

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch
2 of state government; to provide for application, transfer, and cancellation of unexpended
3 appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from the insurance
8 regulatory trust fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of state government
9 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of state government, for the
10 fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 SIXTY-NINTH AND SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
14 Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$0	\$12,950,567
15 Operating expenses	4,772,209	0	4,772,209
16 Capital assets	6,000	0	6,000
17 National conference of state legislatures	<u>283,070</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>283,070</u>
18 Total general fund	\$18,011,846	\$0	\$18,011,846

19 Subdivision 2.

1	LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL			
2			Adjustments or	
3		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
4	Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$0	\$15,435,797
5	Operating expenses	3,780,912	0	3,780,912
6	Capital assets	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>
7	Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$0	\$19,222,709
8	Less special funds	<u>88,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,000</u>
9	Total general fund	\$19,134,709	\$0	\$19,134,709
10	Full-time equivalent positions	45.00	0.00	45.00
11	Subdivision 3.			
12	TOTAL - SECTION 1			
13			Adjustments or	
14		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
15	Grand total all funds	\$37,234,555	\$0	\$37,234,555
16	Less grand total special funds	<u>88,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,000</u>
17	Grand total general fund	\$37,146,555	\$0	\$37,146,555

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - TERM LIMIT STUDY -**
19 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
20 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$225,000, or so much of the sum as may be
21 necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting for consulting services for a
22 study on potential impacts of legislative term limits, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and
23 ending June 30, 2027. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding
24 item.

25 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - ADVANCED NUCLEAR**
26 **ENERGY STUDY - ONE-TIME FUNDING.**
27 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
28 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$325,000, or so much of the sum as may be
29 necessary, to the legislative council for the purpose of contracting for consulting
30 services for a study on advanced nuclear energy, for the biennium beginning July 1,
31 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The legislative council shall seek matching funds

- 1 from the private sector to the extent available to assist with the cost of the project. The
2 funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
- 3 2. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study the feasibility,
4 siting, and deployment of advanced nuclear power plants in the state. The study must
5 include evaluation of:
- 6 a. Siting locations, including potential greenfield and brownfield sites, the
7 identification and assessment of undeveloped land suitable for construction,
8 developed land suitable for rehabilitation and reuse, geographical locations,
9 environmental impacts, proximity to infrastructure, and community acceptance;
- 10 b. Electric grid connectivity, including the capacity of the electrical grid and
11 integration of a nuclear power plant to the state, necessary upgrades and
12 expansions to ensure reliability, and recommendations adhering to national and
13 state electric standards and regulations;
- 14 c. Land use considerations, including long-term sustainability of proposed sites,
15 environmental and social factors, land use patterns and zoning regulations,
16 potential impacts on local land use, and proposed mitigation strategies;
- 17 d. Economic impacts, including potential tax revenue, job creation during
18 construction and operation of a nuclear facility, economic impacts on local and
19 state economies, and investor appeal;
- 20 e. Small modular and micro nuclear reactors, including the feasibility of constructing
21 and operating small modular and micro reactors to generate power in the state;
22 and
- 23 f. Provisions of the North Dakota Century Code that place restrictions on advanced
24 nuclear energy development, if any.
- 25 3. The study must invite participation from an institution of higher education for
26 assistance in evaluating social interests and community acceptance of potential siting
27 locations.
- 28 4. The committee must consist of members appointed by the legislative management.

29 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director
30 of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority between line items
31 of the legislative management and legislative council as may be requested by the chairman of

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1 the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding by the
2 chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties assigned to the legislative
3 management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly carrying on the legislative
4 management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The director of the office of
5 management and budget shall similarly make transfers of appropriation authority between the
6 line items for the sixty-ninth and seventieth legislative assemblies, upon request by the
7 chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding
8 by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the legislative assembly to carry
9 on its functions and duties.

10 **SECTION 5. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF**
11 **UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to
12 chapter 1 of the 2023 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget shall
13 make transfers of appropriation authority between the line items and the agencies of the
14 legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative
15 management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget
16 shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council
17 enacted prior to the 2023-25 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative
18 management or the director of the legislative council.

19 **SECTION 6. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.