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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2014

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial
2 commission and the agencies under its control; to create and enact a new section to chapter
3 6-09 and a new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 38-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to a rail revolving loan fund and uses of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging
5 and site reclamation fund; to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02 and sections
6 6-09-35 ~~and, 6-09-46.2, 6-09.7-05, 6-09.14-04, and 49-17.1-02.1~~, subsection 1 of section
7 54-17-40, and subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 54-17.7-04 of the North Dakota Century
8 Code, relating to confidential and exempt records of the Bank of North Dakota ~~and, the~~
9 rebuilders loan program, loan guarantees through the strategic investment and improvements
10 fund, interest rate buydown limits for the partnership in assisting community expansion fund,
11 department of transportation review and approval of rail projects, uses of the housing incentive
12 fund, and North Dakota pipeline borrowing authority; to amend and reenact section 15 of
13 chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to a salt cavern underground energy storage
14 research project; to provide for a transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a legislative
15 management study; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide for a report.

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

17 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
18 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
19 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and

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federal funds, to the industrial commission and agencies under its control for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under its control, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$376,583	\$2,261,501
New and vacant FTE pool	0	20,376	20,376
Operating expenses	472,271	4,321,991	4,794,262
Grants	0	13,668,089	13,668,089
Grants - bond payments	119,879,913	(2,761,713)	117,118,200
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$15,625,326	\$137,862,428
Less other funds	122,237,102	15,225,326	137,462,428
Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$701,583	\$2,586,501
New and vacant FTE pool	0	20,376	20,376
Operating expenses	472,271	3,821,991	4,294,262
Grants	0	13,668,089	13,668,089
Grants - bond payments	119,879,913	(2,761,713)	117,118,200
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$15,450,326	\$137,687,428
Less other funds	122,237,102	15,050,326	137,287,428
Total general fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Full-time equivalent positions	9.75	0.00	9.75

Subdivision 2.

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Bank of North Dakota operations	\$70,899,761	\$5,211,643	\$76,111,404
New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,122,074	2,122,074
Capital assets	705,722	3,437,577	4,143,299

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1	Total other funds	\$71,605,483	\$10,771,294	\$82,376,777
2	Full-time equivalent positions	187.00	0.00	187.00

3 Subdivision 3.

4 HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

5		Adjustments or		
6		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
7	Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$1,655,543	\$13,068,897
8	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,024,774	1,024,774
9	Operating expenses	10,903,883	(1,433,707)	9,470,176
10	Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
11	Grants	48,805,110	(2,700,000)	46,105,110
12	Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
13	Total all funds	\$71,242,347	(\$1,453,390)	\$69,788,957
14	Less other funds	68,742,347	1,046,610	69,788,957
15	Total general fund	\$2,500,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$0
16	Full-time equivalent positions	54.00	3.00	57.00
17	Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$1,655,543	\$13,068,897
18	New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,134,321	2,134,321
19	Operating expenses	10,903,883	(1,237,227)	9,666,656
20	Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
21	Grants	48,805,110	(2,700,000)	46,105,110
22	Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
23	Total all funds	\$71,242,347	(\$147,363)	\$71,094,984
24	Less other funds	68,742,347	2,352,637	71,094,984
25	Total general fund	\$2,500,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$0
26	Full-time equivalent positions	54.00	8.00	62.00

27 Subdivision 4.

28 DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

29		Adjustments or		
30		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
31	Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$3,026,192	\$26,287,724

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1	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,608,593	1,608,593
2	Operating expenses	5,120,253	5,885,498	11,005,751
3	Capital assets	0	45,000	45,000
4	Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$10,565,283	\$38,947,068
5	Less other funds	268,000	5,010,377	5,278,377
6	Total general fund	\$28,113,785	\$5,554,906	\$33,668,691
7	Full-time equivalent positions	108.00	3.00	111.00
8	Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$3,026,192	\$26,287,724
9	New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,121,618	2,121,618
10	Operating expenses	5,120,253	6,778,008	11,898,261
11	Capital assets	0	45,000	45,000
12	Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$11,970,818	\$40,352,603
13	Less other funds	268,000	5,754,837	6,022,837
14	Total general fund	\$28,113,785	\$6,215,981	\$34,329,766
15	Full-time equivalent positions	108.00	5.00	113.00

Subdivision 5.

MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

18		Adjustments or		
19		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
20	Salaries and wages	\$54,019,267	\$6,345,741	\$60,365,008
21	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,973,530	1,973,530
22	Operating expenses	42,391,653	2,710,224	45,101,877
23	Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
24	Agriculture promotion	500,000	0	500,000
25	Total special funds	\$97,410,920	\$11,029,495	\$108,440,415
26	Full-time equivalent positions	170.00	2.00	172.00

Subdivision 6.

TOTAL SECTION 1

29		Adjustments or		
30		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
31	Grand total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$46,538,008	\$437,415,645

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1	Less grand total other funds	<u>360,263,852</u>	<u>43,083,102</u>	<u>403,346,954</u>
2	Grand total general fund	<u>\$30,613,785</u>	<u>\$3,454,906</u>	<u>\$34,068,691</u>
3	Grand total all funds	<u>\$390,877,637</u>	<u>\$49,074,570</u>	<u>\$439,952,207</u>
4	Less grand total other funds	<u>360,263,852</u>	<u>44,958,589</u>	<u>405,222,441</u>
5	Grand total general fund	<u>\$30,613,785</u>	<u>\$4,115,981</u>	<u>\$34,729,766</u>

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

11	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
12	Industrial commission			
13	— Inflationary increases	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
14	— Electricity grid resiliency federal grant	<u>0</u>	<u>13,668,089</u>	<u>13,668,089</u>
15	— Lignite litigation	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
16	Subtotal industrial commission	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,718,089</u>	<u>\$16,718,089</u>
17	— Electricity grid resiliency federal grant	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$13,668,089</u>	<u>\$13,668,089</u>
18	— Lignite litigation	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
19	Subtotal industrial commission	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,668,089</u>	<u>\$16,668,089</u>
20	Bank of North Dakota			
21	Capital improvement projects	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>
22	Subtotal Bank of North Dakota	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>
23	Department of mineral resources			
24	Federal abandoned well program	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,444,377</u>	<u>\$1,444,377</u>
25	— FTE position operating expenses	<u>41,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41,600</u>
26	FTE position operating expenses	<u>24,435</u>	<u>51,495</u>	<u>75,930</u>
27	Mineral analyses	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
28	Rare earth elements study	<u>0</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
29	— Archeology excavation project	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
30	Paleontology excavation project	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
31	Oil and gas litigation	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>

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1	Enhanced oil recovery database	15,000	0	15,000
2	Portable mineral detection equipment	<u>45,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,000</u>
3	Subtotal department of mineral resources	\$201,600	\$4,994,377	\$5,195,977
4	Grand total	\$201,600	\$24,345,765	\$24,547,365
5	<u>Subtotal department of mineral resources</u>	<u>\$169,435</u>	<u>\$5,045,872</u>	<u>\$5,215,307</u>
6	<u>Grand total</u>	<u>\$169,435</u>	<u>\$24,347,260</u>	<u>\$24,516,695</u>

7 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The
8 the industrial commission and agencies under its control may not spend funds appropriated in
9 the new and vacant FTE pool line items in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of
10 management and budget to transfer funds, within each respective subdivision, from the new
11 and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line items or Bank of North Dakota
12 operations line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in
13 House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

14 **SECTION 4. BOND PAYMENTS.** The amount of \$117,118,200 included in subdivision 1 of
15 section 1 of this Act in the grants - bond payments line item must be paid from the following
16 funding sources, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:
17 Infrastructure project and program bonds - legacy sinking and interest fund \$102,622,743
18 North Dakota university system 14,083,250
19 Veterans' home 412,207
20 Total \$117,118,200

21 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - ADDITIONAL INCOME.**
22 In addition to the amount appropriated to the housing finance agency in subdivision 3 of
23 section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income or unanticipated income from
24 federal or special funds which may become available to the agency, for the biennium beginning
25 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The housing finance agency shall notify the office of
26 management and budget and the legislative council of any additional income or unanticipated
27 income that becomes available to the agency resulting in an increase in appropriation authority.

28 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER GENERAL FUND TO HOUSING**
29 **INCENTIVE FUND - TRANSFER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND**
30 **TO HOUSING INCENTIVE FUND - HOMELESS PROGRAMS - HOUSING PROGRAMS -**
31 **EXEMPTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

1 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
2 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, which the office of management and
3 budget shall transfer to the housing incentive fund for homeless programs, during the
4 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation under
5 this subsection is considered a one-time funding item. ~~Notwithstanding any other~~
6 ~~requirements under section 54-17-40 and pursuant to the continuing appropriation~~
7 ~~under 54-17-40, the housing finance agency shall distribute a passthrough grant of~~
8 ~~\$150,000 from the housing incentive fund to an organization for a Native American~~
9 ~~homelessness liaison, from the \$10,000,000 transferred to the housing incentive fund~~
10 ~~under this subsection.~~

11 2. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of
12 ~~\$25,000,000~~ \$33,650,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the
13 housing incentive fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
14 June 30, 2027, for the following:

15 a. \$150,000 for a passthrough grant. Notwithstanding any other requirements under
16 section 54-17-40 and pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section
17 54-17-40, the housing finance agency shall distribute a passthrough grant of
18 \$150,000 from the housing incentive fund to a Native American focused
19 organization with a presence in multiple communities for a Native American
20 homelessness liaison.

21 b. Up to \$13,500,000 for a rent stabilization fund program, including assistance to
22 support individuals who are at risk due to financial instability and to prevent
23 evictions.

24 c. \$20,000,000 and any remaining amounts for other housing projects and
25 programs pursuant to section 54-17-40.

26 **SECTION 7. TRANSFER - ENTITIES AND FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE**
27 **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND - ADMINISTRATION -**
28 **EXEMPTION.**

29 1. The sum of ~~\$2,435,660~~ \$2,260,660, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,
30 included in the appropriation in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, may be
31 transferred from the entities and funds within the control of the industrial commission

or entities directed to make payments to the industrial commission fund for administrative services rendered by the commission. Transfers must be made during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, upon order of the commission. Transfers from the student loan trust fund must be made to the extent permitted by sections 54-17-24 and 54-17-25.

2. The amount of \$1,818,114 appropriated to the industrial commission in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and transferred pursuant to section 8 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the industrial commission for administrative services rendered by the commission during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO GENERAL FUND.

The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer \$140,000,000 from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the general fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The moneys must be transferred in the amount and at the times requested by the director of the office of management and budget after consultation with the Bank president. For legislative council budget status reporting purposes, the transfer under this section is considered an ongoing revenue source.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS - SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

During the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, the Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the following amounts from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits:

1. ~~\$39,000,000 to the partnership in assisting community expansion;~~
2. ~~\$5,000,000 to the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund;~~
3. ~~\$1,000,000 to the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund;~~
4. ~~\$15,000,000 to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund~~ \$60,000,000 to economic development programs administered by the Bank, including the partnership in assisting community expansion fund, the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund, the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund, and the beginning farmer revolving loan fund; and

- 1 ~~5.2.~~ \$1,900,000 to the university of North Dakota for the North Dakota small business
2 development center for the purpose of matching federal grants.

3 **SECTION 10. TRANSFER - RAIL FUND TO RAIL REVOLVING LOAN FUND.** The
4 department of transportation shall transfer any outstanding loans and remaining balance from
5 the rail fund to the rail revolving loan fund on July 1, 2025.

6 **SECTION 11. TRANSFER STATE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER FUND TO OIL AND**
7 **GAS RESEARCH FUND - TRANSFER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
8 **FUND TO OIL AND GAS RESEARCH FUND - ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY GRANT**
9 **PROGRAM.**

- 10 1. From the \$6,000,000 transferred to the state energy research center fund pursuant to
11 section 15 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws, the office of management and
12 budget shall transfer the sum of \$4,000,000 to the oil and gas research fund during the
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
- 14 2. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$21,000,000 from the
15 strategic investment and improvements fund to the oil and gas research fund during
16 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
- 17 3. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-51.1-07.3 and the powers of
18 the industrial commission under chapter 54-17.6, the commission shall use
19 \$25,000,000 from the oil and gas research fund, transferred under this section, for an
20 enhanced oil recovery grant program. The commission shall develop guidelines for the
21 grant program, including eligibility criteria, requirements for matching funds, and
22 reporting requirements.

23 **SECTION 12. LIGNITE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MARKETING PROGRAM -**
24 **LIGNITE MARKETING FEASIBILITY STUDY - REPORT TO THE SEVENTIETH**
25 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

- 26 1. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-61-01.6, up to \$4,500,000
27 from the lignite research fund may be used for the purpose of contracting for an
28 independent, nonmatching lignite marketing feasibility study or studies that determine
29 those focused priority areas where near-term, market-driven projects, activities, or
30 processes will generate matching private industry investment and have the most
31 potential of preserving existing lignite production and industry jobs or that will lead to

1 increased development of lignite and its products and create new lignite industry jobs
2 and economic growth for the general welfare of this state. Moneys designated under
3 this section also may be used for the purpose of contracting for nonmatching studies
4 and activities in support of advanced energy technology and other technology
5 development programs; for litigation that may be necessary to protect and promote the
6 continued development of lignite resources; for nonmatching externality studies and
7 activities in externality proceedings; or other marketing, environmental, or transmission
8 activities that assist with marketing of lignite-based electricity and lignite-based
9 byproducts. Moneys needed for the purposes stated in this section are available to the
10 industrial commission for funding projects, processes, or activities under the lignite
11 research, development, and marketing program.

12 2. The industrial commission shall report to the appropriations committees of the
13 seventieth legislative assembly on the amounts spent pursuant to this section.

14 **SECTION 13. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**

15 **FUND - GRANT, LITIGATION, STUDY, AND PROJECT FUNDING.** The grand total other funds
16 line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$8,332,794 from the strategic investment
17 and improvements fund as follows:

- 18 1. \$4,782,794 in the other funds line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act and
19 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of this Act, including \$1,782,794 for
20 matching federal funds for an electricity grid resiliency grant and \$3,000,000 for lignite
21 litigation.
- 22 2. \$3,550,000 in the other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act and
23 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of this Act, including \$400,000 for a rare
24 earth elements study, \$150,000 for an ~~archeology~~ paleontology excavation project,
25 and \$3,000,000 for oil and gas litigation.

26 **SECTION 14. OTHER FUNDS - ABANDONED OIL AND GAS WELL PLUGGING AND**

27 **SITE RECLAMATION FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.** The other funds line item in
28 subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$799,926 from the abandoned oil and
29 gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for administrative expenses, including funding for
30 reclamation specialist positions and related operating expenses.

1 **SECTION 15. OTHER FUNDS - HOUSING INCENTIVE FUND - ADMINISTRATIVE**

2 **EXPENSES.** The other funds line item in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act includes the sum
3 of \$1,200,983, transferred from the housing incentive fund to the agency's operating fund for
4 administrative expenses, including funding for homelessness program and rent stabilization
5 program positions and related operating expenses.

6 **SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 7. The release by the industrial commission, in its capacity as the managing body of the
9 Bank of North Dakota, of the following:

- 10 a. The name of any person who has obtained approval for direct ~~or indirect~~
11 financing or security, including a loan guarantee or a letter of credit, through the
12 Bank of North Dakota primarily for purposes other than personal, family, or
13 household purposes.
- 14 b. The amount of any financing or security referenced in subdivision a.
- 15 c. The amount of any net writeoff or loan forgiveness ~~associated with the financing~~
16 ~~or security referenced in subdivision a~~ which the industrial commission
17 determines is uncollectible.
- 18 d. The program under which any financing or security referenced in subdivision a
19 was made.

20 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **6-09-35. Confidentiality of Bank records - Exempt records.**

23 1. The following records of the Bank of North Dakota are confidential:

- 24 4. a. Commercial or financial information of a customer, whether obtained directly or
25 indirectly, except for routine credit inquiries or unless required by due legal
26 process. As used in this subsection, "customer" means any person who has
27 transacted or is transacting business with, or has used or is using the services of,
28 the Bank of North Dakota, or for whom the Bank of North Dakota has acted as a
29 fiduciary with respect to trust property.
- 30 2. b. Internal or interagency memorandums or letters which would not be available by
31 law to a party other than in litigation with the Bank.

- 1 3. c. Information contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports
- 2 prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of a state or federal agency responsible
- 3 for the regulation or supervision of any Bank activity.
- 4 4. d. Information obtained from the state department of financial institutions which
- 5 would not be available from that agency under section 6-01-07.1.
- 6 5. e. The report by a Bank officer or member of the Bank's advisory board of directors
- 7 concerning personal financial statements.
- 8 2. The following records of the Bank of North Dakota are exempt:
- 9 a. Bond insurance coverage, including excess bond insurance coverage.
- 10 b. Cyber liability coverage, including excess cyber liability coverage.

11 **SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09-46.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **6-09-46.2. Rebuilders loan program - Rebuilders permanent loan fund - Continuing**
14 **appropriation.**

- 15 1. The Bank of North Dakota shall develop a rebuilders loan program to make or
- 16 participate in loans to North Dakota residents ~~affected by extraordinary losses~~ as a
- 17 result of ~~a.~~
- 18 a. A presidentially declared disaster or in the state;
- 19 b. A governor-declared disaster or in the state;
- 20 c. An emergency in the state;
- 21 d. A weather-related incident in the state as determined by the governor; or
- 22 e. An economic hardship as determined by the governor.
- 23 2. Under the rebuilders loan program, the Bank shall develop and implement specific
- 24 loan programs to respond to the specific needs resulting from a disaster ~~or~~
- 25 emergency, incident, or hardship. The Bank may fund the loan from any available
- 26 funding in the rebuilders permanent loan fund and may accept private sector
- 27 donations and funds from the federal government.
- 28 2.3. Upon request of the Bank of North Dakota, the governor shall furnish the Bank with
- 29 information relating to the nature and amount of state and local resources that have
- 30 been or will be committed to alleviating the results of the disaster or emergency, an

1 estimate of the amount and severity of the damage and the impact on the private and
2 public sectors, and an estimate of the type and amount of assistance needed.

3 ~~3.4.~~ To apply for a loan under the program, a person shall apply to the originating financial
4 institution. Upon Bank of North Dakota approval of an application, the Bank shall make
5 a loan in accordance with the loan program established under this section. The Bank
6 shall establish a loan application period, which may not exceed a period of eighteen
7 months from the date of the declaration of the disaster or emergency.

8 ~~4.5.~~ Excluding the rebuilders and rebuilders home loans transferred to the fund, the Bank
9 of North Dakota shall deposit in the fund all principal and interest paid on the loans
10 made from the fund. The Bank may deduct from interest payments received on a loan
11 under the program a service fee for administering the fund for the Bank and the
12 originating financial institution. The fund must be audited annually pursuant to section
13 6-09-29, and the cost of the audit and any other actual costs incurred by the Bank on
14 behalf of the fund, must be paid by the fund.

15 ~~5.6.~~ There is created in the state treasury the rebuilders permanent loan fund administered
16 by the Bank of North Dakota. The fund consists of all moneys transferred to the fund
17 by the legislative assembly, interest on moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund
18 of principal and interest on loans made from the fund. All moneys in the fund are
19 appropriated to the Bank on a continuing basis for the rebuilders loan program.

20 ~~6.7.~~ If approved by the industrial commission, the fund may borrow from the Bank of North
21 Dakota to provide funding for loans under this section. A loan made to the fund by the
22 Bank must be repaid with principal and interest payment received by the rebuilders
23 permanent loan fund or with moneys appropriated by the legislative assembly.

24 ~~7.8.~~ The Bank of North Dakota shall adopt policies to implement this section.

25 **SECTION 19.** A new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
26 and enacted as follows:

27 **Rail revolving loan fund - Continuing appropriation.**

28 1. The rail revolving loan fund is a special fund in the state treasury from which the Bank
29 of North Dakota shall provide loans to counties, cities, railroads, and other freight
30 railroad users to construct or upgrade rail infrastructure to improve rail service.

2. The Bank shall administer the fund in accordance with the provisions of this section and may adopt policies and establish guidelines for the loans, including policies for eligibility and allowing participation by local financial institutions. Class I railroads are not eligible.

3. The Bank shall consider the applicant's ability to repay the loan when processing the application and shall issue loans only to applicants that provide reasonable assurance of sufficient future income to repay the loan.

4. The department of transportation shall review and approve the project before the Bank may issue a loan based on policies developed by the department.

5. The Bank shall deposit in the fund all payments of principal and interest paid on loans made from the fund. The Bank may use a portion of the interest paid on the outstanding loans as a servicing fee to pay administrative costs which may not exceed one-half of one percent of the amount of the outstanding loans.

6. All moneys transferred to the fund, interest upon moneys in the fund, and payments to the fund of principal and interest are appropriated to the Bank on a continuing basis for administrative costs and for loan disbursements according to this section.

7. The fund must be audited annually pursuant to section 6-09-29, and the cost of the audit must be paid from the fund.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 6-09.7-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

~~6-09.7-05. Establishment and maintenance of adequate guarantee funds – Use of strategic investment and improvements fund. (Effective through June 30, 2025)~~

~~—The Bank of North Dakota shall establish and at all times maintain an adequate guarantee reserve fund in a special account in the Bank. The Bank may request the director of the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the strategic investment and improvements fund created by section 15-08.1-08 to maintain one hundred percent of the guarantee reserve fund balance. Transfers from the strategic investment and improvements fund may not exceed a total of eighty million dollars. Moneys in the guarantee reserve fund are available to reimburse lenders for guaranteed loans in default. The securities in which the moneys in the reserve fund may be invested must meet the same requirements as those authorized for investment under the state investment board. The income from such investments must be made available for the~~

1 ~~costs of administering the state guarantee loan program and income in excess of that required~~
2 ~~to pay the cost of administering the program must be deposited in the reserve fund. The amount~~
3 ~~of reserves for all guaranteed loans must be determined by a formula that will assure, as~~
4 ~~determined by the Bank, an adequate amount of reserve.~~

5 **Establishment and maintenance of adequate guarantee funds - Use of strategic**
6 **investment and improvements fund. (~~Effective after June 30, 2025~~)** The Bank of North
7 Dakota shall establish and at all times maintain an adequate guarantee reserve fund in a
8 special account in the Bank. The Bank may request the director of the office of management
9 and budget to transfer funds from the strategic investment and improvements fund created by
10 section 15-08.1-08 to maintain one hundred percent of the guarantee reserve fund balance.
11 Transfers from the strategic investment and improvements fund may not exceed a total of
12 ~~one hundred forty million~~ one hundred eighty million dollars. Moneys in the guarantee reserve
13 fund are available to reimburse lenders, including the Bank, for guaranteed loans in default. The
14 securities in which the moneys in the reserve fund may be invested must meet the same
15 requirements as those authorized for investment under the state investment board. The income
16 from such investments must be made available for the costs of administering the state
17 guarantee loan program and income in excess of that required to pay the cost of administering
18 the program must be deposited in the reserve fund. The amount of reserves for all guaranteed
19 loans must be determined by a formula that will assure, as determined by the Bank, an
20 adequate amount of reserve.

21 **SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **6-09.14-04. Fund moneys - Eligible uses.**

- 24 1. The fund moneys may be used to participate in an interest rate buydown on a loan to
25 a new or expanding business for the following eligible uses:
- 26 a. Purchase of real property and equipment.
 - 27 b. Expansion of facilities.
 - 28 c. Working capital.
 - 29 d. Inventory.
- 30 2. The loan funds cannot be used to refinance any existing debt or for the relocation of
31 the business within North Dakota.

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1 2-3. The community shall determine the amount of the interest rate buydown and apply to
2 the Bank of North Dakota for participation from the partnership in assisting community
3 expansion fund. The funds for the community's portion of the buydown may come from
4 a local development corporation, contributions, community funds, future dedicated tax
5 programs, or any other community source.

6 3-4. The fund participation portion in the buydown must be determined by the Bank of
7 North Dakota based on economic conditions in the city or county in which the business
8 is located.

9 4-5. a. The maximum amount from the fund in the interest rate buydown may not exceed
10 five hundred thousand dollars per loan.

11 b. If the Bank determines the project has a substantial economic impact and
12 qualifies as a primary sector business, the maximum amount from the fund in the
13 interest rate buydown may be increased by up to one million dollars, in addition
14 to the amount under subdivision a, without a required community match.

15 6. The fund participation must be limited to the amount required to buy down the interest
16 to five hundred basis points below the national prime interest rate.

17 5-7. The Bank of North Dakota shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

18 **SECTION 22.** A new subdivision to subsection 2 of section 38-08-04.5 of the North Dakota
19 Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

20 Administrative expenses, including salaries and wages and operating expenses,
21 subject to legislative appropriation.

22 **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 49-17.1-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **49-17.1-02.1. ~~Department may authorize local~~Review and approval of rail projects.**

25 ~~For the purpose of promoting the public interest and local economic development, the~~
26 ~~department may utilize revenue generated under this chapter for the construction or~~
27 ~~improvement of railway freight transportation projects not otherwise eligible for assistance under~~
28 ~~the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 [Pub. L. 94-210; 90 Stat. 149;~~
29 ~~49 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.] and which meet standards and specifications developed by the~~
30 ~~department~~The department shall coordinate with the Bank of North Dakota to approve and
31 review rail projects financed under the rail revolving loan fund under section 19 of this Act.

1 **SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-17-40 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 3 1. The housing incentive fund is ~~created as a special revolving fund at the Bank of North~~
4 ~~Dakota. The housing finance agency may direct disbursements from the fund and a~~
5 ~~continuing appropriation from the fund is provided for that purpose~~ a special fund in the
6 state treasury administered by the housing finance agency. Moneys in the fund are
7 appropriated to the housing finance agency on a continuing basis for assistance under
8 subsection 3. Moneys in the fund may be transferred to the housing finance agency's
9 operating fund for administrative expenses, which are subject to legislative
10 appropriation.

11 **SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision a of subsection 4 of section 54-17.7-04 of the
12 North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 13 a. The authority may borrow up to ~~sixty million~~ one hundred twenty million dollars
14 through a line of credit from the Bank. The interest rate on the line of credit must
15 be the prevailing interest rate charged to North Dakota governmental entities.

16 **SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 15 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws is
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **SECTION 15. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**
19 **FUND TO STATE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER FUND - FEDERAL STATE**
20 **FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - UNDERGROUND ENERGY STORAGE RESEARCH**
21 **PROJECT - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

- 22 1. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$6,000,000 from
23 the strategic investment and improvements fund to the state energy research
24 center fund.
- 25 2. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation authority under section 57-51.1-07.9 and
26 pursuant to subsection 36 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special
27 Session Session Laws, as amended in section 24 of this Act and exempted in
28 section 26 of this Act, the industrial commission shall distribute up to
29 ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 from the state energy research center fund and up to
30 \$5,300,000 of federal funds from the state fiscal recovery fund to the state energy
31 research center for a salt cavern underground energy storage research project.

- 1 3. The research project must include a business case analysis for the construction
2 of up to two salt caverns in geological formations in North Dakota for the
3 development of underground storage of energy resources, including natural gas,
4 liquified natural gas, natural gas liquids, and hydrogen. The state energy
5 research center may collaborate with other entities as needed on the research
6 project. Prior to distributing the funding, the industrial commission must receive,
7 from at least one nonstate entity, assurance of financial or other types of support
8 that demonstrate a commitment to the research project.
- 9 4. During the 2023-24 ~~interim~~ and 2025-26 interims, the state energy research
10 center shall provide quarterly reports to the industrial commission and at least
11 one report each interim to the legislative management regarding the status and
12 results of the research project.

13 **SECTION 27. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following
14 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into
15 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 16 1. The sum of \$1,250,000 appropriated from special funds for grant management
17 software in ~~subsection 1~~ subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session
18 Laws, identified as one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session
19 Laws, and transferred in section 9 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 20 2. The sum of \$75,000 appropriated from special funds for a records digitization project
21 in ~~subsection 1~~ subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and
22 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 23 3. The sum of \$1,124,856 appropriated from the general fund and \$7,499,037
24 appropriated from federal funds for an electricity grid resilience federal grant in
25 ~~subsection 1~~ subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and
26 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 27 4. The sum of \$3,200,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for an
28 abandoned oil well conversion to water supply grant program in
29 ~~subsection 2~~ subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session
30 Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in subsection 1 of section 27
31 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.

1 5. The sum of \$800,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements
2 fund to the department of mineral resources for a survey review in section 2 of
3 chapter 426 of the 2017 Session Laws and continued into the 2019-21 biennium
4 pursuant to section 27 of chapter 14 of the 2019 Session Laws, into the 2021-23
5 biennium pursuant to section 33 of chapter 42 of the 2021 Session Laws, and into the
6 2023-25 biennium pursuant to section 27 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.

7 6. Up to \$225,500 of the \$2,300,000 appropriated from federal funds to the department
8 of mineral resources for administrative expenses related to an abandoned well
9 reclamation program in subdivision 2 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session
10 Laws and identified as one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session
11 Laws.

12 **SECTION 28. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HOMELESSNESS.** During the
13 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying homelessness in the state.
14 The study must include a review of data and funding available to address homelessness, an
15 analysis of the use of available funds to identify gaps and potential solutions, and input from
16 homeless program service providers. The legislative management shall report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the seventieth legislative assembly.

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

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Industrial Commission				
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$137,862,428	(\$175,000)	\$137,687,428
Less estimated income	122,237,102	137,462,428	(175,000)	137,287,428
General fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
FTE	9.75	9.75	0.00	9.75
Bank of North Dakota				
Total all funds	\$71,605,483	\$82,376,777	\$0	\$82,376,777
Less estimated income	71,605,483	82,376,777	0	82,376,777
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	187.00	187.00	0.00	187.00
Housing Finance Agency				
Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$79,788,957	\$1,306,027	\$81,094,984
Less estimated income	68,742,347	69,788,957	1,306,027	71,094,984
General fund	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000
FTE	54.00	57.00	5.00	62.00
Department of Mineral Resources				
Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$38,947,068	\$1,405,535	\$40,352,603
Less estimated income	268,000	5,278,377	744,460	6,022,837
General fund	\$28,113,785	\$33,668,691	\$661,075	\$34,329,766
FTE	108.00	111.00	2.00	113.00
Mill and Elevator				
Total all funds	\$97,410,920	\$108,440,415	\$0	\$108,440,415
Less estimated income	97,410,920	108,440,415	0	108,440,415
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	170.00	172.00	0.00	172.00
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$447,415,645	\$2,536,562	\$449,952,207
Less estimated income	360,263,852	403,346,954	1,875,487	405,222,441
General fund	\$30,613,785	\$44,068,691	\$661,075	\$44,729,766
FTE	528.75	536.75	7.00	543.75

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Industrial Commission - House Action

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

Department 405 - Industrial Commission - Detail of House Changes

	Decreases Salary Equity Funding ¹	Transfers Funding Between Line Items ²	Total House 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 \$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 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.
- Decreases the administrative transfer by \$175,000, from \$2,435,660 to \$2,260,660, to reflect the budget changes to the administrative office approved by the House. The Senate provided \$2,435,660.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Bank of North Dakota - House Action

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

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.
- Amends the rebuilders loan program to allow loans for weather-related incidents or economic hardships as determined by the Governor.
- Increases the amount the North Dakota pipeline authority may borrow for pipeline capacity positions by \$60 million, from \$60 million to \$120 million, and increases loan guarantees from the strategic investment and improvements fund by \$40 million, from \$140 million to \$180 million, reflecting an increase of \$60 million for North Dakota Pipeline Authority borrowing and a decrease of \$20 million for other loan guarantees.
- 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.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Housing Finance Agency - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$13,068,897		\$13,068,897
New and vacant FTE pool		1,024,774	\$1,109,547	2,134,321
Operating expenses	10,903,883	9,470,176	196,480	9,666,656
Capital assets	20,000	20,000		20,000
Grants	48,805,110	46,105,110		46,105,110
HFA contingencies	100,000	100,000		100,000
Housing incentive fund		10,000,000		10,000,000
Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$79,788,957	\$1,306,027	\$81,094,984
Less estimated income	68,742,347	69,788,957	1,306,027	71,094,984
General fund	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000
FTE	54.00	57.00	5.00	62.00

Department 473 - Housing Finance Agency - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for FTE positions ¹	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages		
New and vacant FTE pool	\$1,109,547	\$1,109,547
Operating expenses	196,480	196,480
Capital assets		
Grants		
HFA contingencies		
Housing incentive fund		
Total all funds	\$1,306,027	\$1,306,027
Less estimated income	1,306,027	1,306,027
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	5.00	5.00

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
Rent stabilization program positions	3.00	0	790,623	790,623
Total	5.00	\$0	\$1,232,829	\$1,232,829

Funding for salaries and wages is decreased by \$1,232,829 and funding of \$1,109,547 is added to the new and vacant FTE pool for the positions resulting in net savings of \$123,282. Funding of \$196,480 is added for ongoing operating expenses related to the FTE positions.

This amendment also:

- Increases the amount transferred from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to the housing incentive fund by \$8.65 million, from \$25 million to \$33.65 million. The \$8.65 million increase reflects an increase of \$150,000 for a Native American homelessness liaison, an increase of \$13.5 million for a rent stabilization fund, and a decrease of \$5 million for other housing projects. The Senate designated \$150,000 for a Native American homelessness liaison from the \$10 million transferred from the general fund to the housing incentive fund and provided for a transfer of \$25 million from SIIF to the housing incentive fund for housing programs.
- Adds a section identifying \$1,200,983 from the housing incentive fund for administrative expenses, including funding for homelessness program and rent stabilization program positions and related operating expenses.
- Amends the housing incentive fund clarifying moneys in the fund to be transferred to the agency's operating fund for administrative expenses.

Senate Bill No. 2014 - Department of Mineral Resources - House Action

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

Department 474 - Department of Mineral Resources - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts FTE Positions and Operating Expenses ¹	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses ²	Total House 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:

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Permitting technician position	(1.00)	(\$151,146)	\$0	(\$151,146)
Reclamation specialist positions	2.00	(184,887)	554,661	369,774
Deputy director position	1.00	351,400	0	351,400
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 and \$184,887 from the general fund for 1 FTE reclamation specialist position. The House removed 1 FTE permitting technician, changed the funding source for 1 FTE reclamation specialist fund from the general fund to the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, and added 2 FTE reclamation specialist FTE 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 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.
- \$15,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for an enhanced oil recovery database is removed.

This amendment also:

- 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 - House Action

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

The House did not make any changes related to the Mill and Elevator Association.