



# North Dakota Legislative Council

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## **EMERGENCY COMMISSION SPECIAL FUNDS APPROVAL - TEMPORARY INCREASE PROPOSAL**

Senate Bill No. 2290 (2021), as codified in North Dakota Century Code Section 54-16-04.2, allows the Emergency Commission to approve requests to expend funds if the aggregate amount of federal fund requests is \$50 million or less in a biennium and if the aggregate amount of special funds and other sources requests is \$5 million or less in a biennium. After the aggregate amount of requests approved by the Emergency Commission exceeds \$50 million for federal funds and \$5 million for special funds and other sources, the Legislative Assembly is required to approve the requests. Through October 2021, the Emergency Commission has approved \$1,390,000 of federal fund requests and \$2,244,000 of special fund and other source requests. As result, the remaining spending authority available for the 2021-23 biennium totals \$48,610,000 for federal funds and \$2,756,000 for special funds and other sources.

The following is a proposal to temporarily increase the aggregate limit of requests for special funds or other sources that may be approved by the Emergency Commission during the 2021-23 biennium:

**SECTION \_\_. EMERGENCY COMMISSION AND BUDGET SECTION SPENDING LIMIT FOR SPECIAL FUNDS - EXEMPTION.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 4 of section 54-16-04.2 regarding the aggregate request limit of five million dollars per biennium, the emergency commission may authorize up to twenty million dollars of aggregate requests for special funds and other sources under section 54-16-04.2, subject to any budget section approval requirements, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.