

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2014 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Industrial Commission						
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$137,862,428	(\$175,000)	\$137,687,428	\$137,687,428	\$0
Less estimated income	122,237,102	137,462,428	(175,000)	137,287,428	137,287,428	0
General fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
FTE	9.75	9.75	0.00	9.75	9.75	0.00
Bank of North Dakota						
Total all funds	\$71,605,483	\$82,376,777	\$250,000	\$82,626,777	\$82,376,777	\$250,000
Less estimated income	71,605,483	82,376,777	250,000	82,626,777	82,376,777	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	187.00	187.00	0.00	187.00	187.00	0.00
Housing Finance Agency						
Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$79,788,957	\$397,986	\$80,186,943	\$81,094,984	(\$908,041)
Less estimated income	68,742,347	69,788,957	397,986	70,186,943	71,094,984	(908,041)
General fund	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0
FTE	54.00	57.00	2.00	59.00	62.00	(3.00)
Department of Mineral Resources						
Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$38,947,068	\$1,405,535	\$40,352,603	\$40,352,603	\$0
Less estimated income	268,000	5,278,377	744,460	6,022,837	6,022,837	0
General fund	\$28,113,785	\$33,668,691	\$661,075	\$34,329,766	\$34,329,766	\$0
FTE	108.00	111.00	2.00	113.00	113.00	0.00
Mill and Elevator						
Total all funds	\$97,410,920	\$108,440,415	\$0	\$108,440,415	\$108,440,415	\$0
Less estimated income	97,410,920	108,440,415	0	108,440,415	108,440,415	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	170.00	172.00	0.00	172.00	172.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$447,415,645	\$1,878,521	\$449,294,166	\$449,952,207	(\$658,041)
Less estimated income	360,263,852	403,346,954	1,217,446	404,564,400	405,222,441	(658,041)
General fund	\$30,613,785	\$44,068,691	\$661,075	\$44,729,766	\$44,729,766	\$0
FTE	528.75	536.75	4.00	540.75	543.75	(3.00)

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Industrial Commission - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$2,261,501	\$325,000	\$2,586,501	\$2,586,501	
New and vacant FTE pool		20,376		20,376	20,376	
Operating expenses	472,271	4,794,262	(500,000)	4,294,262	4,294,262	
Grants		13,668,089		13,668,089	13,668,089	
Grants - Bond payments	119,879,913	117,118,200		117,118,200	117,118,200	
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$137,862,428	(\$175,000)	\$137,687,428	\$137,687,428	\$0
Less estimated income	122,237,102	137,462,428	(175,000)	137,287,428	137,287,428	0
General fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
FTE	9.75	9.75	0.00	9.75	9.75	0.00

Department 405 - Industrial Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Decreases Salary Equity Funding ¹	Transfers Funding Between Line Items ²	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$175,000)	\$500,000	\$325,000
New and vacant FTE pool			
Operating expenses		(500,000)	(500,000)
Grants			
Grants - Bond payments			
Total all funds	(\$175,000)	\$0	(\$175,000)
Less estimated income	(175,000)	0	(175,000)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for salary equity increases is decreased by \$175,000, from \$350,000 to \$175,000, the same as the House version. The \$175,000 reflects \$125,000 for the Industrial Commission executive director and \$50,000 for the Public Finance Agency executive director. The Senate version provided \$350,000, including \$245,000 for the Industrial Commission executive director and \$105,000 for the Public Finance Agency executive director.

² Funding of \$500,000 is transferred from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item, the same as the House version. The Senate version transferred \$581,422 from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item. The net effect of these line item transfers is a decrease of \$81,422 to the salaries and wages line item and an increase of \$81,422 to the operating expenses line item.

This amendment also:

- Changes \$50,000 of one-time funding from state special funds to ongoing funding related to operating expense inflationary increases, the same as the House version. The Senate version identified the inflationary increases as a one-time funding item.
- Decreases the administrative transfer by \$175,000, from \$2,435,660 to \$2,260,660, to reflect the budget changes to the administrative office, the same as the House version. The Senate provided \$2,435,660.
- Provides a deficiency appropriation of up to \$627,587 from the general fund for an outstanding invoice related to a hydrogen energy research project, including an emergency clause related to the deficiency appropriation. Neither the Senate version nor the House version provided this funding.
- Amends Senate Bill No. 2188 to remove the transfer of \$50 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the clean sustainable energy fund. Neither the Senate version nor the House version included this change to remove the transfer.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Bank of North Dakota - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
New and vacant FTE pool		\$2,122,074		\$2,122,074	\$2,122,074	
Capital assets	\$705,722	4,143,299		4,143,299	4,143,299	
Bank of North Dakota operations	70,899,761	76,111,404	\$250,000	76,361,404	76,111,404	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$71,605,483	\$82,376,777	\$250,000	\$82,626,777	\$82,376,777	\$250,000
Less estimated income	71,605,483	82,376,777	250,000	82,626,777	82,376,777	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	187.00	187.00	0.00	187.00	187.00	0.00

Department 471 - Bank of North Dakota - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One-Time Funding Item¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
New and vacant FTE pool		
Capital assets		
Bank of North Dakota operations	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Adds one-time funding of \$250,000 for the Bank to conduct a study of economic development opportunities in western North Dakota. Neither the Senate version nor the House version included this funding.

This amendment also:

- Consolidates the transfer of Bank of North Dakota profits to economic development programs rather than separately identifying the amount for each program. The House version consolidated the transfers, but the Senate version identified separate amounts for each program.
- Transfers up to \$5 million of Bank profits to the Parks and Recreation Department for an interest rate buydown on the line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project. Neither the Senate version nor the House version included this transfer.
- Amends the rebuilders loan program to allow loans for weather-related incidents or economic hardships as determined by the Governor, the same as the House version. The Senate version did not amend the rebuilders loan program.
- Increases the amount the North Dakota pipeline authority may borrow for pipeline capacity positions by \$40 million, from \$60 million to \$100 million, and increases loan guarantees from the strategic investment and improvements fund in July 2027 by \$20 million, from \$140 million to \$160 million reflecting an increase of \$40 million for North Dakota Pipeline Authority borrowing and a decrease of \$20 million for other loan guarantees. The additional \$40 million of borrowing is available only if the authority enters a capacity purchase agreement by December 31, 2026. The Senate version did not expand the pipeline capacity position borrowing, but the House increased the borrowing authority by \$60 million.
- Creates a new rail revolving loan fund to provide loans for rail infrastructure improvements with the requirement for the Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Bank to review and approve the rail projects and transferred any outstanding loans and moneys in the rail fund to the newly created rail revolving loan fund. The House version also added these provisions.
- Adds a section requiring the Bank to study economic development opportunities in western North Dakota in coordination with the Department of Commerce and representatives from oil-producing counties and to provide reports on the results of the study. Neither the Senate version nor the House version included this study.
- Adds a section requiring the North Dakota Pipeline Authority to provide a report to the Budget Section by December 31, 2026, regarding the status of any capacity purchase agreements.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Housing Finance Agency - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$13,068,897		\$13,068,897	\$13,068,897	
New and vacant FTE pool		1,024,774	\$397,986	1,422,760	2,134,321	(\$711,561)
Operating expenses	10,903,883	9,470,176		9,470,176	9,666,656	(196,480)
Capital assets	20,000	20,000		20,000	20,000	
Grants	48,805,110	46,105,110		46,105,110	46,105,110	
HFA contingencies	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000	
Housing incentive fund		10,000,000		10,000,000	10,000,000	
Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$79,788,957	\$397,986	\$80,186,943	\$81,094,984	(\$908,041)
Less estimated income	68,742,347	69,788,957	397,986	70,186,943	71,094,984	(908,041)
General fund	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0
FTE	54.00	57.00	2.00	59.00	62.00	(3.00)

Department 473 - Housing Finance Agency - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for FTE positions¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		
New and vacant FTE pool	\$397,986	\$397,986
Operating expenses		
Capital assets		
Grants		
HFA contingencies		
Housing incentive fund		
Total all funds	\$397,986	\$397,986
Less estimated income	397,986	397,986
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	2.00	2.00

¹ Funding related to salaries and wages for FTE positions is added as follows:

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Homeownership and loan specialist position	1.00	\$0	\$184,796	\$184,796
Business analyst position	1.00	0	257,410	257,410
Total	2.00	\$0	\$442,206	\$442,206

Funding for salaries and wages is decreased by \$442,206 and funding of \$397,986 is added to the new and vacant FTE pool for the positions resulting in net savings of \$44,220 compared to the Senate version. The House version provided \$1,109,547 for 5 FTE positions and \$196,480 for related operating expenses. The Conference Committee did not include 3 FTE positions added by the House for a rent stabilization program.

This amendment also:

- Transfers \$25 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the housing incentive fund for housing projects and programs, the same as the Senate version. The House provided \$33.65 million, which included \$150,000 for a Native American homelessness liaison, \$13.5 million for a rent stabilization fund, and \$20 million for other housing projects. The Conference Committee designated \$150,000 for a Native American homelessness liaison from the \$10 million transferred from the general fund to the housing incentive fund, the same as the Senate version.
- Adds a section identifying \$213,880 from the housing incentive fund for administrative expenses, including funding for a homelessness program position. The Senate version did not include this section, but the House identified \$1,200,983 for homelessness program and rent stabilization program positions.
- Amends the housing incentive fund clarifying moneys in the fund to be transferred to the agency's operating fund for administrative expenses, the same as the House version. The Senate version did not include this provision.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Department of Mineral Resources - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$26,287,724		\$26,287,724	\$26,287,724	
New and vacant FTE pool		1,608,593	\$513,025	2,121,618	2,121,618	
Operating expenses	5,120,253	11,005,751	892,510	11,898,261	11,898,261	
Capital assets		45,000		45,000	45,000	
Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$38,947,068	\$1,405,535	\$40,352,603	\$40,352,603	\$0
Less estimated income	268,000	5,278,377	744,460	6,022,837	6,022,837	0
General fund	\$28,113,785	\$33,668,691	\$661,075	\$34,329,766	\$34,329,766	\$0
FTE	108.00	111.00	2.00	113.00	113.00	0.00

Department 474 - Department of Mineral Resources - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts FTE Positions and Operating Expenses ¹	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses ²	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages			
New and vacant FTE pool	\$513,025		\$513,025
Operating expenses	138,180	\$754,330	892,510
Capital assets			
Total all funds	\$651,205	\$754,330	\$1,405,535
Less estimated income	692,965	51,495	744,460
General fund	(\$41,760)	\$702,835	\$661,075
FTE	2.00	0.00	2.00

¹ Funding related to salaries and wages for FTE positions is adjusted as follows:

	<u>FTE Positions</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Permitting technician position	(1.00)	(\$151,146)	\$0	(\$151,146)
Reclamation specialist positions	2.00	(184,887)	554,661	369,774
Deputy director position	<u>1.00</u>	<u>351,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>351,400</u>
Total	2.00	\$15,367	\$554,661	\$570,028

Funding for salaries and wages is decreased by \$570,028 and funding of \$513,025 is added to the new and vacant FTE pool for the positions resulting in net savings of \$57,003. Funding of \$138,180 is added for ongoing operating expenses related to the FTE positions.

The Senate version included \$151,146 from the general fund for 1 FTE permitting technician position and \$184,887 from the general fund for 1 FTE reclamation specialist position. The House removed 1 FTE permitting technician position, changed the funding source for 1 FTE reclamation specialist position from the general fund to the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, and added 2 FTE reclamation specialist positions.

² Funding for operating expenses is adjusted as follows:

- \$735,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund is increased for state fleet rate adjustments to provide \$2,235,000, the same as the House version. The Senate version provided \$1,500,000 from the general fund.
- \$17,165 of one-time funding from the general fund is removed and \$51,495 of one-time funding from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund is added for new FTE position operating expenses, the same as the House version. The Senate version did not include this adjustment.
- \$15,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for an enhanced oil recovery database is removed. The Senate version added this one-time funding, but the House version removed the funding.

This amendment also includes the following changes which were added in the House version:

- Adds a section identifying \$799,926 from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for administrative expenses, which includes funding for reclamation specialist positions and related operating expenses.
- Amends the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund to allow moneys in the fund to be used for administrative expenses subject to legislative appropriation.
- Adds an exemption for up to \$225,500 of the \$2,300,000 appropriated from federal funds for an abandoned well reclamation program during the 2023-25 biennium to continue into the 2025-27 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Mill and Elevator - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$54,019,267	\$60,365,008		\$60,365,008	\$60,365,008	
New and vacant FTE pool		1,973,530		1,973,530	1,973,530	
Operating expenses	42,391,653	45,101,877		45,101,877	45,101,877	
Contingencies	500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000	
Agriculture promotion	500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000	
Total all funds	\$97,410,920	\$108,440,415	\$0	\$108,440,415	\$108,440,415	\$0
Less estimated income	97,410,920	108,440,415	0	108,440,415	108,440,415	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	170.00	172.00	0.00	172.00	172.00	0.00

Department 475 - Mill and Elevator - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

Neither the House or the Conference Committee made any changes related to the Mill and Elevator Association.