

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2022 - Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents - House Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
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
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$23,022,372</b>	<b>\$26,343,882</b>	<b>\$810,000</b>	<b>\$27,153,882</b>
Less estimated income	2,023,067	2,049,216	0	2,049,216
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$20,999,305</b>	<b>\$24,294,666</b>	<b>\$810,000</b>	<b>\$25,104,666</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>41.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.