

NORTH DAKOTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

1 Issue Development and Prioritization:

Individual Chamber members can contribute to issue development process by submitting and prioritizing important issues at any time by contacting the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce. Also, members will be asked to participate in surveys to gauge their level of interest in certain issues. Participation in that survey helps prioritize key business issues. The most popular issues will then be reviewed by the Legislative Affairs Committee.

5 Legislative Session:

Just prior to the legislative session beginning the complete set of policies developed in the interim will be delivered to the Governor and members of the Legislature. During the legislative session, the North Dakota Chamber will lobby for the bills that are consistent with the policy statements developed in the interim. Members can get involved by providing testimony on key pieces of legislation. Please contact the North Dakota Chamber if you are interested.

4 Policy Statement Adoption:

After the Legislative Affairs Committee has finalized the policy statements, they are presented to the board of directors for approval. Throughout this process the board of directors has two opportunities to review the policy statements, preliminarily as the policies are being developed and then offering final approval.

Once the policy statements have been adopted, the North Dakota Chamber will hold regional meetings to provide the Local Chambers and their membership an update for the upcoming legislative session. This helps build a strong coalition between the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce, Local Chambers, Legislators, and State Agencies.

2 Committee and Subcommittee issue development:

The Legislative Affairs Committee will meet and discuss what the prioritized issues and determine how best to move forward.

- Subcommittees will be formed to address specific topics, those subcommittees will be responsible for reporting to the full Legislative Affairs Committee
- Members can be involved through participation on the Legislative Affairs Committee, subcommittees on specific topics, or both. Contact the North Dakota Chamber to get involved.

3 Local Chamber Input:

As the Legislative Affairs Committee develops their policy statements on the prioritized issues, the North Dakota Chamber will look for input from Local Chambers to provide them and their membership the opportunity to offer feedback about the policy statements before the end of the process.

After the receiving the information from the local chambers, the Legislative Affairs Committee will finalize the policy statement for submission to the board of directors.

