in Yankton. The Department of Human Services discussed admissions and overtime pay at the Developmental Center in Redfield. And, the Bureau of Information & Telecommunications and the Department of Public Safety discussed infrastructure upgrades to the Public Safety Radio System. Legislative Audit staff this committee, contact: [Tim Flannery](#)



OTHER MEETING REPORTS

BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES meeting – [Jason Simmons](#) attended the Board of Social Services meeting on April 10. The Board of Social Services, created under

Chapter 1-36, advises the Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding delivery of social services needs and budgetary recommendations.

The Department discussed Governor Dugaard's executive reorganization to create the Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) in the Department of Human Services. The Division of Adult Services and Aging in DSS, which administers and provides Medicaid funding for nursing homes, hospice, assisted living, and some in-home services, will be transferred from DSS to the newly created Division of LTSS. The goal of the reorganization is to create a more integrated approach to LTSS delivery to help ensure that people can best access services in their homes and communities.

The next major item of discussion was Medicaid reform. Although the American Health Care Act was withdrawn, additional "repeal and replace" bills are still being debated. Several proposals include transforming Medicaid from an uncapped entitlement program to a block grant, thus giving states more control over their Medicaid programs. The board expressed concerns about the lack of details in the proposed bills, and that if congress does not adequately fund the block grant allocations, it could lead to the state picking up more of the cost of Medicaid, or to reducing services, reimbursement rates to providers, or eligibility for enrollment.

DSS is continuing discussions with the new administration to address IHS funding. The Health Care Solutions Coalition has been refocused to include a 100% FMAP subcommittee to leverage opportunities to garner full federal funding for Medicaid services received through an IHS provider, and a subgroup to explore implementation of work requirements for Medicaid eligibility, another reform that has been suggested at the federal level.

Other items covered at the meeting included a recap of the 2017 legislative session, an amendment to the Weatherization program to include installation of LED lighting for low-income households as an energy savings initiative, an overview of the Human Services Center, and a presentation on preventative services covered by Medicaid.

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION meeting – [Lucas Martin](#) attended the Game Fish and Parks Commission meeting on April 6-7 in Watertown. High points of the meeting: Scott Sampson with GFP outlined an Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Study. In 2016, GFP commissioned a study to specifically estimate the economic activity generated by hunting, fishing, state park visitation and other outdoor recreation activities in South Dakota. Collectively, anglers, hunters, trappers, wildlife viewers, boaters, state park visitors, and snowmobilers spend \$1.3 billion in South Dakota annually in support of these activities. This activity supports an estimated 18,000 full and part-time jobs which provide \$520 million of income. In addition, it contributes over \$970 million to the state's GFP, and generates over \$83 million in tax revenue for state and local governments. Below is a link that takes you to the SD GFP page with three 2016 Economic Impact Study Reports. <http://gfp.sd.gov/agency/information/economic-impact.aspx>

Another topic that was discussed was the possibility of increasing Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses, this has been a discussion that has taken place during the legislative sessions as well. There was a petition to increase the number of

nonresident waterfowl licenses by 5% each year until the number of licenses is double what it currently is. Commissioner Russell Olson stated that the power to regulate the number of licenses was given to the Game, Fish, and Parks Commission by the Legislature. Making drastic alterations to numbers of licenses available could spark the Legislature into taking that power back. That petition did not pass, and was followed by a substitute proposal. I have attached the substitute proposal, which was outlined by Gary Jensen. This proposal will be discussed further at the Chamberlain GFP Commission meeting on June 8th.

There was a short discussion regarding putting signs along the Big Sioux Canoe & Kayak Trail North and South Units. These signs will help canoe and kayak enthusiasts know where different launch points are located.

Game, Fish, and Parks outlined their efforts to research TB within their TB Wildlife Surveillance. GFP emphasized that they are currently doing the research and have not had any positive cases yet.

Lastly, below is a link to a document that contains quite a bit of information. The first three pages of the document outline revenues collected by item type for January to March 2017 from the Division of Parks and Rec with overall items sold being down, but total revenues being slightly up. Overall camper units are down by 9%. The next 10 pages outline land acquisitions, the document outlines where these funds are coming from, where the land is located, and potential future acquisitions. These lands are being acquired using P-R grant dollars, and will be used as Game Production Areas. The last page of this document outlines the year to date licenses sales and where they were in 2016. Overall, licenses sales are down by approximately 6%. [Link](#).

[NATIONAL MEETING REPORTS FROM STAFF AND LEGISLATORS](#) attendees provide updates on recently attended national meetings including new ideas that could benefit South Dakota.



LRC STAFF UPDATES

The LRC has filled the vacant Network Administrator position. Randy Stockwell will be joining the IT staff on May 1st. Randy grew up on a farm in the Garretson area, and worked as the IT Manager for a medical device manufacturer in the Rochester, Minnesota area for the last 18 years, prior to the plant's relocation to Mexico in 2016. He also has previous state government experience, with several years of work for the State of New Mexico, including work that took him into New Mexico's Capitol building, the "Roundhouse" in Santa Fe. Welcome Randy!

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NOTEWORTHY NUGGETS

- ▶ Check your April 12th email for the Speaker and President Pro Tem's 2017 Interim Travel Policy from the LRC Director, Jason Hancock. The message also includes a link to the travel request form.
- ▶ If you are interested in attending any upcoming national meetings, remember prior approval is required from the Speaker or President Pro Tempore. The deadline for Early Bird registration for the NCSL Summit is **June 1**. Please register early for the reduced rate.
- ▶ E-Subscribe is a quick and easy way to stay current on legislative issues. With E-Subscribe you can create customized lists of Bills, Committees, Statutes, Rules, and other information, and sign up for email notifications based on the lists you have created. Sign up for an [E-Subscribe](#) account today.
- ▶ The LRC office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



CONDOLENCES



Our condolences to the families and friends of these former Legislators who have passed away:

Kenny McNenny
Clint Roberts
Robert John Schumacher

