

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1018 - Funding Summary

	Base Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison to Base Budget
Department of Commerce			
Salaries and wages	\$12,995,788	\$13,217,286	\$221,498
Operating expenses	15,477,622	18,098,203	2,620,581
Grants	48,910,416	57,538,527	8,628,111
Discretionary funds	2,200,000	2,150,000	(50,000)
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	3,152,915		(3,152,915)
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	1,600,000	(400,000)
Partner programs	1,939,845	1,562,531	(377,314)
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	1,950,000	2,948,467	998,467
Intermodal container shipping fees		1,300,000	1,300,000
Total all funds	\$88,626,586	\$98,415,014	\$9,788,428
Less estimated income	58,283,906	58,423,293	139,387
General fund	\$30,342,680	\$39,991,721	\$9,649,041
FTE	66.40	61.80	(4.60)
Bill total			
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House Bill No. 1018 - Department of Commerce - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,995,788	\$169,782	\$13,165,570
Operating expenses	15,477,622	1,244,297	16,721,919
Grants	48,910,416	4,679,395	53,589,811
Discretionary funds	2,200,000	(2,200,000)	
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	3,152,915	(2,478,950)	673,965
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	(400,000)	1,600,000
Partner programs	1,939,845	(377,314)	1,562,531
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	1,950,000	(1,001,533)	948,467
Total all funds	\$88,626,586	(\$364,323)	\$88,262,263
Less estimated income	58,283,906	(3,499,311)	54,784,595
General fund	\$30,342,680	\$3,134,988	\$33,477,668
FTE	66.40	(4.60)	61.80

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Removes 3 FTE Positions³	Adjusts Base Level Funding⁴	Adjusts Funding for Department Reorganization⁵	Adds Funding for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program⁶
Salaries and wages	(\$286,534)	\$587,161	(\$130,845)			
Operating expenses				\$49,888	(\$1,154,307)	
Grants				528,111		\$2,000,000
Discretionary funds						
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	297,579	12,261	(390,991)			
North Dakota Trade Office					(400,000)	
Partner programs					(377,314)	
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers					198,467	
Intermodal container shipping fees						
Total all funds	\$11,045	\$599,422	(\$521,836)	\$577,999	(\$1,733,154)	\$2,000,000
Less estimated income	287,033	120,786	(390,991)	265,665	(184,005)	2,000,000
General fund	(\$275,988)	\$478,636	(\$130,845)	\$312,334	(\$1,549,149)	\$0
FTE	(1.60)	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Reduces Funding for the	Removes	Removes	Adds Funding	Adds Funding
	Transfers the	Agricultural	Funding from	Funding for	for Homeless	for
	Prekindergarten	Products	the Research	Discretionary	Shelter	Biotechnology
	Community	Utilization	North Dakota	Funds¹⁰	Grants¹¹	Grants¹²
	Program⁷	Commission⁸	Fund⁹			
Salaries and wages			(\$500,000)			
Operating expenses	(\$151,284)		(500,000)		\$1,200,000	\$300,000
Grants	(1,348,716)			(\$2,200,000)		
Discretionary funds						
Ag. Products Utilization Commission		(\$2,397,799)				
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers			(1,200,000)			
Intermodal container shipping fees						
Total all funds	(\$1,500,000)	(\$2,397,799)	(\$2,200,000)	(\$2,200,000)	\$1,200,000	\$300,000
Less estimated income	0	(2,397,799)	(2,200,000)	(1,000,000)	0	0
General fund	(\$1,500,000)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,200,000)	\$1,200,000	\$300,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for a Census 2020 Program ¹³	Adds One-Time Funding for Unmanned Aircraft System Programs ¹⁴	Adds One-Time Funding for Workforce Grants to Tribal Colleges ¹⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for a Workforce Safety Grant ¹⁶	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages					\$169,782
Operating expenses	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000			1,244,297
Grants		1,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	4,679,395
Discretionary funds					(2,200,000)
Ag. Products Utilization Commission					(2,478,950)
North Dakota Trade Office					(400,000)
Partner programs					(377,314)
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers					(1,001,533)
Intermodal container shipping fees					
Total all funds	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	(\$364,323)
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(3,499,311)</u>
General fund	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,134,988</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4.60)

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2019-21 biennium salary adjustments of 2 percent per year and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,241 to \$1,427 per month:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$260,450	\$62,323	\$322,773
Health insurance increase	<u>218,186</u>	<u>58,463</u>	<u>276,649</u>
Total	\$478,636	\$120,786	\$599,422

³ Three FTE undesignated positions are removed.

⁴ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Adds funding for Microsoft Office 365 license expenses	\$41,905	\$7,983	\$49,888
Adds funding for commission investment grants	0	257,682	257,682
Adds funding for self-sufficiency grants	<u>270,429</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>270,429</u>
Total	\$312,334	\$265,665	\$577,999

⁵ Funding is adjusted for the department's reorganization, including the following division changes:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Administration	(\$962,527)	\$0	(\$962,527)
Marketing and innovation	293,110	(443,489)	(150,379)
Strategy and research	154,800	0	154,800
Tourism	(634,212)	42,000	(592,212)
Workforce development	(233,652)	(4,318)	(237,970)
Economic development	(10,982)	515,982	505,000
Community services	<u>(155,686)</u>	<u>(294,180)</u>	<u>(449,866)</u>
	(\$1,549,149)	(\$184,005)	(\$1,733,154)

⁶ Funding of \$2 million is added for the unmanned aircraft systems program, of which \$1 million is from federal funds and \$1 million is from the unmanned aircraft systems fund to allow the department to collect private industry matching funds.

⁷ Funding of \$1.5 million for the prekindergarten community program is transferred to the Department of Public Instruction.

⁸ Funding for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission is reduced by \$2,397,799 to provide total funding of \$673,965 from the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission fund.

⁹ Funding of \$2.2 million provided from the Research North Dakota fund during the 2017-19 biennium is removed. Of this amount, \$500,000 was for tourism operating expenses, \$500,000 was for a grant to be awarded to the Energy and Environmental Research Center during the 2017-19 biennium, and \$1.2 million was for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program.

¹⁰ Funding of \$2.2 million for discretionary funds is removed, of which \$1.2 million is from the general fund and \$1 million is from the Research North Dakota fund.

¹¹ Funding of \$1.2 million is added for homeless shelter grants to provide total funding of \$1.5 million from the general fund. The 2017 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$300,000 to the Department of Commerce for homeless shelter grants for the 2017-19 biennium.

¹² Funding of \$300,000 from the general fund is added for biotechnology grants, which is also referred to in Section 8 of the bill.

¹³ One-time funding of \$1 million is added from the general fund for a census 2020 program for marketing and advocating to include transient and low-population county individuals in the 2020 census.

¹⁴ One-time funding of \$3 million is added from the general fund for unmanned aircraft systems programs, of which \$2 million is for operating expenses of the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$1 million is for enhanced use lease grants.

¹⁵ One-time funding of \$500,000 is added from the general fund for workforce grants to tribally controlled community colleges. The 2017 Legislative Assembly appropriated one-time funding of \$500,000 from the student loan trust fund to the Department of Commerce for the 2017-19 biennium.

¹⁶ One-time funding of \$1 million is added from the general fund for a workforce safety grant to be provided to an organization that provides workforce safety.

This amendment also:

- Removes a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for discretionary funds into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the unmanned aircraft systems program into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Amends a section related to the Operation Intern fund by reducing the transfer from the general fund to the internship fund from \$950,000 to \$855,000.
- Amends a section identifying the general fund appropriation for the North Dakota Trade Office.
- Amends a section identifying the general fund and special fund appropriations for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program included in Section 1 of the bill.
- Adds a section to identify a general fund appropriation of \$300,000 for biotechnology grants included in Section 1 of the bill.
- Adds a section to provide a 2017-19 biennium appropriation of \$27 million to the Department of Commerce for operating expenses of the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program and allows the funding to continue into the 2019-21 biennium. This section is declared to be an emergency measure.
- Adds a section identifying the general fund appropriation for the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program provided in Section 1 of the bill and includes requirements for an entity receiving funding from this appropriation to provide quarterly payments to the State Treasurer. This section is declared to be an emergency measure.
- Adds a section for the Legislative Management to consider studying the future administration and regulation of the unmanned aircraft systems industry in North Dakota.

House Bill No. 1018 - Department of Commerce - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,995,788	\$13,165,570	\$51,716	\$13,217,286
Operating expenses	15,477,622	16,721,919	2,376,284	19,098,203
Grants	48,910,416	53,589,811	4,648,716	58,238,527
Discretionary funds	2,200,000		3,200,000	3,200,000
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	3,152,915	673,965	(673,965)	
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	1,600,000		1,600,000
Partner programs	1,939,845	1,562,531		1,562,531
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	1,950,000	948,467	2,500,000	3,448,467
Intermodal container shipping fees			1,300,000	1,300,000
Total all funds	\$88,626,586	\$88,262,263	\$13,402,751	\$101,665,014
Less estimated income	58,283,906	54,784,595	3,138,698	57,923,293
General fund	\$30,342,680	\$33,477,668	\$10,264,053	\$43,741,721
FTE	66.40	61.80	0.00	61.80

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases¹	Removes Funding for APUC²	Adds Funding for State Marketing Initiatives³	Restores Funding for Early Childhood Education Grants⁴	Adds Funding for Discretionary Funds⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for UAS Programs⁶
Salaries and wages	\$51,716					
Operating expenses			\$2,000,000	\$151,284		\$225,000
Grants				1,348,716		2,000,000
Discretionary funds					\$3,200,000	
Ag. Products Utilization Commission		(\$673,965)				
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers						
Intermodal container shipping fees						
Total all funds	\$51,716	(\$673,965)	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,200,000	\$2,225,000
Less estimated income	12,663	(673,965)	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$39,053	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,200,000	\$2,225,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for Entrepreneurship Grants and Vouchers ⁷	Adds One-Time Funding for Base Retention Grants ⁸	Adds One-Time Funding for Sculpture Maintenance Grants ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for a Nonresident Nurse Program ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Intermodal Container Shipping Fees ¹¹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages						\$51,716
Operating expenses						2,376,284
Grants		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$800,000		4,648,716
Discretionary funds						3,200,000
Ag. Products Utilization Commission						(673,965)
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	\$2,500,000					2,500,000
Intermodal container shipping fees					\$1,300,000	1,300,000
Total all funds	\$2,500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$800,000	\$1,300,000	\$13,402,751
Less estimated income	2,500,000	0	0	0	1,300,000	3,138,698
General fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$800,000	\$0	\$10,264,053
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$51,716, of which \$39,053 is from the general fund and \$12,663 is from other funds, is added for 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200 on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House approved 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent each year.

² Funding of \$673,965 is removed from the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC) fund to transfer the APUC program to the Agriculture Commissioner.

³ Funding of \$2 million is added from the general fund for operating expenses related to state marketing initiatives of the Department of Commerce Division of Tourism to provide a total of \$6,801,678 for operating expenses of the Division of Tourism, of which \$6,259,678 is from the general fund and \$542,000 is from the Department of Tourism fund. The House approved \$4,801,678 for operating expenses of the Division of Tourism, of which \$4,259,678 is from the general fund and \$542,000 is from the Department of Tourism fund.

⁴ Funding of \$1.5 million is restored for the early childhood education grants program, also known as the prekindergarten community grant program. The House transferred funding for this program to the Department of Public Instruction.

⁵ Funding of \$3.2 million is added from the general fund for discretionary funds. The House did not provide funding for discretionary funds. The 2017 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2.2 million for discretionary funds, of which \$1.2 million was from the general fund and \$1 million was from the Research North Dakota fund.

⁶ One-time funding of \$2,225,000 is added from the general fund for unmanned aircraft system programs, of which \$225,000 is for operating expenses of the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$2 million is for enhanced use lease grants. This results in total one-time appropriations from the general fund of \$2,225,000 for the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$3 million for enhanced use lease grants. The House approved one-time appropriations from the general fund of \$2 million for the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$1 million for enhanced use lease grants.

⁷ One-time funding of \$2,500,000 is added from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program to provide total funding of \$3,448,467, which includes ongoing funding of \$740,956 from the general fund and \$207,511 of ongoing funding from the economic development fund. The House provided \$948,467 of ongoing funding for the program, of which \$740,956 is from the general fund and \$207,511 is from the economic development fund.

⁸ One-time funding of \$250,000 is added from the general fund for base retention grants. The House did not provide funding for this program.

⁹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is added from the general fund for sculpture maintenance grants. The House did not provide funding for sculpture maintenance grants.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$800,000 is added from the general fund for a nonresident nurse employment recruitment program. The House did not provide funding for this program.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$1.3 million is added from the Bank of North Dakota's beginning farmer revolving loan fund for intermodal container transportation shipping fees for the transportation of containers to new locations. The House did not provide funding for intermodal container transportation shipping fees.

This amendment also:

- Removes a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for discretionary funds into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the early childhood education grant program into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for Operation Intern into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adjusts the amounts identified for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program.
- Adds a section identifying funding provided for the base retention grant program. The grants must be awarded on a reimbursement basis and the Department of Commerce is required to consult with the North Dakota Commission on Military Promotion and Strategic Sustainment regarding approval of grant awards.
- Amends a section to increase a 2017-19 biennium appropriation to the Department of Commerce for operating expenses of the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program from \$27 million to \$28 million.
- Replaces a section added by the House relating to the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program with a section to create a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-60 to establish a beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system program, to require an entity receiving funding under this program to provide quarterly payments to the State Treasurer based on the entity's annual gross income associated with beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems with 50 percent deposited in the state general fund and 50 percent in a newly created beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system fund, to provide for reports to the Legislative Management, and to declare the section an emergency measure.
- Adds a section to Chapter 54-60 to create a beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system fund. This section is declared to be an emergency measure.
- Adds a section to Chapter 57-38 to create a new income tax credit for entities that have received funding from the Department of Commerce for the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system program effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018. This section is declared to be an emergency measure.
- Adds a subdivision to subsection 7 of Section 57-38-30.3 authorizing a taxpayer to claim the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system payment credit effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018. This section is declared to be an emergency measure.
- Adds a section to provide for a Legislative Management study of motion picture incentives.
- Adds a section identifying one-time funding from the general fund for providing sculpture maintenance grants.
- Adds a section identifying one-time funding from the general fund for a nonresident nurse employment recruitment program.
- Adds a section authorizing the transfer of up to \$1.3 million to the Department of Commerce from the Bank of North Dakota's beginning farmer revolving loan fund and appropriates the funds for intermodal container transportation shipping fees for the transportation of containers to new locations.
- Adds a section providing a 2017-19 biennium general fund appropriation of \$750,000 for North Dakota gorge preservation grants.

House Bill No. 1018 - Department of Commerce - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	Senate Version	Comparison to Senate
Salaries and wages	\$12,995,788	\$13,165,570	\$51,716	\$13,217,286	\$13,217,286	
Operating expenses	15,477,622	16,721,919	1,376,284	18,098,203	19,098,203	(\$1,000,000)
Grants	48,910,416	53,589,811	3,948,716	57,538,527	58,238,527	(700,000)
Discretionary funds	2,200,000		2,150,000	2,150,000	3,200,000	(1,050,000)
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	3,152,915	673,965	(673,965)			
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	1,600,000		1,600,000	1,600,000	
Partner programs	1,939,845	1,562,531		1,562,531	1,562,531	
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	1,950,000	948,467	2,000,000	2,948,467	3,448,467	(500,000)
Intermodal container shipping fees			1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	
Total all funds	\$88,626,586	\$88,262,263	\$10,152,751	\$98,415,014	\$101,665,014	(\$3,250,000)
Less estimated income	58,283,906	54,784,595	3,638,698	58,423,293	57,923,293	500,000
General fund	\$30,342,680	\$33,477,668	\$6,514,053	\$39,991,721	\$43,741,721	(\$3,750,000)
FTE	66.40	61.80	0.00	61.80	61.80	0.00

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases¹	Removes Funding for APUC²	Adds Funding for Tourism³	Restores Funding for Early Childhood Education Grants⁴	Adds Funding for Discretionary Funds⁵	Adjusts One-Time Funding for the Census 2020 Program⁶
Salaries and wages	\$51,716					
Operating expenses			\$1,000,000	\$151,284		
Grants				1,348,716		
Discretionary funds					\$2,150,000	
Ag. Products Utilization Commission		(\$673,965)				
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers						
Intermodal container shipping fees						
Total all funds	\$51,716	(\$673,965)	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,150,000	\$0
Less estimated income	12,663	(673,965)	0	0	0	1,000,000
General fund	\$39,053	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,150,000	(\$1,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for UAS Programs ⁷	Adds One-Time Funding for Entrepreneurship Grants and Vouchers ⁸	Adds One-Time Funding for Sculpture Maintenance Grants ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for a Nonresident Nurse Program ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Intermodal Container Shipping Fees ¹¹	Adds One-Time Funding for a Job Development Grant ¹²
Salaries and wages						
Operating expenses	\$225,000					
Grants	2,000,000		\$75,000	\$500,000		\$25,000
Discretionary funds						
Ag. Products Utilization Commission						
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers		\$2,000,000				
Intermodal container shipping fees					\$1,300,000	
Total all funds	\$2,225,000	\$2,000,000	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$1,300,000	\$25,000
Less estimated income	0	2,000,000	0	0	1,300,000	0
General fund	\$2,225,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$25,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	\$51,716
Operating expenses	1,376,284
Grants	3,948,716
Discretionary funds	2,150,000
Ag. Products Utilization Commission	(673,965)
North Dakota Trade Office	
Partner programs	
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	2,000,000
Intermodal container shipping fees	1,300,000
Total all funds	\$10,152,751
Less estimated income	3,638,698
General fund	\$6,514,053
FTE	0.00

¹ Funding of \$51,716, of which \$39,053 is from the general fund and \$12,663 is from other funds, is added for 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200 on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020. The House approved 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent each year.

² Funding of \$673,965 from the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission (APUC) fund is removed to transfer the APUC program to the Agriculture Commissioner, the same as the Senate version.

³ Funding of \$1 million is added from the general fund for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce Division of Tourism to provide a total of \$8,801,678 for operating expenses of the Division of Tourism, of which \$8,259,678 is from the general fund and \$542,000 is from the Department of Tourism fund. The Senate approved \$9,801,678 for the operating expenses of the Division of Tourism, of which \$9,259,678 was from the general fund and \$542,000 was from the Department of Tourism fund. The House approved \$7,801,678 for operating expenses of the Division of Tourism, of which \$7,259,678 was from the general fund and \$542,000 was from the Department of Tourism fund.

⁴ Funding of \$1.5 million is restored for the early childhood education grants program, also known as the prekindergarten community grant program, the same as the Senate version. The House transferred funding for this program to the Department of Public Instruction.

⁵ Funding of \$2.15 million is added from the general fund for discretionary funds. The Senate provided \$3.2 million from the general fund for discretionary funds. The House did not provide funding for discretionary funds.

⁶ The Conference Committee changed the funding source of one-time funding of \$1 million for the Census 2020 program to the strategic investment and improvements fund. The House and Senate provided one-time funding of \$1 million from the general fund for this program. The program is for marketing and advocating to transient and low-population county individuals in the 2020 census.

⁷ One-time funding of \$2,225,000 is added from the general fund for unmanned aircraft system programs, of which \$225,000 is for operating expenses of the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$2 million is for enhanced use lease grants. This results in total one-time appropriations from the general fund of \$2,225,000 for the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$3 million for enhanced use lease grants, the same as provided by the Senate. The House approved one-time appropriations from the general fund of \$2 million for the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site and \$1 million for enhanced use lease grants.

⁸ One-time funding of \$2 million is added from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program to provide total funding of \$2,948,467, which includes ongoing funding of \$740,956 from the general fund and \$207,511 of ongoing funding from the economic development fund. The Senate provided one-time funding of \$2.5 million from SIIF, ongoing funding of \$740,956 from the general fund, and ongoing funding of \$207,511 from the economic development fund. The House provided \$948,467 of ongoing funding for the program, of which \$740,956 is from the general fund and \$207,511 is from the economic development fund.

⁹ One-time funding of \$75,000 is added from the general fund for sculpture maintenance grants. The Senate provided one-time funding of \$250,000 from the general fund for sculpture maintenance grants. The House did not provide funding for sculpture maintenance grants.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$500,000 is added from the general fund for a nonresident nurse employment recruitment program. **House Bill No. 1018 was approved with a one-time appropriation of \$800,000 from the general fund but Sections 27, 28, and 29 of Senate Bill No. 2015 was amended to reduce this appropriation by \$300,000 to provide a total one-time appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund for this program.** The Senate added one-time funding of \$800,000 from the general fund for this program. The House did not provide funding for this program.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$1.3 million is added from the Bank of North Dakota's beginning farmer revolving loan fund for intermodal container transportation shipping fees for the transportation of containers to new locations, the same as the Senate version. The House did not provide funding for intermodal container transportation shipping fees.

¹² One-time funding of \$25,000 is added from the general fund for a job development and economic growth grant. The Senate and House did not provide funding for this purpose.

The Conference Committee did not approve one-time funding of \$250,000 from the general fund for base retention grants that was previously added by the Senate. The House did not provide funding for base retention grants.

The Conference Committee did not approve a statutory section previously approved by the Senate to establish a beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system fund.

The Conference Committee did not approve two statutory sections previously approved by the Senate relating to a new income tax credit for entities that have received funding from the Department of Commerce for the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system program.

This amendment also:

- Removes a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section designating \$200,000 of the \$2,150,000 appropriation in the discretionary funds line item for providing health services in rural areas of the state. The House and Senate did not designate funding for this program.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for discretionary funds into the 2019-21 biennium, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the early childhood education grant program into the 2019-21 biennium, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section allowing the Department of Commerce to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for Operation Intern into the 2019-21 biennium, the same as the Senate version.
- Adjusts the amounts identified for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program and designates funding

for the entrepreneurial centers certified by the Department of Commerce. The House and Senate did not designate specific amounts for the entrepreneurial centers.

- Amends a section to increase a 2017-19 biennium appropriation to the Department of Commerce for operating expenses of the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program from \$27 million to \$28 million, the same as the Senate version.
- Replaces a section added by the House relating to the beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems program with a section to create a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-60 to establish a beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft system program, to require an entity receiving funding under this program to provide quarterly payments to the State Treasurer based on the entity's annual gross income associated with beyond visual line of sight unmanned aircraft systems, to deposit funding received from this program in the state general fund, to provide for reports to the Legislative Management, and to declare the section an emergency measure.
- Adds a section to provide for a Legislative Management study of motion picture incentives, the same as the Senate.
- Adds a section identifying \$75,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for providing sculpture maintenance grants. The Senate approved one-time funding of \$250,000 from the general fund.
- Adds a section identifying \$500,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for a nonresident nurse employment recruitment program. **House Bill No. 1018 was approved with a one-time appropriation of \$800,000 from the general fund but Sections 27, 28, and 29 of Senate Bill No. 2015 was amended to reduce this appropriation by \$300,000 to provide a total one-time appropriation of \$500,000 from the general fund for this program.** The Senate added one-time funding of \$800,000 from the general fund for this program. The House did not provide funding for this program.
- Adds a section authorizing the transfer of up to \$1.3 million to the Department of Commerce from the Bank of North Dakota's beginning farmer revolving loan fund and appropriates the funds for intermodal container transportation shipping fees for the transportation of containers to new locations. The Senate also included this section.
- Adds a section providing a 2017-19 biennium general fund appropriation of \$750,000 for North Dakota gorge preservation grants, the same as the Senate.
- Adds a section identifying \$25,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for the purpose of providing a grant to an organization dedicated to promoting job development and economic growth through the purchase of a vacant building previously used for the same purpose. The Senate and House did not include this section.