

Legislative Report

Upcoming Water Hearings

The upcoming water hearings are listed below.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Short Title</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Room</u>
01/05/2017 09:15 AM	<u>SB 2047</u>	Relating to the authority of water resource boards to exercise the power of quick take eminent domain.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources	Fort Lincoln
01/06/2017 09:00 AM	<u>HB 1055</u>	Relating to the aggregate total outstanding revenue bond indebtedness limit for water resource districts.	House Political Subdivisions	Prairie
01/06/2017 10:15 AM	<u>HB 1020</u>	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water commission; and to provide exemptions.	House Appropriations	Roughrider
01/06/2017 10:15 AM	<u>HB 1080</u>	Relating to revenues of the infrastructure revolving loan fund; and to provide an exemption.	House Appropriations	Roughrider
01/10/2017 08:30 AM	<u>HB 1080</u>	Relating to revenues of the infrastructure revolving loan fund; and to provide an exemption.	House Appropriations - Education and Environment Division	Roughrider
01/10/2017 08:30 AM	<u>HB 1020</u>	A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water commission; and to provide exemptions.	House Appropriations - Education and Environment Division	Roughrider

Summary of Water Bills

SB 2047. Water Resource District Eminent Domain Procedures. This is the bill that was sent forward by the Water Topics Interim Committee to set forth requirements and procedures for the use of quick take eminent domain by water resource districts. While this bill only applies to water resource districts, any changes to SB 2047 would likely be extended to other water political subdivisions and agencies. The water resource districts supported SB 2047 before the Water Topics Interim Committee.

HB 1055. This bill increases the revenue bond authority of water resource districts. Introduced by Rep. Denton Zubke, who serves on the McKenzie County WRD, this bill would enable water resource districts to take on larger projects that can support a bond issue with revenues to pay off the bonds.

HB 1020/1080. These are the appropriations bills for the State Water Commission.

2017 Water Day

Mark your calendars for Water Day on February 14! The North Dakota Water Coalition and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association are hosting a social for all North Dakota legislators **Tuesday, February 14** from **5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** at the **Ramkota Hotel** in conjunction with Water Day at the Legislature. We urge you to take this opportunity to help us host and to discuss our water needs with our legislators.