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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**

**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 amend and reenact subsection 7 of section  
3 6-08.1-02 and sections 6-09-35 and 6-09.14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to  
4 confidential and exempt records of the Bank of North Dakota and interest rate buydown limits  
5 for the partnership in assisting community expansion fund; to amend and reenact section 15 of  
6 chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws, relating to a salt cavern underground energy storage  
7 research project; to provide for a transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a legislative  
8 management study; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide for a report.

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

10 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
11 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
12 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
13 federal funds, to the industrial commission and agencies under its control for the purpose of  
14 defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under its control, for the  
15 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

16 Subdivision 1.

17 **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

18		Adjustments or	
19	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>

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1	Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$0	\$1,884,918
2	Operating expenses	472,271	0	472,271
3	Grants - bond payments	119,879,913	0	119,879,913
4	Total other funds	\$122,237,102	\$0	\$122,237,102
5	Full-time equivalent positions	9.75	0.00	9.75
6	Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$376,583	\$2,261,501
7	New and vacant FTE pool	0	20,376	20,376
8	Operating expenses	472,271	4,321,991	4,794,262
9	Grants	0	13,668,089	13,668,089
10	Grants - bond payments	119,879,913	(2,761,713)	117,118,200
11	Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$15,625,326	\$137,862,428
12	Less other funds	122,237,102	15,225,326	137,462,428
13	Total general fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
14	Full-time equivalent positions	9.75	0.00	9.75

15 Subdivision 2.

16 BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

17		Adjustments or		
18		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
19	Bank of North Dakota operations	\$70,899,761	\$0	\$70,899,761
20	Capital assets	705,722	0	705,722
21	Total other funds	\$71,605,483	\$0	\$71,605,483
22	Full-time equivalent positions	187.00	0.00	187.00
23	Bank of North Dakota operations	\$70,899,761	\$5,211,643	\$76,111,404
24	New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,122,074	2,122,074
25	Capital assets	705,722	3,437,577	4,143,299
26	Total other funds	\$71,605,483	\$10,771,294	\$82,376,777
27	Full-time equivalent positions	187.00	0.00	187.00

28 Subdivision 3.

29 HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

30		Adjustments or		
31		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation

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1	Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$0	\$11,413,354
2	Operating expenses	10,903,883	0	10,903,883
3	Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
4	Grants	48,805,110	0	48,805,110
5	Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
6	Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$0	\$71,242,347
7	Less other funds	68,742,347	0	68,742,347
8	Total general fund	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
9	Full-time equivalent positions	54.00	0.00	54.00
10	Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$1,655,543	\$13,068,897
11	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,024,774	1,024,774
12	Operating expenses	10,903,883	(1,433,707)	9,470,176
13	Capital assets	20,000	0	20,000
14	Grants	48,805,110	(2,700,000)	46,105,110
15	Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
16	Total all funds	\$71,242,347	(\$1,453,390)	\$69,788,957
17	Less other funds	68,742,347	1,046,610	69,788,957
18	Total general fund	\$2,500,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$0
19	Full-time equivalent positions	54.00	3.00	57.00

20 Subdivision 4.

21 DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES

22			Adjustments or	
23		Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
24	Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$0	\$23,261,532
25	Operating expenses	5,120,253	0	5,120,253
26	Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$0	\$28,381,785
27	Less other funds	268,000	0	268,000
28	Total general fund	\$28,113,785	\$0	\$28,113,785
29	Full-time equivalent positions	108.00	0.00	108.00
30	Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$3,276,192	\$26,537,724
31	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,608,593	1,608,593

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1	Operating expenses	5,120,253	5,885,498	11,005,751
2	Capital assets	0	45,000	45,000
3	Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$10,815,283	\$39,197,068
4	Less other funds	268,000	5,010,377	5,278,377
5	Total general fund	\$28,113,785	\$5,804,906	\$33,918,691
6	Full-time equivalent positions	108.00	3.00	111.00

Subdivision 5.

MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

		Adjustments or		
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation	
11	Salaries and wages	\$54,019,267	\$0	\$54,019,267
12	Operating expenses	42,391,653	0	42,391,653
13	Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
14	Agriculture promotion	500,000	0	500,000
15	Total special funds	\$97,410,920	\$0	\$97,410,920
16	Full-time equivalent positions	170.00	0.00	170.00
17	Salaries and wages	\$54,019,267	\$6,345,741	\$60,365,008
18	New and vacant FTE pool	0	1,973,530	1,973,530
19	Operating expenses	42,391,653	2,710,224	45,101,877
20	Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
21	Agriculture promotion	500,000	0	500,000
22	Total special funds	\$97,410,920	\$11,029,495	\$108,440,415
23	Full-time equivalent positions	170.00	2.00	172.00

Subdivision 6.

TOTAL SECTION 1

		Adjustments or		
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation	
28	Grand total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$0	\$390,877,637
29	Less grand total other funds	360,263,852	0	360,263,852
30	Grand total general fund	\$30,613,785	\$0	\$30,613,785
31	Grand total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$46,788,008	\$437,665,645

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1	<u>Less grand total other funds</u>	<u>360,263,852</u>	<u>43,083,102</u>	<u>403,346,954</u>
2	<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$30,613,785</u>	<u>\$3,704,906</u>	<u>\$34,318,691</u>

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

8	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
9	Industrial commission			
10	Inflationary increases	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
11	Electricity grid resiliency federal grant	0	13,668,089	13,668,089
12	Lignite litigation	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
13	Subtotal industrial commission	\$0	\$16,718,089	\$16,718,089
14	Bank of North Dakota			
15	Capital improvement projects	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>	<u>\$2,633,299</u>
16	Subtotal Bank of North Dakota	\$0	\$2,633,299	\$2,633,299
17	Department of mineral resources			
18	Federal abandoned well program	\$0	\$1,444,377	\$1,444,377
19	FTE position operating expenses	41,600	0	41,600
20	Mineral analyses	100,000	0	100,000
21	Rare earth elements study	0	400,000	400,000
22	Archeology excavation project	0	150,000	150,000
23	Oil and gas litigation	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
24	Enhanced oil recovery database	15,000	0	15,000
25	Portable mineral detection equipment	<u>45,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,000</u>
26	Subtotal department of mineral resources	<u>\$201,600</u>	<u>\$4,994,377</u>	<u>\$5,195,977</u>
27	Grand total	\$201,600	\$24,345,765	\$24,547,365

28       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
29 the industrial commission and agencies under its control may not spend funds appropriated in  
30 the new and vacant FTE pool line items in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of  
31 management and budget to transfer funds, within each respective subdivision, from the new

1 and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line items or Bank of North Dakota  
2 operations line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in  
3 House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

4 **SECTION 4. BOND PAYMENTS.** The amount of ~~\$119,879,913~~\$117,118,200 included in  
5 subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act in the grants - bond payments line item must be paid from  
6 the following funding sources, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,  
7 2027:

8	<del>Infrastructure project and program bonds - legacy sinking and interest fund</del>	<del>\$102,620,464</del>
9	<del>North Dakota university system</del>	<del>15,021,774</del>
10	<del>North Dakota university system - energy conservation projects</del>	<del>207,649</del>
11	<del>Department of corrections and rehabilitation</del>	<del>143,375</del>
12	<del>Office of management and budget</del>	<del>283,875</del>
13	<del>Attorney general's office</del>	<del>330,000</del>
14	<del>State historical society</del>	<del>592,375</del>
15	<del>Parks and recreation department</del>	<del>30,950</del>
16	<del>Agriculture research and extension service</del>	<del>242,205</del>
17	<del>Veterans' home</del>	<del>407,252</del>
18	<del>Total</del>	<del>\$119,879,913</del>
19	<u>Infrastructure project and program bonds - legacy sinking and interest fund</u>	<u>\$102,622,743</u>
20	<u>North Dakota university system</u>	<u>14,083,250</u>
21	<u>Veterans' home</u>	<u>412,207</u>
22	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$117,118,200</u>

23 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - ADDITIONAL INCOME.**

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

30 **SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER GENERAL FUND TO HOUSING**  
31 **INCENTIVE FUND - TRANSFER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND**

1 **TO HOUSING INCENTIVE FUND - HOMELESS PROGRAMS - HOUSING PROGRAMS -**  
2 **EXEMPTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**

- 3 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not  
4 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, which the office of management and  
5 budget shall transfer to the housing incentive fund for homeless programs, during the  
6 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation under  
7 this subsection is considered a one-time funding item. Notwithstanding any other  
8 requirements under section 54-17-40 and pursuant to the continuing appropriation  
9 under 54-17-40, the housing finance agency shall distribute a passthrough grant of  
10 \$150,000 from the housing incentive fund to an organization for a Native American  
11 homelessness liaison, from the \$10,000,000 transferred to the housing incentive fund  
12 under this subsection.
- 13 2. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$25,000,000 from the  
14 strategic investment and improvements fund to the housing incentive fund during the  
15 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

16 **SECTION 7. TRANSFER - ENTITIES AND FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE**  
17 **INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND - ADMINISTRATION -**  
18 **EXEMPTION.**

- 19 1. The sum of ~~\$1,818,114~~\$2,435,660, or so much of the sum as may be necessary,  
20 included in the appropriation in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, may be  
21 transferred from the entities and funds within the control of the industrial commission  
22 or entities directed to make payments to the industrial commission fund for  
23 administrative services rendered by the commission. Transfers must be made during  
24 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, upon order of the  
25 commission. Transfers from the student loan trust fund must be made to the extent  
26 permitted by sections 54-17-24 and 54-17-25.
- 27 2. The amount of ~~1,818,114~~\$1,818,114 appropriated to the industrial commission in  
28 subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and transferred  
29 pursuant to section 8 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the  
30 provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are

1 available to the industrial commission for administrative services rendered by the  
2 commission during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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

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

10 **SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO ECONOMIC**

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

- 14 1. \$39,000,000 to the partnership in assisting community expansion;
- 15 2. \$5,000,000 to the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund;
- 16 3. \$1,000,000 to the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund;
- 17 4. \$15,000,000 to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund; and
- 18 5. ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$1,900,000 to the university of North Dakota for the North Dakota small  
19 business development center for the purpose of matching federal grants.

20 **SECTION 10. TRANSFER STATE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER FUND TO OIL AND**  
21 **GAS RESEARCH FUND - TRANSFER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**  
22 **FUND TO OIL AND GAS RESEARCH CENTER FUND - ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY**  
23 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

- 24 1. From the \$6,000,000 transferred to the state energy research center fund pursuant to  
25 section 15 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws, the office of management and  
26 budget shall transfer the sum of \$4,000,000 to the oil and gas research center fund  
27 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
- 28 2. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$21,000,000 from the  
29 strategic investment and improvements fund to the oil and gas research fund during  
30 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.



1       3. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-51.1-07.3 and the powers of  
2       the industrial commission under chapter 54-17.6, the commission shall use  
3       \$25,000,000 from the oil and gas research fund, transferred under this section, for an  
4       enhanced oil recovery grant program. The commission shall develop guidelines for the  
5       grant program, including eligibility criteria, requirements for matching funds, and  
6       reporting requirements.

7       **SECTION 11. LIGNITE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MARKETING PROGRAM -**  
8       **LIGNITE MARKETING FEASIBILITY STUDY - REPORT TO THE SEVENTIETH**  
9       **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

10       1. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation under section 57-61-01.6, up to \$4,500,000  
11       from the lignite research fund may be used for the purpose of contracting for an  
12       independent, nonmatching lignite marketing feasibility study or studies that determine  
13       those focused priority areas where near-term, market-driven projects, activities, or  
14       processes will generate matching private industry investment and have the most  
15       potential of preserving existing lignite production and industry jobs or that will lead to  
16       increased development of lignite and its products and create new lignite industry jobs  
17       and economic growth for the general welfare of this state. Moneys designated under  
18       this section also may be used for the purpose of contracting for nonmatching studies  
19       and activities in support of advanced energy technology and other technology  
20       development programs; for litigation that may be necessary to protect and promote the  
21       continued development of lignite resources; for nonmatching externality studies and  
22       activities in externality proceedings; or other marketing, environmental, or transmission  
23       activities that assist with marketing of lignite-based electricity and lignite-based  
24       byproducts. Moneys needed for the purposes stated in this section are available to the  
25       industrial commission for funding projects, processes, or activities under the lignite  
26       research, development, and marketing program.

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

29       **SECTION 12. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**  
30       **FUND - GRANT, LITIGATION, STUDY, AND PROJECT FUNDING.** The grand total other funds

1 line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$8,332,794 from the strategic investment  
2 and improvements fund as follows:

- 3 1. \$4,782,794 in the other funds line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act and  
4 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of this Act, including \$1,782,794 for  
5 matching federal funds for an electricity grid resiliency grant and \$3,000,000 for lignite  
6 litigation.
- 7 2. \$3,550,000 in the other funds line item in subdivision 4 of section 1 of this Act and  
8 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of this Act, including \$400,000 for a rare  
9 earth elements study, \$150,000 for an archeology excavation project, and \$3,000,000  
10 for oil and gas litigation.

11 **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 6-08.1-02 of the North Dakota  
12 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 13 7. The release by the industrial commission, in its capacity as the managing body of the  
14 Bank of North Dakota, of the following:
  - 15 a. The name of any person who has obtained approval for direct ~~or indirect~~  
16 financing or security, including a loan guarantee or a letter of credit, through the  
17 Bank of North Dakota primarily for purposes other than personal, family, or  
18 household purposes.
  - 19 b. The amount of any financing or security referenced in subdivision a.
  - 20 c. The amount of any net writeoff or loan forgiveness ~~associated with the financing~~  
21 ~~or security referenced in subdivision a~~ which the industrial commission  
22 determines is uncollectible.
  - 23 d. The program under which any financing or security referenced in subdivision a  
24 was made.

25 **SECTION 14. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
26 amended and reenacted as follows:

27 **6-09-35. Confidentiality of Bank records - Exempt records.**

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

- 29 ~~4.~~ a. Commercial or financial information of a customer, whether obtained directly or  
30 indirectly, except for routine credit inquiries or unless required by due legal  
31 process. As used in this subsection, "customer" means any person who has

1 transacted or is transacting business with, or has used or is using the services of,  
2 the Bank of North Dakota, or for whom the Bank of North Dakota has acted as a  
3 fiduciary with respect to trust property.

4 ~~2.~~ b. Internal or interagency memorandums or letters which would not be available by  
5 law to a party other than in litigation with the Bank.

6 ~~3.~~ c. Information contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports  
7 prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of a state or federal agency responsible  
8 for the regulation or supervision of any Bank activity.

9 ~~4.~~ d. Information obtained from the state department of financial institutions which  
10 would not be available from that agency under section 6-01-07.1.

11 ~~5.~~ e. The report by a Bank officer or member of the Bank's advisory board of directors  
12 concerning personal financial statements.

13 2. The following records of the Bank of North Dakota are exempt:

14 a. Bond insurance coverage, including excess bond insurance coverage.

15 b. Cyber liability coverage, including excess cyber liability coverage.

16 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.14-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **6-09.14-04. Fund moneys - Eligible uses.**

19 1. The fund moneys may be used to participate in an interest rate buydown on a loan to  
20 a new or expanding business for the following eligible uses:

21 a. Purchase of real property and equipment.

22 b. Expansion of facilities.

23 c. Working capital.

24 d. Inventory.

25 2. The loan funds cannot be used to refinance any existing debt or for the relocation of  
26 the business within North Dakota.

27 ~~2.3.~~ The community shall determine the amount of the interest rate buydown and apply to  
28 the Bank of North Dakota for participation from the partnership in assisting community  
29 expansion fund. The funds for the community's portion of the buydown may come from  
30 a local development corporation, contributions, community funds, future dedicated tax  
31 programs, or any other community source.

1 ~~3.4.~~ The fund participation portion in the buydown must be determined by the Bank of  
2 North Dakota based on economic conditions in the city or county in which the business  
3 is located.

4 ~~4.5.~~ a. The maximum amount from the fund in the interest rate buydown may not exceed  
5 five hundred thousand dollars per loan.-

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

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

12 ~~5.7.~~ The Bank of North Dakota shall adopt rules to implement this chapter.

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

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

- 19 1. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$6,000,000 from  
20 the strategic investment and improvements fund to the state energy research  
21 center fund.
- 22 2. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation authority under section 57-51.1-07.9 and  
23 pursuant to subsection 36 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special  
24 Session Session Laws, as amended in section 24 of this Act and exempted in  
25 section 26 of this Act, the industrial commission shall distribute up to  
26 ~~\$6,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 from the state energy research center fund and up to  
27 \$5,300,000 of federal funds from the state fiscal recovery fund to the state energy  
28 research center for a salt cavern underground energy storage research project.
- 29 3. The research project must include a business case analysis for the construction  
30 of up to two salt caverns in geological formations in North Dakota for the  
31 development of underground storage of energy resources, including natural gas,

1 liquified natural gas, natural gas liquids, and hydrogen. The state energy  
2 research center may collaborate with other entities as needed on the research  
3 project. Prior to distributing the funding, the industrial commission must receive,  
4 from at least one nonstate entity, assurance of financial or other types of support  
5 that demonstrate a commitment to the research project.

- 6 4. During the 2023-24 interim and 2025-26 interims, the state energy research  
7 center shall provide quarterly reports to the industrial commission and at least  
8 one report each interim to the legislative management regarding the status and  
9 results of the research project.

10 **SECTION 17. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following  
11 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into  
12 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 13 1. The sum of \$1,250,000 appropriated from special funds for grant management  
14 software in subsection 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws,  
15 identified as one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws,  
16 and transferred in section 9 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 17 2. The sum of \$75,000 appropriated from special funds for a records digitization project  
18 in subsection 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and identified as  
19 one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 20 3. The sum of \$1,124,856 appropriated from the general fund and \$7,499,037  
21 appropriated from federal funds for an electricity grid resilience federal grant in  
22 subsection 1 of section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws and identified as  
23 one-time funding in section 2 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 24 4. The sum of \$3,200,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for an  
25 abandoned oil well conversion to water supply grant program in subsection 2 of  
26 section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into  
27 the 2023-25 biennium in subsection 1 of section 27 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session  
28 Laws.
- 29 5. The sum of \$800,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
30 fund to the department of mineral resources for a survey review in section 2 of  
31 chapter 426 of the 2017 Session Laws and continued into the 2019-21 biennium

1           pursuant to section 27 of chapter 14 of the 2019 Session Laws, into the 2021-23  
2           biennium pursuant to section 33 of chapter 42 of the 2021 Session Laws, and into the  
3           2023-25 biennium pursuant to section 27 of chapter 14 of the 2023 Session Laws.

4           **SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - HOMELESSNESS.** During the  
5           2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying homelessness in the state.  
6           The study must include a review of data and funding available to address homelessness, an  
7           analysis of the use of available funds to identify gaps and potential solutions, and input from  
8           homeless program service providers. The legislative management shall report its findings and  
9           recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
10          the seventieth legislative assembly.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2014 - Summary of Senate Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
<b>Industrial Commission</b>			
Total all funds	\$122,237,102	\$15,625,326	\$137,862,428
Less estimated income	122,237,102	15,225,326	137,462,428
General fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
FTE	9.75	0.00	9.75
<b>Bank of North Dakota</b>			
Total all funds	\$71,605,483	\$10,771,294	\$82,376,777
Less estimated income	71,605,483	10,771,294	82,376,777
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	187.00	0.00	187.00
<b>Housing Finance Agency</b>			
Total all funds	\$71,242,347	\$8,546,610	\$79,788,957
Less estimated income	68,742,347	1,046,610	69,788,957
General fund	\$2,500,000	\$7,500,000	\$10,000,000
FTE	54.00	3.00	57.00
<b>Department of Mineral Resources</b>			
Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$10,815,283	\$39,197,068
Less estimated income	268,000	5,010,377	5,278,377
General fund	\$28,113,785	\$5,804,906	\$33,918,691
FTE	108.00	3.00	111.00
<b>Mill and Elevator</b>			
Total all funds	\$97,410,920	\$11,029,495	\$108,440,415
Less estimated income	97,410,920	11,029,495	108,440,415
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	170.00	2.00	172.00
<b>Bill total</b>			
Total all funds	\$390,877,637	\$56,788,008	\$447,665,645
Less estimated income	360,263,852	43,083,102	403,346,954
General fund	\$30,613,785	\$13,704,906	\$44,318,691
FTE	528.75	8.00	536.75

**Senate Bill No. 2014 - Industrial Commission - Senate Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
Salaries and wages	\$1,884,918	\$376,583	\$2,261,501
New and vacant FTE pool		20,376	20,376
Operating expenses	472,271	4,321,991	4,794,262
Grants		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 estimated income	122,237,102	15,225,326	137,462,428
General fund	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
FTE	9.75	0.00	9.75

**Department 405 - Industrial Commission - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Salary Equity Increases <sup>4</sup>	Transfers Funding Between Line Items <sup>5</sup>	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$116,171	\$520,943	(\$29,109)	\$350,000	(\$581,422)	
New and vacant FTE pool			20,376			
Operating expenses					581,422	\$690,569
Grants						
Grants - Bond payments						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$116,171</b>	<b>\$520,943</b>	<b>(\$8,733)</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$690,569</b>
Less estimated income	116,171	520,943	(8,733)	350,000	0	290,569
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

	Decreases Funding for Bond Payments <sup>7</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding Items <sup>8</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages			\$376,583
New and vacant FTE pool			20,376
Operating expenses		\$3,050,000	4,321,991
Grants		13,668,089	13,668,089
Grants - Bond payments	(\$2,761,713)		(2,761,713)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>(\$2,761,713)</b>	<b>\$16,718,089</b>	<b>\$15,625,326</b>
Less estimated income	(2,761,713)	16,718,089	15,225,326
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<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:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$0	\$71,132	\$71,132
Health insurance increase	0	45,039	45,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$116,171</b>	<b>\$116,171</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	\$30,381	\$30,381
New FTE positions	0	490,562	490,562
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$520,943</b>	<b>\$520,943</b>

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$29,109 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$20,376 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$8,733.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$350,000 from other funds is added for salary equity increases, including \$245,000 for the Industrial Commission executive director and \$105,000 for the Public Finance Authority executive director.

<sup>5</sup> Funding of \$581,422 is transferred from the salaries and wages line item to the operating expenses line item related to base budget adjustments.



<sup>6</sup> Funding for operating expenses is added as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Information technology (IT) rate adjustments	\$0	\$369	\$369
Professional development and travel	0	15,200	15,200
Grant management software fees	0	275,000	275,000
North Dakota Transmission Authority director contract	<u>400,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$290,569</b>	<b>\$690,569</b>

<sup>7</sup> Funding for bond payments is decreased by \$2,761,713, from \$119,879,913 to \$117,118,200.

<sup>8</sup> One-time funding is added as follows:

- \$50,000 from special funds for inflationary increases.
- \$13,668,089 for an electricity grid resiliency grant, including \$1,782,794 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) and \$11,885,295 from federal funds.
- \$3 million from SIIF for lignite litigation.

The Senate version:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Includes a section to identify the amounts for bond payments during the 2025-27 biennium.
- Includes a section authorizing the Industrial Commission to transfer funding from the entities under the commission's control for administrative services and allows unspent authority from the 2023-25 biennium to continue into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section identifying funding from SIIF for matching federal funds for an electricity grid resiliency grant and lignite litigation.
- Adds a section to amend 2023 Session Laws decreasing the amount of funding from SIIF for a salt cavern underground energy storage research project and allowing the funding to be used for a business case analysis rather than construction of salt caverns.
- Adds a section to provide exemptions allowing unspent 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority to continue into the 2025-27 biennium for grant management software, records digitization, and a federal electricity grid resiliency grant.

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

	<u>Base Budget</u>	<u>Senate Changes</u>	<u>Senate Version</u>
New and vacant FTE pool		\$2,122,074	\$2,122,074
Capital assets	\$705,722	3,437,577	4,143,299
Bank of North Dakota operations	70,899,761	5,211,643	76,111,404
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$71,605,483</b>	<b>\$10,771,294</b>	<b>\$82,376,777</b>
Less estimated income	71,605,483	10,771,294	82,376,777
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>187.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>187.00</b>

**Department 471 - Bank of North Dakota - Detail of Senate Changes**

	<u>Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 FTE Pool<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool<sup>3</sup></u>	<u>Adds Funding for Cost to Continue<sup>4</sup></u>	<u>Adjusts Funding for Operations<sup>5</sup></u>	<u>Transfers Funding Between Line Items<sup>6</sup></u>
New and vacant FTE pool			\$2,122,074			
Capital assets						\$804,278
Bank of North Dakota operations	\$2,948,259	\$5,429,985	(3,031,534)	\$343,487	\$325,724	(804,278)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$2,948,259</b>	<b>\$5,429,985</b>	<b>(\$909,460)</b>	<b>\$343,487</b>	<b>\$325,724</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Less estimated income	2,948,259	5,429,985	(909,460)	343,487	325,724	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

	Adds One-Time Funding Item <sup>7</sup>	Total Senate Changes
New and vacant FTE pool		\$2,122,074
Capital assets	\$2,633,299	3,437,577
Bank of North Dakota operations		5,211,643
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Total all funds	\$2,633,299	\$10,771,294
Less estimated income	2,633,299	10,771,294
General fund	\$0	\$0
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FTE	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:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary increase	\$0	\$1,825,271	\$1,825,271
Health insurance increase	0	1,122,988	1,122,988
Total	\$0	\$2,948,259	\$2,948,259

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	\$2,323,303	\$2,323,303
New FTE positions	0	3,106,682	3,106,682
Total	\$0	\$5,429,985	\$5,429,985

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$3,031,534 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$2,122,074 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$909,460.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$343,487 is added for cost to continue salary increases.

<sup>5</sup> Funding for operations is adjusted as follows:

- Decreased by \$78,168 for operational savings.
- Increased by \$403,892 for IT rate adjustments.

<sup>6</sup> Funding of \$804,278 is transferred from the Bank of North Dakota operations line item to the capital assets line item.

<sup>7</sup> One-time funding of \$2,633,299 is added for capital improvement projects at the Bank of North Dakota.

The Senate version:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Includes a section to transfer \$140 million of Bank profits to the general fund.
- Includes a section to transfer \$61.9 million of Bank profits to economic development programs, including \$39 million to the partnership in assisting community expansion (PACE) fund, \$5 million to the Ag PACE fund, \$1 million to the biofuels PACE fund, \$15 million to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund, and \$1.9 million to the University of North Dakota small business development center to match federal funds.
- Adds two sections to amend statutory provisions relating to Bank records to clarify the confidentiality of indirect financing records and to exempt insurance coverage from open records.
- Adds a section to increase the amount of funding that may be used for interest rate buydowns under the PACE fund from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million for projects with a substantial economic impact and removes the matching requirement for the additional \$1 million of interest rate buydown funding.

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

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$11,413,354	\$1,655,543	\$13,068,897
New and vacant FTE pool		1,024,774	1,024,774
Operating expenses	10,903,883	(1,433,707)	9,470,176
Capital assets	20,000		20,000
Grants	48,805,110	(2,700,000)	46,105,110
HFA contingencies	100,000		100,000
Housing incentive fund		10,000,000	10,000,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$71,242,347</b>	<b>\$8,546,610</b>	<b>\$79,788,957</b>
Less estimated income	68,742,347	1,046,610	69,788,957
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>	<b>\$7,500,000</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>
FTE	54.00	3.00	57.00

**Department 473 - Housing Finance Agency - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds FTE Positions <sup>4</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>5</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Grants <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$824,326	\$1,451,641	(\$1,276,510)	\$656,086		
New and vacant FTE pool			1,024,774			
Operating expenses					(\$1,433,707)	
Capital assets						
Grants						(\$2,700,000)
HFA contingencies						
Housing incentive fund						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$824,326</b>	<b>\$1,451,641</b>	<b>(\$251,736)</b>	<b>\$656,086</b>	<b>(\$1,433,707)</b>	<b>(\$2,700,000)</b>
Less estimated income	824,326	1,451,641	(251,736)	656,086	(1,433,707)	(200,000)
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,500,000)</b>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding Items <sup>7</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages		\$1,655,543
New and vacant FTE pool		1,024,774
Operating expenses		(1,433,707)
Capital assets		
Grants		(2,700,000)
HFA contingencies		
Housing incentive fund	\$10,000,000	10,000,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$8,546,610</b>
Less estimated income	0	1,046,610
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,500,000</b>
FTE	0.00	3.00

<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:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$0	\$488,030	\$488,030
Health insurance increase	0	336,296	336,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$824,326</b>	<b>\$824,326</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	\$465,165	\$465,165
New FTE positions	<u>0</u>	<u>986,476</u>	<u>986,476</u>
Total	\$0	\$1,451,641	\$1,451,641

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$1,276,510 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$1,024,774 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	(\$620,424)	(\$620,424)
New FTE positions	<u>0</u>	<u>(656,086)</u>	<u>(656,086)</u>
Total	\$0	(\$1,276,510)	(\$1,276,510)
Funding pool line item	<u>0</u>	<u>1,024,774</u>	<u>1,024,774</u>
Net savings	\$0	(\$251,736)	(\$251,736)

<sup>4</sup> The following FTE positions and related funding are added:

	<u>FTE Positions</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Loan specialist position	1.00	\$0	\$184,796	\$184,796
Accountant position	1.00	0	257,410	257,410
Homeless program manager	<u>1.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>213,880</u>	<u>213,880</u>
Total	3.00	\$0	\$656,086	\$656,086

<sup>5</sup> Funding for operating expenses is adjusted as follows:

- Increased by \$44,453 for IT rate adjustments.
- Decreased by \$1,478,160 for budgetary savings.

<sup>6</sup> Funding for grants is adjusted as follows:

- Decrease of \$200,000 from federal funds related to budgetary savings.
- Removal of \$2.5 million from the general fund related to changing the funding source for homeless grants to the housing incentive fund.

<sup>7</sup> One-time funding of \$10 million from the general fund is transferred to the housing incentive fund, as included in Section 6 of the bill. Of the funding transferred, \$150,000 is designated for a passthrough grant to an organization for a Native American homelessness liaison. Section 6 also transfers \$25 million from SIF to support housing programs.

The Senate version:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Includes a section appropriating any additional or unanticipated income from federal or other funds which may become available during the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide an appropriation and transfer from the general fund to the housing incentive fund, to provide a transfer from SIF to the housing incentive fund, and to designate a portion of the funding for a grant to an organization for a Native American homelessness liaison.
- Adds a section to provide for a legislative management study of homelessness.

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

	<u>Base Budget</u>	<u>Senate Changes</u>	<u>Senate Version</u>
Salaries and wages	\$23,261,532	\$3,276,192	\$26,537,724
New and vacant FTE pool		1,608,593	1,608,593
Operating expenses	5,120,253	5,885,498	11,005,751
Capital assets		<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total all funds	\$28,381,785	\$10,815,283	\$39,197,068
Less estimated income	268,000	5,010,377	5,278,377
General fund	<u>\$28,113,785</u>	<u>\$5,804,906</u>	<u>\$33,918,691</u>
FTE	108.00	3.00	111.00

**Department 474 - Department of Mineral Resources - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds FTE Positions <sup>4</sup>	Adds Funding for FTE Position Conversion <sup>5</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Wages <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$1,645,455	\$2,674,149	(\$2,155,400)	\$499,063	\$101,785	\$10,413
New and vacant FTE pool			1,608,593			
Operating expenses				68,317	70,159	
Capital assets						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$1,645,455</b>	<b>\$2,674,149</b>	<b>(\$546,807)</b>	<b>\$567,380</b>	<b>\$171,944</b>	<b>\$10,413</b>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	16,000
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$1,645,455</b>	<b>\$2,674,149</b>	<b>(\$546,807)</b>	<b>\$567,380</b>	<b>\$171,944</b>	<b>(\$5,587)</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>7</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding Items <sup>8</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages		\$500,727	\$3,276,192
New and vacant FTE pool			1,608,593
Operating expenses	\$1,096,772	4,650,250	5,885,498
Capital assets		45,000	45,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$1,096,772</b>	<b>\$5,195,977</b>	<b>\$10,815,283</b>
Less estimated income	0	4,994,377	5,010,377
<b>General fund</b>	<b>\$1,096,772</b>	<b>\$201,600</b>	<b>\$5,804,906</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>

<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:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$978,870	\$0	\$978,870
Health insurance increase	666,585	0	666,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,645,455</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,645,455</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Vacant FTE positions	\$1,389,856	\$0	\$1,389,856
New FTE positions	1,284,293	0	1,284,293
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,674,149</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,674,149</b>

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$2,155,400 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$1,608,593 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Vacant FTE positions	(\$1,656,337)	\$0	(\$1,656,337)
New FTE positions	(499,063)	0	(499,063)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$2,155,400)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,155,400)</b>
Funding pool line item	1,608,593	0	1,608,593
<b>Net savings</b>	<b>(\$546,807)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$546,807)</b>

<sup>4</sup> The following FTE positions and related funding are added:

- 1 FTE permitting technician position, including \$151,146 for salaries and wages and \$3,727 for operating expenses.
- 1 FTE reclamation specialist position, including \$184,887 for salaries and wages and \$64,590 for operating expenses.
- 1 FTE administrative assistant position, including \$163,030 for salaries and wages.

<sup>5</sup> Funding of \$171,944 from the general fund is added to convert an administrative position to a geologist position, including \$101,785 for salaries and wages and \$70,159 for operating expenses.

<sup>6</sup> Funding for salaries and wages is adjusted as follows:

- Increased by \$16,000 from federal funds for salaries and wages related to federal program administration.
- Increased by \$45,000 from the general fund for temporary salaries.
- Decreased by \$50,587 for budget reductions from salary savings.

<sup>7</sup> Operating funding is adjusted as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Budget reduction for operating efficiency savings	(\$511,293)	\$0	(\$511,293)
IT rate adjustments	108,065	0	108,065
State fleet rate adjustments	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,096,772</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,096,772</b>

<sup>8</sup> One-time funding items are added as follows:

- \$1,444,377 from federal funds for administration of a federal abandoned well reclamation program, including \$500,727 for salaries and wages and \$943,650 for operating expenses.
- \$41,600 from the general fund for new FTE position operating expenses.
- \$100,000 from the general fund for operating expenses related to mineral analyses.
- \$3.55 million from SIIF for operating expenses related to a rare earth element study (\$400,000), an archeology excavation project (\$150,000), and oil and gas litigation (\$3 million).
- \$15,000 from the general fund for operating expenses related to an enhanced oil recovery database project.
- \$45,000 from the general fund for capital assets related to portable mineral detection equipment.

The Senate version:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds a section identifying funding from SIIF for a rare earth elements study, an archeology excavation project, and oil and gas litigation.
- Provides an exemption to continue unspent appropriation authority from the federal state fiscal recovery fund into the 2025-27 biennium for an abandoned oil well conversion to the water supply grant program and a survey review.

**Senate Bill No. 2014 - Mill and Elevator - Senate Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
Salaries and wages	\$54,019,267	\$6,345,741	\$60,365,008
New and vacant FTE pool		1,973,530	1,973,530
Operating expenses	42,391,653	2,710,224	45,101,877
Contingencies	500,000		500,000
Agriculture promotion	500,000		500,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$97,410,920</b>	<b>\$11,029,495</b>	<b>\$108,440,415</b>
Less estimated income	<u>97,410,920</u>	<u>11,029,495</u>	<u>108,440,415</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>172.00</b>

**Department 475 - Mill and Elevator - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds Railcar Inspector FTE Positions <sup>4</sup>	Adds Funding for Overtime or 4 <sup>th</sup> Shift <sup>5</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$3,578,564	\$4,123,895	(\$2,716,526)	\$359,808	\$1,000,000	
New and vacant FTE pool			1,973,530			
Operating expenses						\$2,710,224
Contingencies						
Agriculture promotion						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$3,578,564</b>	<b>\$4,123,895</b>	<b>(\$742,996)</b>	<b>\$359,808</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,710,224</b>
Less estimated income	3,578,564	4,123,895	(742,996)	359,808	1,000,000	2,710,224
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

	<b>Total Senate Changes</b>
Salaries and wages	\$6,345,741
New and vacant FTE pool	1,973,530
Operating expenses	2,710,224
Contingencies	
Agriculture promotion	
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$11,029,495</b>
Less estimated income	11,029,495
General fund	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>2.00</b>

<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:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary increase, subject to union negotiations	\$0	\$2,545,656	\$2,545,656
Health insurance increase	0	1,032,908	1,032,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,578,564</b>	<b>\$3,578,564</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	\$1,756,563	\$1,756,563
New FTE positions	0	2,367,332	2,367,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,123,895</b>	<b>\$4,123,895</b>

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$2,716,526 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$1,973,530 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vacant FTE positions	\$0	(\$2,356,718)	(\$2,356,718)
New FTE positions	0	(359,808)	(359,808)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$2,716,526)</b>	<b>(\$2,716,526)</b>
Funding pool line item	0	1,973,530	1,973,530
<b>Net savings</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$742,996)</b>	<b>(\$742,996)</b>

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$359,808 is added for 2 FTE railcar inspector positions.

<sup>5</sup> Funding of \$1 million is added for overtime or a 4<sup>th</sup> shift in milling operations.

<sup>6</sup> Operating funding is added as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
IT rate adjustments	\$0	\$10,224	\$10,224
Milling capacity increases, including insurance, utilities, supplies, and other operating expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>2,700,000</u>	<u>2,700,000</u>
Total	\$0	\$2,710,224	\$2,710,224

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The Senate version also adds a section regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.