

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

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**Senate Bill No. 2003 - Summary of Senate Action**

This amendment appropriates an additional \$1.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the North Dakota University System office to provide a total of \$26.5 million for higher education challenge grants. This amendment also expands eligibility for challenge grants to the University of Jamestown and the University of Mary, each of which may be awarded up to \$750,000 during the 2025-27 biennium.