

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial
2 commission and the agencies under its control; to provide for a transfer; to provide an
3 exemption; and to provide for a report.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
8 federal funds, to the industrial commission and agencies under its control for the purpose of
9 defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under its control, for the
10 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

| | | Adjustments or | |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 13 | | | |
| 14 | | | |
| 15 | Salaries and wages | \$1,884,918 | \$0 \$1,884,918 |
| 16 | Operating expenses | 472,271 | 0 472,271 |
| 17 | Grants - bond payments | <u>119,879,913</u> | <u>0</u> <u>119,879,913</u> |
| 18 | Total other funds | \$122,237,102 | \$0 \$122,237,102 |
| 19 | Full-time equivalent positions | 9.75 | 0.00 9.75 |

20 Subdivision 2.

21 BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

| | | Adjustments or | |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 22 | | | |
| 23 | | | |
| 24 | Bank of North Dakota operations | \$70,899,761 | \$0 \$70,899,761 |

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|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| 1 | Capital assets | <u>705,722</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>705,722</u> |
| 2 | Total other funds | \$71,605,483 | \$0 | \$71,605,483 |
| 3 | Full-time equivalent positions | 187.00 | 0.00 | 187.00 |
| 4 | Subdivision 3. | | | |

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

| | | | Adjustments or | |
|----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 8 | Salaries and wages | \$11,413,354 | \$0 | \$11,413,354 |
| 9 | Operating expenses | 10,903,883 | 0 | 10,903,883 |
| 10 | Capital assets | 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| 11 | Grants | 48,805,110 | 0 | 48,805,110 |
| 12 | Housing finance agency contingencies | <u>100,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>100,000</u> |
| 13 | Total all funds | \$71,242,347 | \$0 | \$71,242,347 |
| 14 | Less other funds | <u>68,742,347</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>68,742,347</u> |
| 15 | Total general fund | \$2,500,000 | \$0 | \$2,500,000 |
| 16 | Full-time equivalent positions | 54.00 | 0.00 | 54.00 |
| 17 | Subdivision 4. | | | |

DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

| | | | Adjustments or | |
|----|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 21 | Salaries and wages | \$23,261,532 | \$0 | \$23,261,532 |
| 22 | Operating expenses | <u>5,120,253</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,120,253</u> |
| 23 | Total all funds | \$28,381,785 | \$0 | \$28,381,785 |
| 24 | Less other funds | <u>268,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>268,000</u> |
| 25 | Total general fund | \$28,113,785 | \$0 | \$28,113,785 |
| 26 | Full-time equivalent positions | 108.00 | 0.00 | 108.00 |
| 27 | Subdivision 5. | | | |

MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

| | | | Adjustments or | |
|----|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Base Level</u> | | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 31 | Salaries and wages | \$54,019,267 | \$0 | \$54,019,267 |

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|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| 1 | Operating expenses | 42,391,653 | 0 | 42,391,653 |
| 2 | Contingencies | 500,000 | 0 | 500,000 |
| 3 | Agriculture promotion | <u>500,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>500,000</u> |
| 4 | Total special funds | \$97,410,920 | \$0 | \$97,410,920 |
| 5 | Full-time equivalent positions | 170.00 | 0.00 | 170.00 |

6 Subdivision 6.

7 TOTAL SECTION 1

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|----|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 8 | | | Adjustments or | |
| 9 | | <u>Base Level</u> | <u>Enhancements</u> | <u>Appropriation</u> |
| 10 | Grand total all funds | \$390,877,637 | \$0 | \$390,877,637 |
| 11 | Less grand total other funds | <u>360,263,852</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>360,263,852</u> |
| 12 | Grand total general fund | \$30,613,785 | \$0 | \$30,613,785 |

13 **SECTION 2. BOND PAYMENTS.** The amount of \$119,879,913 included in subdivision 1 of
 14 section 1 of this Act in the grants - bond payments line item must be paid from the following
 15 funding sources, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

| | | | |
|----|---|--|----------------|
| 16 | Infrastructure project and program bonds - legacy sinking and interest fund | | \$102,620,461 |
| 17 | North Dakota university system | | 15,021,771 |
| 18 | North Dakota university system - energy conservation projects | | 207,649 |
| 19 | Department of corrections and rehabilitation | | 143,375 |
| 20 | Office of management and budget | | 283,875 |
| 21 | Attorney general's office | | 330,000 |
| 22 | State historical society | | 592,375 |
| 23 | Parks and recreation department | | 30,950 |
| 24 | Agriculture research and extension service | | 242,205 |
| 25 | Veterans' home | | <u>407,252</u> |
| 26 | Total | | \$119,879,913 |

27 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - ADDITIONAL INCOME.**

28 In addition to the amount appropriated to the housing finance agency in subdivision 3 of
 29 section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income or unanticipated income from
 30 federal or special funds which may become available to the agency, for the biennium beginning
 31 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The housing finance agency shall notify the office of

1 management and budget and the legislative council of any additional income or unanticipated
2 income that becomes available to the agency resulting in an increase in appropriation authority.

3 **SECTION 4. TRANSFER - ENTITIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INDUSTRIAL**
4 **COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND - ADMINISTRATION - EXEMPTION.**

- 5 1. The sum of \$1,818,114, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the
6 appropriation in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, may be transferred from the
7 entities within the control of the industrial commission or entities directed to make
8 payments to the industrial commission fund for administrative services rendered by the
9 commission. Transfers must be made during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
10 ending June 30, 2027, upon order of the commission. Transfers from the student loan
11 trust fund must be made to the extent permitted by sections 54-17-24 and 54-17-25.
- 12 2. The amount of 1,818,114 appropriated to the industrial commission in subdivision 1 of
13 section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and transferred pursuant to
14 section 8 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of
15 section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the
16 industrial commission for administrative services rendered by the commission during
17 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

18 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO GENERAL FUND.**

19 The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer \$140,000,000 from the Bank's current earnings and
20 undivided profits to the general fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
21 June 30, 2027. The moneys must be transferred in the amount and at the times requested by
22 the director of the office of management and budget after consultation with the Bank president.
23 For legislative council budget status reporting purposes, the transfer under this section is
24 considered an ongoing revenue source.

25 **SECTION 6. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO ECONOMIC**
26 **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
27 June 30, 2027, the Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the following amounts from the Bank's
28 current earnings and undivided profits:

- 29 1. \$39,000,000 to the partnership in assisting community expansion;
30 2. \$5,000,000 to the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund;
31 3. \$1,000,000 to the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund;

- 1 4. \$15,000,000 to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund; and
- 2 5. \$1,500,000 to the university of North Dakota for the North Dakota small business
- 3 development center for the purpose of matching federal grants.

4 **SECTION 7. LIGNITE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MARKETING PROGRAM -**
5 **LIGNITE MARKETING FEASIBILITY STUDY - REPORT TO THE SEVENTIETH**
6 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

- 7 1. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-61-01.6, up to \$4,500,000
- 8 from the lignite research fund may be used for the purpose of contracting for an
- 9 independent, nonmatching lignite marketing feasibility study or studies that determine
- 10 those focused priority areas where near-term, market-driven projects, activities, or
- 11 processes will generate matching private industry investment and have the most
- 12 potential of preserving existing lignite production and industry jobs or that will lead to
- 13 increased development of lignite and its products and create new lignite industry jobs
- 14 and economic growth for the general welfare of this state. Moneys designated under
- 15 this section also may be used for the purpose of contracting for nonmatching studies
- 16 and activities in support of advanced energy technology and other technology
- 17 development programs; for litigation that may be necessary to protect and promote the
- 18 continued development of lignite resources; for nonmatching externality studies and
- 19 activities in externality proceedings; or other marketing, environmental, or transmission
- 20 activities that assist with marketing of lignite-based electricity and lignite-based
- 21 byproducts. Moneys needed for the purposes stated in this section are available to the
- 22 industrial commission for funding projects, processes, or activities under the lignite
- 23 research, development, and marketing program.
- 24 2. The industrial commission shall report to the appropriations committees of the
- 25 seventieth legislative assembly on the amounts spent pursuant to this section.