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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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 amend and reenact sections 54-03-10, 54-03-20, and 54-35-10 of the
3 North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative compensation; to provide a statement of
4 legislative intent; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide for reports; to
5 provide an exemption; to provide for application, transfer, and cancellation of unexpended
6 appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

15 Subdivision 1.

16 SIXTY-NINTH AND SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
17			
18			
19	Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$0
			\$12,950,567

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1	Operating expenses	4,772,209	0	4,772,209
2	Capital assets	6,000	0	6,000
3	National conference of state legislatures	283,070	0	283,070
4	Total general fund	\$18,011,846	\$0	\$18,011,846
5	Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$1,645,103	\$14,595,670
6	Operating expenses	4,772,209	5,190,631	9,962,840
7	Capital assets	6,000	220,000	226,000
8	National conference of state legislatures	283,070	23,102	306,172
9	Total general fund	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682

10 Subdivision 2.

11 LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

12		Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
13				
14	Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$0	\$15,435,797
15	Operating expenses	3,780,912	0	3,780,912
16	Capital assets	6,000	0	6,000
17	Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$0	\$19,222,709
18	Less special funds	88,000	0	88,000
19	Total general fund	\$19,134,709	\$0	\$19,134,709
20	Full-time equivalent positions	45.00	0.00	45.00
21	Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$1,190,358	\$16,626,155
22	New and vacant FTE pool	0	5,088,515	5,088,515
23	Operating expenses	3,780,912	2,085,238	5,866,150
24	Capital assets	6,000	280,000	286,000
25	Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$8,644,111	\$27,866,820
26	Less other funds	88,000	325,000	413,000
27	Total general fund	\$19,134,709	\$8,319,111	\$27,453,820
28	Full-time equivalent positions	45.00	25.00	70.00

29 Subdivision 3.

30 TOTAL - SECTION 1

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Adjustments or

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Grand total all funds	\$37,234,555	\$0	\$37,234,555
Less grand total special funds	88,000	0	88,000
Grand total general fund	\$37,146,555	\$0	\$37,146,555
<u>Grand total all funds</u>	<u>\$37,234,555</u>	<u>\$15,722,947</u>	<u>\$52,957,502</u>
<u>Less grand total other funds</u>	<u>88,000</u>	<u>325,000</u>	<u>413,000</u>
<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$37,146,555</u>	<u>\$15,397,947</u>	<u>\$52,544,502</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 each entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which each entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Legislative Assembly			
Legislative chambers and system upgrades	\$4,451,000	\$0	\$4,451,000
Total legislative assembly	\$4,451,000	\$0	\$4,451,000
Legislative Management and Legislative Council			
Costs related to new positions	\$375,000	\$0	\$375,000
Legislative term limit study	225,000	0	225,000
Advanced nuclear energy study	325,000	325,000	650,000
Information technology equipment	280,000	0	280,000
Total legislative management and legislative council	\$1,205,000	\$325,000	\$1,530,000
Grand total	\$5,656,000	\$325,000	\$5,981,000

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - BUDGET SECTION REPORT.

1. The legislative council may not spend funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act, but may transfer funds from this line item to the salaries and wages line item as necessary to provide funding for:

- 1 a. Filling a new FTE position from the date of hire through the end of the biennium;
- 2 or
- 3 b. Salaries and wages if actual salaries and wages savings from vacant positions
- 4 and employee turnover adjusted for other uses are less than the estimate used
- 5 by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly in the development of the appropriation.
- 6 2. The legislative council shall report to the budget section regarding the use of funding
- 7 in the pool including information on:
 - 8 a. New FTE positions, including the date hired;
 - 9 b. Vacant FTE positions, including information on positions that become vacant and
 - 10 positions filled, salaries and wages savings resulting from vacant positions and
 - 11 employee turnover, and the use of salaries and wages savings for other
 - 12 purposes; and
 - 13 c. Additional salaries and wages funding needed due to savings from vacant
 - 14 positions being less than anticipated.
- 15 3. If funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item is insufficient to provide the
- 16 necessary salaries and wages funding for the biennium, the legislative council may
- 17 request a deficiency appropriation from the seventieth legislative assembly.

18 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION - TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director
19 of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority between line items
20 of the legislative management and legislative council as may be requested by the chairman of
21 the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding by the
22 chairman or the director that the nature of studies and duties assigned to the legislative
23 management or legislative council requires the transfers in properly carrying on the legislative
24 management's and legislative council's functions and duties. The director of the office of
25 management and budget shall similarly make transfers of appropriation authority between the
26 line items for the sixty-ninth and seventieth legislative assemblies, upon request by the
27 chairman of the legislative management or the director of the legislative council upon the finding
28 by the chairman or director that the transfers are required for the legislative assembly to carry
29 on its functions and duties.

30 **SECTION 5. APPLICATION, TRANSFER AUTHORITY, AND CANCELLATION OF**
31 **UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** Sections 54-16-04 and 54-44.1-11 do not apply to

1 chapter 1 of the 2023 Session Laws. The director of the office of management and budget shall
2 make transfers of appropriation authority between the line items and the agencies of the
3 legislative branch within section 1 of that chapter as requested by the chairman of the legislative
4 management or the director of the legislative council. The office of management and budget
5 shall cancel unexpended appropriations for the legislative assembly and legislative council
6 enacted prior to the 2023-25 biennium as directed by the chairman of the legislative
7 management or the director of the legislative council.

8 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10 **54-03-10. Compensation of speaker, majority and minority leaders, assistant majority**
11 **and minority leaders, committee chairmen, and employees.**

12 The speaker of the house, the house majority leader, the senate majority leader, the house
13 minority leader, and the senate minority leader shall each receive as compensation, in addition
14 to any other compensation or expense reimbursement provided by law, the sum of ~~fifteen~~twenty
15 dollars per day for each calendar day during any regular, special, or organizational session.
16 Chairmen of the substantive standing committees, the house assistant majority leader, the
17 senate assistant majority leader, the house assistant minority leader, and the senate assistant
18 minority leader shall receive additional compensation of ~~ten~~fifteen dollars for each calendar day
19 during any regular, special, or organizational session. The additional compensation provided by
20 this section must be paid in the manner provided in section 54-03-20. The legislative assembly,
21 by concurrent resolution, shall fix the compensation of the other officers and employees elected
22 or appointed.

23 **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25 **54-03-20. Compensation and expense reimbursement of members of the legislative**
26 **assembly.**

- 27 1. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive as compensation for
28 services the sum of ~~two hundred five~~two hundred nineteen dollars through June 30,
29 ~~2024~~2026, and ~~two hundred thirteen~~two hundred twenty-six dollars thereafter for each
30 calendar day during any organizational, special, or regular legislative session and for

1 each day that member attends a meeting of a legislative committee between the
2 organizational session and the regular session as authorized by legislative rule.

3 2. a. Each member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive reimbursement for
4 lodging, which may not exceed per calendar month the amount established under
5 this subdivision by the director of the office of management and budget for
6 lodging in state and which may not exceed the rate provided in section 44-08-04
7 for each calendar day during the period of any organizational, special, or regular
8 session. On August first of each even-numbered year, the director of the office of
9 management and budget shall set the maximum monthly reimbursement for the
10 subsequent two-year period at an amount equal to thirty times seventy percent of
11 the daily lodging reimbursement in effect on that date as provided under
12 subdivision d of subsection 2 of section 44-08-04.

13 b. Notwithstanding subdivision a:

14 (1) A member of the legislative assembly may elect to be reimbursed for less
15 than the amount to which the legislator is entitled under this subsection by
16 claiming the lesser amount on a voucher submitted with the receipt required
17 by section 44-08-04.

18 (2) The legislative management may establish guidelines that may result in a
19 reduced maximum reimbursement for a single dwelling in which two or more
20 legislators share lodging and the total rent for that dwelling exceeds the
21 amount to which a legislator is entitled under subdivision a.

22 3. a. Members of the legislative assembly who receive reimbursement for lodging are
23 also entitled to reimbursement for travel for not to exceed one round trip taken
24 during any calendar week, or portion of a week, the legislative assembly is in
25 session, between their residences and the place of meeting of the legislative
26 assembly, at the rate provided for state employees with the additional limitation
27 that reimbursement for travel by common carrier may be only at the cost of coach
28 fare and may not exceed one and one-half times the amount the member would
29 be entitled to receive as mileage reimbursement for travel by motor vehicle.

30 b. A member of the legislative assembly who does not receive reimbursement for
31 lodging and whose place of residence in the legislative district that the member

1 represents is not within the city of Bismarck is entitled to reimbursement at the
2 rate provided for state employees for necessary travel for not to exceed one
3 round trip taken per day between the residence and the place of meeting of the
4 legislative assembly when it is in session and may receive reimbursement for
5 lodging at the place of meeting of the legislative assembly as provided in section
6 44-08-04 for each calendar day for which round trip travel reimbursement is not
7 claimed, provided that the total reimbursement may not exceed the maximum
8 monthly reimbursement allowed under subdivision a of subsection 2.

- 9 4. The amount to which each legislator is entitled must be paid following the
10 organizational session in December and each month upon submission of a voucher
11 and appropriate documentation during a regular or special session, consistent with
12 section 26 of article XI of the constitution of North Dakota.
- 13 5. If during a special session, the legislative assembly adjourns for more than three days,
14 a member of the legislative assembly is entitled to receive compensation during those
15 days only while in attendance at a standing committee if the legislator is a member of
16 that committee, a majority or minority leader, or a legislator who is not on that
17 committee but who has the approval of a majority or minority leader to attend.
- 18 6. A day, or portion of a day, spent in traveling to or returning from an organizational,
19 special, or regular session or a legislative committee meeting must be included as a
20 calendar day during a legislative session or as a day of a legislative committee
21 meeting for the purposes of this section.
- 22 7. a. In addition, each member is entitled to receive during the term for which the
23 member was elected, as compensation for the execution of public duties during
24 the biennium, the sum of ~~five hundred sixty-nine~~ six hundred ten dollars through
25 June 30, ~~2024~~ 2026, and ~~five hundred ninety-two~~ six hundred twenty-eight dollars
26 thereafter per month, paid monthly.
- 27 b. If a member dies or resigns from office during the member's term, the member
28 may be paid only the allowances provided for in this section for the period for
29 which the member was actually a member.
- 30 c. The majority and minority leaders of the house and senate and the chairman of
31 the legislative management, if the chairman is not a majority or minority leader,

1 are each entitled to receive as compensation, in addition to any other
2 compensation or expense reimbursement provided by law, the sum of ~~four~~
3 ~~hundred eight~~four hundred thirty-seven dollars through June 30, ~~2024~~2026, and
4 ~~four hundred twenty-four~~four hundred fifty dollars thereafter per month during the
5 biennium for their execution of public duties.

6 8. Attendance at any organizational, special, or regular session of the legislative
7 assembly by any member is a conclusive presumption of entitlement as set out in this
8 section and compensation and expense allowances must be excluded from gross
9 income for income tax purposes to the extent permitted for federal income tax
10 purposes under section 127 of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 [Pub. L. 97-34;
11 95 Stat. 202; 26 U.S.C. 162(i)].

12 9. Before each regular legislative session, the legislative management shall make
13 recommendations and submit any necessary legislation to adjust legislative
14 compensation amounts.

15 **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **54-35-10. Compensation of members and leadership.**

18 1. The members of the legislative management and the members of any committee of
19 the legislative management are entitled to be compensated for the time spent in
20 attendance at sessions of the legislative management and of its committees at the rate
21 of ~~two hundred five~~two hundred nineteen dollars through June 30, ~~2024~~2026, and ~~two~~
22 ~~hundred thirteen~~two hundred twenty-six dollars thereafter per day and must also be
23 paid for expenses incurred in attending said meetings and in the performance of their
24 official duties in the amounts provided by law for other state officers.

25 2. In addition to the compensation provided in subsection 1, the chairman of the
26 legislative management is entitled to receive an additional ~~five~~ten dollars for each day
27 spent in attendance at sessions of the legislative management and of its committees,
28 and the chairman of each of the legislative management's committees is entitled to
29 receive ~~five~~ten dollars for each day spent in attendance at sessions of the legislative
30 management or of the committee which the person chairs.

1 **SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT - CHAMBER**

2 **ACCESSIBILITY.** It is the intent of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly that the legislative
3 management review the accessibility of the legislative chambers and gather information
4 regarding options to improve access.

5 **SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

6 During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study the feasibility, siting, and
7 deployment of advanced nuclear power plants in the state. The appropriation for the legislative
8 management and legislative council, included in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act, includes
9 one-time funding of \$650,000, of which \$325,000 is from the general fund and \$325,000 is from
10 other funds derived from matching funds, for the purpose of contracting for consulting services
11 for the advanced nuclear energy study. The legislative management shall seek matching funds
12 from the private sector to the extent available to assist with the cost of the project.

- 13 1. The study must include evaluation of:
- 14 a. Siting locations, including potential greenfield and brownfield sites, the
15 identification and assessment of undeveloped land suitable for construction,
16 developed land suitable for rehabilitation and reuse, geographical locations,
17 environmental impacts, proximity to infrastructure, and community acceptance;
 - 18 b. Electric grid connectivity, including the capacity of the electrical grid and
19 integration of a nuclear power plant to the state, necessary upgrades and
20 expansions to ensure reliability, and recommendations adhering to national and
21 state electric standards and regulations;
 - 22 c. Land use considerations, including long-term sustainability of proposed sites,
23 environmental and social factors, land use patterns and zoning regulations,
24 potential impacts on local land use, and proposed mitigation strategies;
 - 25 d. Economic impacts, including potential tax revenue, job creation during
26 construction and operation of a nuclear facility, economic impacts on local and
27 state economies, and investor appeal;
 - 28 e. Small modular and micro nuclear reactors, including the feasibility of constructing
29 and operating small modular and micro reactors to generate power in the state;
30 and

- 1 f. Provisions of the North Dakota Century Code that place restrictions on advanced
- 2 nuclear energy development, if any.
- 3 2. The study must invite participation from an institution of higher education for
- 4 assistance in evaluating social interests and community acceptance of potential siting
- 5 locations.
- 6 3. The committee must consist of members appointed by the legislative management.
- 7 4. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together
- 8 with any legislation necessary to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth
- 9 legislative assembly.

10 **SECTION 11. EMERGENCY.** ~~This Act is~~ Sections 1 through 5 and section 10 of this Act are
11 declared to be an emergency measure.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Summary of Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Legislative Assembly			
Total all funds	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative Council			
Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$8,644,111	\$27,866,820
Less estimated income	88,000	325,000	413,000
General fund	\$19,134,709	\$8,319,111	\$27,453,820
FTE	45.00	25.00	70.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$37,234,555	\$15,722,947	\$52,957,502
Less estimated income	88,000	325,000	413,000
General fund	\$37,146,555	\$15,397,947	\$52,544,502
FTE	45.00	25.00	70.00

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Assembly - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$1,645,103	\$14,595,670
Operating expenses	4,772,209	5,190,631	9,962,840
Capital assets	6,000	220,000	226,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures	283,070	23,102	306,172
Total all funds	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Cost to Continue Compensation ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Increases Funding for Monthly Lodging Expenses ³	Adds Funding for Mileage Rate Increases ⁴	Increases Funding for IT ⁵	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$89,350	\$1,555,753				
Operating expenses			\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
Capital assets						
National Conf. of State Legislatures						
Total all funds	\$89,350	\$1,555,753	\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$89,350	\$1,555,753	\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Audio Video Storage and Streaming ⁷	Increases Funding for NCSL Dues ⁸	Adds One-time Funding for Chamber and Systems Upgrades ⁹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages				\$1,645,103
Operating expenses			\$4,451,000	5,190,631
Capital assets	\$220,000			220,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures		\$23,102		23,102
Total all funds	\$220,000	\$23,102	\$4,451,000	\$7,078,836
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$220,000	\$23,102	\$4,451,000	\$7,078,836
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is added for cost to continue 2023-25 biennium compensation increases.

² Funding is added for increases in monthly health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 (\$798,961) and for 2025-27 biennium compensation adjustments of 3 percent per year for temporary salaries (\$195,272), legislators' daily pay for regular and organizational sessions, legislative leaders and standing committee chairmen daily pay for regular and organizational session, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders (\$561,520).

The major compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2025	Rate Effective July 1, 2026
Daily session pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Monthly compensation	\$592	\$610	\$628
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$424	\$437	\$450
Additional leaders' daily session pay	\$15	\$20	\$20
Additional assistant leaders' and standing committee chairmen daily session pay	\$10	\$15	\$15

³ Funding is added to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$2,079 anticipated for the 2027 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement is \$2,022 for the 2025 legislative session.

⁴ Funding is added for anticipated increases in the mileage rate to \$0.67 per mile.

⁵ Funding is increased for operating expenses related to information technology (IT), including data processing, software, maintenance, consulting, and equipment.

⁶ Funding is adjusted for operating expenses, including increases in rental equipment and various other expenses, offset by decreases in printing and postage.

⁷ Funding is added for capital assets for IT for audio and video storage and video streaming quality.

⁸ Funding is increased for National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) dues to provide a total of \$306,172.

⁹ One-time funding is added for legislative chamber and systems upgrades.

This amendment:

- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide \$5 per day increases in daily session pay for leaders, assistant leaders, and standing committee chairmen.
- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide 3 percent per year increases for legislators' regular and organizational daily session pay, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders.
- Amends the emergency clause to provide Sections 1 through 5 and Section 10 of the bill are declared to be an emergency measure.

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Council - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$1,190,358	\$16,626,155
New and vacant FTE pool		5,088,515	5,088,515
Operating expenses	3,780,912	2,085,238	5,866,150
Capital assets	6,000	280,000	286,000
Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$8,644,111	\$27,866,820
Less estimated income	88,000	325,000	413,000
General fund	\$19,134,709	\$8,319,111	\$27,453,820
FTE	45.00	25.00	70.00

Department 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Increases Funding for Legislator Per Diem ³	Adds Funding for 25 FTE Positions ⁴	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool ⁵	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$4,938,963	\$128,202	(\$5,858,174)
New and vacant FTE pool						5,088,515
Operating expenses				432,500		
Capital assets						
Total all funds	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$5,371,463	\$128,202	(\$769,659)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$5,371,463	\$128,202	(\$769,659)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00

	Increases Funding for Professional Services ⁷	Increases Funding for IT ⁸	Increases Funding for Other Operating Expenses ⁹	Adds One-time Funding for IT Equipment ¹⁰	Adds One-time Funding for a Study of the Impacts of Term Limits ¹¹	Adds One-time Funding for an Advanced Nuclear Energy Study ¹²
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool						
Operating expenses	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131		\$225,000	\$650,000
Capital assets				\$280,000		
Total all funds	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131	\$280,000	\$225,000	\$650,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	325,000
General fund	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131	\$280,000	\$225,000	\$325,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$1,190,358
New and vacant FTE pool	5,088,515
Operating expenses	2,085,238
Capital assets	280,000
Total all funds	\$8,644,111
Less estimated income	325,000
General fund	\$8,319,111
FTE	25.00

¹ Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

² 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:

	Total General Fund
Salary increase	\$748,789
Health insurance increase	<u>420,358</u>
Total	\$1,169,147

³ Funding is added for 2025-27 biennium compensation adjustments of 3 percent per year for legislators' attendance at interim meetings and Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay during the 2025-26 interim. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2025	Rate Effective July 1, 2026
Interim meeting pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Additional Legislative Management chairman and interim chairmen pay	\$5	\$10	\$10

⁴ Funding is added for 25 FTE positions, including policy analysts, program evaluators, legal counsel, fiscal analyst, IT support, human resources, and administrative support. Funding is provided for salaries and wages, based on a phased in hiring schedule, and operating expenses related to the positions, including dues and professional development and one-time funding of \$375,000 for IT equipment and office furniture.

⁵ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	Total General Fund
Vacant FTE positions	\$101,202
New FTE positions	<u>27,000</u>
Total	\$128,202

⁶ Funding of \$5,858,174 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$5,088,515 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	Total General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$4,938,963)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(919,211)</u>
Total	(\$5,858,174)
Funding pool line item	<u>5,088,515</u>
Net savings	(\$769,659)

⁷ Funding for professional services is increased to provide a total of \$770,000.

⁸ Funding is increased for IT, including service contracts, equipment, consulting, data processing, and software.

⁹ Funding for operating expenses is increased as follows:

	Total General Fund
Telephone expense	\$35,608
Interim committee travel	7,047
Office supplies, postage, and printing	6,766
Miscellaneous IT supplies	4,800
Dues and professional development	<u>1,910</u>
Total	\$56,131

¹⁰ One-time funding is added for IT equipment, including tape library and video encoder hardware replacement.

¹¹ One-time funding is added for consulting services related to a study of the impacts of legislative term limits.

¹² One-time funding is added from the general fund and other funds, derived from matching funds, for consulting services related to an advanced nuclear energy study.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to provide for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide for a 3 percent per year increase in interim meeting pay and to provide a \$5 per day increase in the Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislative Management.
- Adds a section to provide legislative intent that the Legislative Council gather additional information regarding chamber accessibility.
- Adds a section to provide for a Legislative Management study of advanced nuclear energy and require Legislative Management seek matching funds for funding appropriated for consulting services related to the study.
- Amends the emergency clause to provide Sections 1 through 5 and Section 10 of the bill are declared to be an emergency measure.

