

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Legislative Assembly						
Total all funds	\$16,338,537	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)	\$15,584,554	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$16,338,537	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)	\$15,584,554	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)
Legislative Council						
Total all funds	\$10,145,195	\$10,509,503	\$346,200	\$10,855,703	\$10,509,503	\$346,200
Less estimated income	70,000	70,000	0	70,000	70,000	0
General fund	\$10,075,195	\$10,439,503	\$346,200	\$10,785,703	\$10,439,503	\$346,200
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$26,483,732	\$26,524,057	(\$83,800)	\$26,440,257	\$26,524,057	(\$83,800)
Less estimated income	70,000	70,000	0	70,000	70,000	0
General fund	\$26,413,732	\$26,454,057	(\$83,800)	\$26,370,257	\$26,454,057	(\$83,800)

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Assembly - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$7,744,942	\$7,933,506		\$7,933,506	\$7,933,506	
Operating expenses	3,025,108	2,942,561		2,942,561	2,942,561	
Capital assets	1,430,000	1,000,000	(430,000)	570,000	1,000,000	(430,000)
National Conf. of State Legislatures	227,660	227,660		227,660	227,660	
Legislative applications replacement	3,910,827	3,910,827		3,910,827	3,910,827	
Total all funds	\$16,338,537	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)	\$15,584,554	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$16,338,537	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)	\$15,584,554	\$16,014,554	(\$430,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department No. 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Reduces Legislative Improvements Funding¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		
Operating expenses		
Capital assets	(430,000)	(430,000)
National Conf. of State Legislatures		
Legislative applications replacement		
Total all funds	(\$430,000)	(\$430,000)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$430,000)	(\$430,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for legislative wing equipment and improvements is reduced by \$430,000, from \$1,430,000 to \$1,000,000. This is the same reduction as provided in the House amendments. The section added by the Senate providing that 50 percent of these funds be used as determined by Senate members of the Legislative Management Committee, or its successor, and 50 percent by House members of the committee is changed to provide that \$400,000 is to be used as determined by Senate members of the committee, \$400,000 is to be used as determined by House members of the committee, and \$200,000 is to be used as determined by a majority of the members of the committee. The House had amended the section to provide that 35 percent of the funds be used as determined by Senate members of the committee, 55 percent of the funds by House members of the committee, and the remaining 10 percent of the funds by all members of the committee.

A section is added allowing legislators to exceed the monthly maximum lodging reimbursement for April 2009.

This amendment does not include a section for providing an option for legislators to be reimbursed for broadband and certain wireless expenses as added by the House.

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Council - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$6,710,261	\$6,876,369	\$148,000	\$7,024,369	\$6,876,369	\$148,000
Operating expenses	3,393,934	3,592,134	198,200	3,790,334	3,592,134	198,200
Capital assets	41,000	41,000		41,000	41,000	
Total all funds	\$10,145,195	\$10,509,503	\$346,200	\$10,855,703	\$10,509,503	\$346,200
Less estimated income	70,000	70,000	0	70,000	70,000	0
General fund	\$10,075,195	\$10,439,503	\$346,200	\$10,785,703	\$10,439,503	\$346,200
FTE	33.00	34.00	1.00	35.00	34.00	1.00

Department No. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Compensation Study¹	Adds Fiscal Position²	Adds Funding for Discretionary Fees³	Adds Funding for Energy Council Dues⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		\$148,000			\$148,000
Operating expenses	100,000	6,000	28,200	64,000	198,200
Capital assets					
Total all funds	\$100,000	\$154,000	\$28,200	\$64,000	\$346,200
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$100,000	\$154,000	\$28,200	\$64,000	\$346,200
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

¹ A section is added providing for a Legislative Council study of state employee compensation. Funding is added for hiring a consultant, if necessary, to assist with the study. These changes were also included in the House amendments.

² One additional fiscal staff position is added. This position was also added by the House.

³ Funding is added to allow each legislator to claim reimbursement of up to \$100 per year for membership fees or dues relating to one legislative-related organization similar to the National Conference of State Legislatures or the Council of State Governments as determined by each legislator in accordance with Legislative Management guidelines.

⁴ Funding is added for membership dues of joining an energy council organization, subject to the Legislative Management's determination of the benefits to the state of membership.

Sections are added relating to the creation of a legislative budget committee, budget request deadline, and making changes to the introduction process for appropriation bills, similar to sections added by the House. These sections were vetoed by Governor Hoeven.

This amendment does not include sections relating to broadband Internet and Smartphone data services added by the House.