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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of  
2 administrative hearings.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds, to the office of administrative  
6 hearings for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings, for  
7 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
10 <del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$1,446,690</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$1,446,690</del>
11 <del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>1,582,392</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,582,392</del>
12 <del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$3,029,082</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$3,029,082</del>
13 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>5.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>5.00</del>
14 Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$113,239	\$1,559,929
15 New and vacant FTE pool	0	16,570	16,570
16 Operating expenses	1,582,392	(3,141)	1,579,251
17 Total special funds	\$3,029,082	\$126,668	\$3,155,750
18 Full-time equivalent positions	5.00	0.00	5.00

19 **SECTION 2. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
20 office of administrative hearings may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE

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- 1 pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to
- 2 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in
- 3 accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as
- 4 approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2017 - Office of Administrative Hearings - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$113,239	\$1,559,929
New and vacant FTE pool		16,570	16,570
Operating expenses	1,582,392	(3,141)	1,579,251
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$3,029,082</b>	<b>\$126,668</b>	<b>\$3,155,750</b>
Less estimated income	3,029,082	126,668	3,155,750
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**Department 140 - Office of Administrative Hearings - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 Vacant FTE Pool <sup>2</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>3</sup>	Adds Temporary and Overtime Salaries Funding <sup>4</sup>	Transfers Funding From Operating to Salaries <sup>5</sup>	Increases Funding for Information Technology Costs <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$88,691	\$20,058	(\$23,672)	\$5,500	\$22,662	
New and vacant FTE pool			16,570			
Operating expenses					(22,662)	\$19,521
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$88,691</b>	<b>\$20,058</b>	<b>(\$7,102)</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,521</b>
Less estimated income	88,691	20,058	(7,102)	5,500	0	19,521
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>

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$113,239
New and vacant FTE pool	16,570
Operating expenses	(3,141)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$126,668</b>
Less estimated income	126,668
General fund	\$0
<b>FTE</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:

Other Funds	
Salary increase	\$58,665
Health insurance increase	30,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,691</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool funding.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$23,672 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$16,570 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$7,102.

<sup>4</sup> Funding is added to provide for temporary salary funding (\$2,750) and overtime salary funding (\$2,750).

<sup>5</sup> Funding is transferred from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item.

<sup>6</sup> Funding is added to provide a total of \$89,942 for data processing costs.

**Senate Bill No. 2017 - Other Changes - Senate Action**

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

