Legislative Report

The 66th Legislative Session starts tomorrow, January 3. A report on Tribal and State Relations will be presented at 10:00 am and the State of the Judiciary will be at 11:00 am. The State of the State Address will be given by Governor Burgum at 1:00 pm in the House Chambers. It will also be livestreamed here.

The first legislative bill hearings are scheduled for Friday, January 4.

Upcoming Water Hearings

The upcoming water hearings are listed below.

Date and Time	Bill Number	Short Title	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Room</u>
01/04/2019 09:15 AM	SB 2037	Relating to the disposal and storage of high-level radioactive waste and subsurface storage and retrieval of nonhydrocarbons; to amend and reenact sections 12.1-06.1-01 and 38-19-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the definition of illegal transportation or disposal of radioactive waste material or hazardous waste and disposition of unusable products; to repeal chapter 23-20.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the disposal of nuclear waste material; and to provide a penalty.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources	Fort Lincoln
01/04/2019 09:30 AM	HB 1026	Relating to mandatory training for soil conservation district supervisors.	House Agriculture	Peace Garden
01/04/2019 10:30 AM	HB 1067	Relating to municipal bid requirements and certificates of indebtedness.	House Political Subdivisions	Prairie
01/04/2019 11:00 AM	HB 1085	Relating to the drought disaster livestock water assistance program.	House Agriculture	Peace Garden

Summary of Water Bills

SB 2020 is the appropriation bill for the State Water Commission.

2019 Water Day

Mark your calendars for Water Day on February 12! The North Dakota Water Coalition and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association will host a social for all North Dakota legislators Tuesday, February 12 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 North Dakota's water needs with our legislators.

Water Lunch

Each **Thursday** during the legislative session there will be an informal gathering at noon in the Capitol Café for a no host lunch for those with water interests. These meetings will not have a formal agenda, but will be a regular opportunity for policy makers and water leaders to discuss legislative and funding issues.