

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2022 - Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$554,757		\$554,757
Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents	\$23,022,372	25,789,125	\$810,000	26,599,125
Total all funds	\$23,022,372	\$26,343,882	\$810,000	\$27,153,882
Less estimated income	2,023,067	2,049,216	0	2,049,216
General fund	\$20,999,305	\$24,294,666	\$810,000	\$25,104,666
FTE	41.00	43.00	0.00	43.00

Department 188 - Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding to Replace Special Funds ¹	Adjusts Funding for Contract Attorneys and Employee Compensation ²	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool			
Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents	\$310,000	\$500,000	\$810,000
Total all funds	\$310,000	\$500,000	\$810,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$310,000	\$500,000	\$810,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding of \$310,000 from the general fund is added to replace special funds revenue not anticipated to be collected.

² Funding of \$500,000 from the general fund is added to provide a total of \$2.5 million to increase the contract rate paid to attorneys and to implement a new employee compensation strategy.

This amendment also provides for a Legislative Management study of the potential impact of establishing the North Dakota Public Defenders Office as an administrative agency under the authority of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents.