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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and  
2 insurance.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from the workforce safety  
6 and insurance fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to workforce safety and  
7 insurance, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
10 <del>Workforce safety and insurance</del>	<del>\$65,954,976</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$65,954,976</del>
11 <del>—operations</del>			
12 <del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$65,954,976</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$65,954,976</del>
13 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>260.14</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>260.14</del>
14 <u>Workforce safety and insurance</u>	<u>\$65,954,976</u>	<u>\$11,290,155</u>	<u>\$77,245,131</u>
15 <u>—operations</u>			
16 <u>New and vacant FTE pool</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,189,008</u>	<u>3,189,008</u>
17 <u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$65,954,976</u>	<u>\$14,479,163</u>	<u>\$80,434,139</u>
18 <u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>260.14</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>260.14</u>

1       **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**  
2 **SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
3 items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's  
4 base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations  
5 committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

6 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
7 Claims and policy system replacement project	\$5,208,325
8 MyWSI extranet enhancement project	1,366,050
9 Building improvements	<u>2,000,000</u>
10 Total	\$8,574,375

11       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.**  
12 Workforce safety and insurance may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE  
13 pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to  
14 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to workforce safety and insurance  
15 operations line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in  
16 House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1021 - Workforce Safety and Insurance - House Action**

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool		\$3,189,008	\$3,189,008
WSI operations	\$65,954,976	11,290,155	77,245,131
Total all funds	\$65,954,976	\$14,479,163	\$80,434,139
Less estimated income	65,954,976	14,479,163	80,434,139
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	260.14	0.00	260.14

**Department 485 - Workforce Safety and Insurance - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 Vacant FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Information Technology Rate Increases <sup>4</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses and Temporary Salaries <sup>5</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for the CAPS Replacement Project <sup>6</sup>
New and vacant FTE pool			\$3,189,008			
WSI operations	\$3,696,555	\$3,701,233	(4,555,725)	\$315,976	(\$442,259)	\$5,208,325
Total all funds	\$3,696,555	\$3,701,233	(\$1,366,717)	\$315,976	(\$442,259)	\$5,208,325
Less estimated income	3,696,555	3,701,233	(1,366,717)	315,976	(442,259)	5,208,325
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for the myWSI Enhancement Project <sup>7</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for Building Improvement <sup>8</sup>	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool			\$3,189,008
WSI operations	\$1,366,050	\$2,000,000	11,290,155
Total all funds	\$1,366,050	\$2,000,000	\$14,479,163
Less estimated income	1,366,050	2,000,000	14,479,163
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	Special Funds
Salary increase	\$2,117,947
Health insurance increase	1,578,608
Total	\$3,696,555

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$3,701,233 from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is added to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool funding.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$4,555,725 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$3,189,008 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$1,366,717.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$315,976 from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is added for information technology rate increases.

<sup>5</sup> Funding of \$442,259 is removed from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund for temporary salaries and operating expenses, including office equipment, travel, and professional development.



<sup>6</sup> One-time funding of \$5,208,325 is added from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund for the claims and policy system replacement project. The agency has spent \$21,200,000 on the project since July 2015 and anticipates \$16,300,000 is needed to complete the project by 2031 at a total cost of \$37,500,000.

<sup>7</sup> One-time funding of \$1,366,050 is added from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund for the myWSI enhancement project. The agency has spent \$5,700,000 on the project since November 2016 and anticipates \$2,100,000 is needed to complete the project by 2027 at a total cost of \$7,800,000.

<sup>8</sup> One-time funding of \$2 million is added from the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund for building improvements, including a roof replacement, carpet installation, bathroom upgrades, and exterior repairs.

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### **House Bill No. 1021 - Other Changes - House Action**

A section is also added regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.