

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Commerce - House Action**

	<b>Executive Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Salaries and wages	\$10,185,967	\$10,185,967	\$11,500	\$10,197,467
Operating expenses	14,428,272	15,028,272		15,028,272
Capital assets	25,000	25,000		25,000
Grants	53,886,058	81,436,058		81,436,058
Discretionary funds	928,083	928,083		928,083
Economic development initiatives	186,846	186,846		186,846
Agricultural products utilization	2,536,630	2,536,630		2,536,630
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	2,164,000		2,164,000
Partner programs	2,022,044	2,022,044		2,022,044
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund	2,000,000	2,000,000		2,000,000
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund		20,000,000		20,000,000
Contingent borrowing authority		500,000		500,000
Total all funds	\$88,198,900	\$137,012,900	\$11,500	\$137,024,400
Less estimated income	53,708,861	69,208,861	0	69,208,861
General fund	\$34,490,039	\$67,804,039	\$11,500	\$67,815,539
FTE	68.00	68.00	0.00	68.00

**Department No. 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes**

	<b>Provides Funding for Study of Tax- Exempt Property<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Total House Changes</b>
Salaries and wages	\$11,500	\$11,500
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Grants		
Discretionary funds		
Economic development initiatives		
Agricultural products utilization		
North Dakota Trade Office		
Partner programs		
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund		
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund		
Contingent borrowing authority		
Total all funds	\$11,500	\$11,500
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	\$11,500	\$11,500
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> This amendment requires the Department of Commerce to conduct a study during the 2009-10 interim of the effect of tax-exempt property in the state on the state school aid funding formula. Funding of \$11,500 from the general fund is provided to the department for costs associated with hiring two interns to gather information for the study.