

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2018 - Summary of House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Department of Commerce				
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$53,574,286	\$201,485,660
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	53,375,000	159,589,707
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$199,286	\$41,895,953
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80
Attorney General				
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dept. of Career and Technical Education				
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$54,074,286	\$201,985,660
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	53,875,000	160,089,707
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$199,286	\$41,895,953
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80

**Senate Bill No. 2018 - Attorney General - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 125 - Attorney General - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total House Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$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

<sup>1</sup> One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to the Attorney General for autonomous technology grants. A section is added to the bill to provide the Attorney General may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The Attorney General is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants.

**Senate Bill No. 2018 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total House Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$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

<sup>1</sup> One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from SIIF to the Department of Career and Technical Education for autonomous technology grants. A section is added to the bill to provide the department may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The department is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants.

**Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Commerce - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$17,508,362	\$189,286	\$17,697,648
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600		582,600
Operating expenses	19,462,643	28,672,666	(1,990,000)	26,682,666
Grants	47,636,118	88,382,315	40,375,000	128,757,315
Childrens education science center grant			10,000,000	10,000,000
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,150,000		2,150,000
Workforce programs		8,000,000	5,000,000	13,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	1,707,511		1,707,511
Partner programs	907,920	907,920		907,920
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$53,574,286	\$201,485,660
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	53,375,000	159,589,707
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$199,286	\$41,895,953
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80

**Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes**

	Restores Funding for an FTE Position <sup>1</sup>	Adds FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Adds One- Time Funding for Operating and Grants <sup>3</sup>	Adds Contingent Funding for Children's Education Science Center Grants <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$189,286				\$189,286
New and vacant FTE pool					
Operating expenses	10,000		(\$2,000,000)		(1,990,000)
Grants			40,375,000		40,375,000
Childrens education science center grant				\$10,000,000	10,000,000
Discretionary funds					
Workforce programs			5,000,000		5,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers					
Partner programs					
Total all funds	\$199,286	\$0	\$43,375,000	\$10,000,000	\$53,574,286
Less estimated income	0	0	43,375,000	10,000,000	53,375,000
General fund	\$199,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199,286
FTE	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$199,286 from the general fund for 1 undesignated FTE position that was removed by the Senate is restored by the House, including \$189,286 for salaries and wages and \$10,000 for operating expenses.

<sup>2</sup> The House amendment adds 3 FTE positions as ongoing positions that were previously authorized for the 2023-25 biennium as one-time FTE positions as a result of \$120 million of one-time federal funding becoming available for weatherization and energy programs from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act. The funding for the positions is included in a separate section of the bill authorizing the Department of Commerce an exemption to continue unspent federal funding from the \$120 million appropriated for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium. The Senate added the exemption section but not the FTE positions.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) is adjusted as follows:

	<b>SIIF</b>
Reduces funding for tourism marketing awareness operating expenses to provide a total of \$5 million. The Senate added \$7 million for this program.	(\$2,000,000)
Adds funding for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement grant program. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	16,000,000
Adds funding for tourism destination development grants to provide a total of \$25 million. The Senate added \$20 million for this program.	5,000,000
Adds funding for uncrewed aircraft system (UAS) grants. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	1,000,000
Adds funding for beyond visual line of sight UAS grants to provide a total of \$20 million. The Senate added \$10 million for this program.	10,000,000
Adds funding for autonomous agriculture grants to provide a total of \$10 million. The Senate added \$5 million for this program.	5,000,000
Adds funding for a Native American small business grant. The Senate provided this funding as part of the \$2,150,000 from the general fund in the base budget for discretionary funds.	600,000
Adds funding for a historic theater restoration grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	1,100,000
Adds funding for a historic opera house restoration grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	250,000
Adds funding for a historic theater improvement grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	250,000
Adds funding for a Medora transportation improvement grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	1,000,000
Adds funding for a community hall grant. The Senate did not provide funding for this grant.	175,000
Adds funding for the find the good life initiative. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	5,000,000
Total	\$43,375,000

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding of \$10 million is appropriated from SIIF in a separate section for providing grants of up to \$5 million to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$410 million during the 2025-27 biennium.

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## Senate Bill No. 2018 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to appropriate \$10 million of one-time funding from SIIF to the Department of Commerce for providing grants of up to \$5 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$410 million during the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF and a \$25 million transfer from Bank of North Dakota profits to the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library and museum endowment fund. The moneys can be transferred only to the extent a private entity involved with a presidential library and museum in the state has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a \$1 for \$1 basis for deposit in the endowment fund and only if the oversight entity for the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library establishes a policy to not charge an admission fee to children under 18 years of age to visit the presidential library. The Senate did not add funding for this purpose.
- Amends a section to provide for a transfer of \$10 million from SIIF to the legacy investment for technology (LIFT) fund. The Senate provided for a \$5 million transfer from SIIF to the LIFT fund.
- Amends a section to provide the North Dakota Development Fund may use funding transferred from SIIF for non-primary sector business activities and for grants only to the extent an eligible organization has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- Adds a section to authorize the Department of Commerce to borrow up to \$75 million through a Bank of North Dakota line of credit to be transferred to the North Dakota Development Fund.
- Amends a section identifying \$96,375,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The Senate appropriated \$53,000,000 in Section 1 from SIIF.
- Adds a section identifying \$16 million appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program and requirements of the program. The Senate did not include this section.
- Amends a section added by the Senate regarding tribally controlled community college grants.
- Removes a section added by the Senate that provided of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund for discretionary funds, \$600,000 must be used for a Native American small business grant. The House appropriated the \$600,000 for the program from SIIF.
- Adds a section to require the Department of Commerce to conduct an infrastructure study related to the authorization of gaming in Grand Forks County.
- Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 10-30.5-02 to allow the North Dakota Development Fund to form a management and operations entity and to be able to enter joint ventures.
- Adds a section to amend Subsection 5 of Section 54-58-03 related to the tribal-state gaming compact to allow gaming in Grand Forks County.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-09 to provide the Workforce Development Division continually refine the state workforce mission, vision, and strategies, and to conduct regular employer talent and skills supply and demand studies.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-19 to provide the Workforce Development Division must collect data on all workforce programs administered by state agencies.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-28 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the UAS program.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29 to clarify the sources of funding that can be deposited in the UAS fund.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29.1 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program.
- Amends Section 54-60-31 to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Global Talent Office. The Senate amended the section to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Office of Global Talent.
- Amends Section 3 of Chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws to provide the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit provided to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project is authorized for \$20 million instead of \$70 million.
- Amends Subsection 13 of Section 9 of House Bill No. 1019 (2025) to provide an exemption to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to continue \$20 million instead of \$70 million from the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Amends a subsection of the exemption section of the bill to clarify funding for the parks and recreation program can be used for operating expenses of the program.

- Adds a new subsection to the exemption section of the bill to provide the department an exemption for any unspent funding for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program.
- Adds a section to provide the \$3 million appropriated in Section 1 from the general fund for the operation intern program, the \$16 million of one-time funding appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program, and Section 14, emergency measures.