

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1502**

Introduced by

Representatives Wolff, Hendrix, Holle, S. Olson, VanWinkle

Senators Castaneda, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the growth of the state general fund budget.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Appropriation - Limitation.**

7 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the total general fund budget approved by the  
8 legislative assembly for a biennium may not be greater than three percent of the general fund  
9 budget approved by the legislative assembly for the previous biennium. If the general fund  
10 budget increase approved by the legislative assembly for a biennium is less than three percent  
11 compared to the previous biennium, the difference between the actual percentage increase and  
12 three percent may be carried forward for up to three bienniums and used to exceed the three  
13 percent increase limitation. This section does not apply to any general fund budget increase that  
14 exceeds three percent if the increase is approved by a two-thirds vote of members elected to  
15 each house of the legislative assembly.