

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1148**

Introduced by

Representative Delzer

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service  
2 commission; and to authorize a transfer.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
7 other income, to the public service commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
8 public service commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015,  
9 as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$7,482,074	\$0	\$7,482,074
13 Operating expenses	1,972,572	0	1,972,572
14 Capital assets	53,000	0	53,000
15 Grants	16,000	0	16,000
16 Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	0	8,000,000
17 Rail rate complaint case	<u>900,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>900,000</u>
18 Total all funds	\$18,423,646	\$0	\$18,423,646
19 Less estimated income	<u>12,403,431</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,403,431</u>
20 Total general fund	\$6,020,215	\$0	\$6,020,215
21 Full-time equivalent positions	43.00	0.00	43.00

22 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**  
23 **SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time

1 funding items approved by the sixty-second legislative assembly for the 2011-13 biennium and  
2 any 2013-15 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

3	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2011-13</u>	<u>2013-15</u>
4	Federal stimulus funds	<u>\$658,217</u>	<u>\$0</u>
5	Total all funds	\$658,217	\$0
6	Total special funds	<u>658,217</u>	<u>0</u>
7	Total general fund	\$0	\$0

8 Any 2013-15 one-time funding amounts included in this section are not a part of the entity's  
9 base budget for the 2015-17 biennium. The public service commission shall report to the  
10 appropriations committees of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly on the use of any one-time  
11 funding items for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

12 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER AND REPAYMENT - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN**

13 **FUND.** The sum of \$900,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the  
14 estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act, shall be transferred by the Bank of North  
15 Dakota from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to the public service commission to pay  
16 for costs associated with a rail rate complaint case. Transfers shall be made during the  
17 biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015, upon order of the commission. If  
18 any amounts are spent pursuant to this section, the public service commission shall reimburse  
19 the beginning farmer revolving loan fund using amounts available from damages or proceeds  
20 received, net of legal fees, from a successful outcome of a rail complaint case.