

# APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## Study Assignment

A continuing review of the appropriations process, a study of the funding and fund balance of the state's adjustment training centers, a study of community-based mental health services, and a study of the state's salary structure with respect to competitiveness within state government and also with other units of government and the private sector. The study should also examine recruitment and retention issues.

## Summary of Interim

The Interim Appropriations Committee held its first meeting of the 2002 interim on May 7, 2002, via conference call. The committee's only action was to approve a request for \$540,000 of federal fund authority and \$1,640,389 of other fund authority to the Department of Agriculture. The source of the federal funds is through the Commodity Credit Corporation. The source of the other funds is \$1.4 million from the future fund and the remaining \$240,389 from energy funds. The funds will be allocated to the Division of Wildland Fire Suppression for the Northern Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center Project. The center will bring U.S. Forest Service and state dispatch centers together. The funds will be used to complete renovation of the old Rapid City Regional Airport terminal building to serve as the dispatch center.

The Appropriations Committee held its second meeting of the 2002 interim on Thursday, June 13, 2002. The committee approved a number of expenditure authority requests. These requests included the following.

1. \$250,000 of FY2002 federal fund expenditure authority and \$6,623,827 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Health to upgrade the state's ability to respond to bioterrorism attacks.
2. \$45,328 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs to hire a National Assessment for Educational Progress administrator.
3. \$150,000 of FY2002 other fund expenditure authority to the Department of Tourism to allow the department to spend additional revenues from the tourism tax and Deadwood gaming on the tourism marketing plan.
4. \$1,300,000 of FY2002 federal fund expenditure authority and \$510,000 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Corrections for violent offender incarceration/truth in sentencing funding and to provide the federal Title XIX match from the Department of Social Services for juveniles in alternative placements.
5. \$167,721 of FY2002 other fund expenditure authority to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to cover budget shortfalls.
6. \$3,000,000 of FY2002 other fund expenditure authority to the Department of Social Services to claim federal Medicaid funding by meeting the required state match to complete the intergovernmental transfer process with nursing facilities.

7. \$14,408,673 of FY2002 federal fund expenditure authority and \$14,442,876 of FY2002 other fund expenditure authority and 119.0 FY2002 FTE to the Board of Regents to allow for the expenditure of funds associated with various grants that were received but not included in the FY2002 budget.
8. \$766,200 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority and 15.0 FTE to the Department of Agriculture to minimize the exposure to wildland fire damage.
9. \$150,000 of FY2003 other fund expenditure authority to the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks to allow for capital improvements in Custer State Park.
10. \$675,000 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Human Services to allow the expenditure of funds received from a highway safety grant.
11. \$7,218,000 of FY2003 federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Commerce and Regulation---\$400,000 to improve the integrity of commercial driver's license tests---\$153,000 to enhance the capability to respond to terrorist attacks---\$6,665,000 to continue to upgrade the statewide communications system.

The committee also approved letters of intent for FY2003 and approved the investment proration report for investment earnings to be distributed in FY2003.

#### **Listing of Legislation Adopted**

None.

#### **Summary of Meeting Dates & Places and Listing of Committee Members.**

The committee met twice during the 2002 interim. The first meeting was held in Pierre on May 7 via conference call. The second meeting was held in Pierre on June 13.

Committee members included Senator Bob Drake, Co-Chair; Representative Mitch Richter, Co-Chair; Senators Jerry Apa, H. Paul Dennert, Robert Duxbury, Brock Greenfield, Marguerite Kleven, John Koskan, Cheryl Madden, and J.E. "Jim" Putnam (Vice-chair); Representatives Stan Adelstein, Quinten Burg, Judy Clark, Michael Derby (Vice-chair), Ted Klautdt, Gerald Lange, Willard Pummel, and Duane Sutton.

Staff members included Dale Bertsch, Chief Analyst for Fiscal Research and Budget Analysis; Mark Zickrick, Principal Fiscal Analyst; Sue Cichos, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Reed Holwegner, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Annie Mertz, Senior Fiscal Analyst; and Rhonda Purkapile, Senior Legislative Secretary.