

## **Report of the Fiscal Committee to the Legislative Council**

### **June 25, 2014**

The Legislative Fiscal Committee held three meetings during the 2013 interim on the following dates: September 12, 2013; November 7, 2013; and December 13, 2013.

The September 12 meeting was held at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). The committee heard presentations from representatives of the Board of Regents and the Regents Universities. The presentations included:

- Drug and Mental Health Courts presented by the Department of Corrections and the First Judicial District Department.
- An overview of the FY 2015 budget request for the Regents institutions presented by representatives of the Board of Regents.
- FY 2015 budget request for the UNI presented by President Bill Ruud.
- An update on the proposed Alternative Out-of-State Tuition Program presented by President Ruud.
- Cedar Valley TechWorks – Advanced Manufacturing Center and UNI Metal Casting presented by UNI representatives and Ms. Sheila Dickey, Manager of Technology Integration at John Deere.
- Legislative Services Agency (LSA) staff presented overviews on the status of the Iowa economy, the General Fund budget, built-in and anticipated expenditures for FY 2015, and the Performance of Duty appropriation.

At the conclusion of the presentations, the committee was provided a tour of the UNI campus.

The November 7 meeting was held on the campus of the Iowa Central Community College located in Fort Dodge. The presentations included:

- Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board presented by Sergeant Thomas Lampe, Chairman of the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications Systems Board.
- Update on the Iowa Insurance Exchange presented by Mr. Nick Gerhart, Commissioner of Insurance, Iowa Insurance Division.
- Replacement of the State Payroll System and Human Resources Management Information System presented by representatives from the Department of Administrative Services.
- Community college tuition rates and trends presented by representatives from the Department of Education.
- Community colleges legislative priorities for FY 2015 presented by representatives from the community colleges.
- LSA staff presented overviews on the status of the Iowa economy and the General Fund budget.

The December 13 meeting was held at the State Capitol Building. The presentations included:

- The Treasurer of State's Office reviewed Iowa's cash management policies and provided an update on the defeasance of revenue bonds.
- An update on the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan by Ms. Jennifer Vermeer of the Medicaid Enterprise.

- An update of Iowa's disaster recovery presented by Mr. John Benson of the Department of Homeland Security.
- A presentation of the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) by Ms. Donna Mueller, CEO of the IPERS.
- A presentation of the LSA's Five-Year Budget Forecast presented by Mr. Dave Reynolds and Mr. Jeff Robinson of the Fiscal Services Division.
- LSA staff presented updates of the December Revenue Estimating Conference, the Road Use Tax Fund, and the Tax Increment Financing Report.

Materials distributed to the committee are maintained by the Fiscal Services Division and are available upon request. These documents can also be found on the LSA website at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/meetings/documents?committee=704&ga=85>

Respectfully Submitted,

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