Bill No. 1010 Fiscal No. 1 04/02/09

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$6,598,742	\$6,206,485	\$268,695	\$6,475,180
Operating expenses	2,102,264	2,063,264	39,000	2,102,264
Capital assets	170,000	170,000		170,000
Grants	6,990,000	6,870,000	120,000	6,990,000
Transfer to state bonding fund			1,000,000	1,000,000
Total all funds	\$15,861,006	\$15,309,749	\$1,427,695	\$16,737,444
Less estimated income	15,861,006	15,309,749	1,427,695	16,737,444
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	46.50	45.50	0.00	45.50

Department No. 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Restores Funding for Anticipated Salary Savings ¹	Restores Salary Equity Funding ²	Restores Funding for Operating Expenses ³	Restores Funding for Firefighters Association ⁴	Provides for a Transfer to the State Bonding Fund ⁵	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages Operating expenses Capital assets	\$129,185	\$139,510	39,000			\$268,695 39,000
Grants Transfer to state bonding fund				120,000	1,000,000	120,000 1,000,000
Total all funds Less estimated income	\$129,185 129,185	\$139,510 139,510	\$39,000 39,000	\$120,000 120,000	\$1,000,000 1,000,000	\$1,427,695 1,427,695
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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¹ This amendment restores funding for salaries and wages removed by the House to recognize anticipated savings from vacant positions and employee turnover.

² This amendment restores salary equity funding removed by the House.

³ This amendment restores funding for operating expenses removed by the House.

⁴ Funding for the North Dakota Firefighters Association is restored to the amount provided in the executive budget. Of the total funding of \$790,000, \$620,000 is from the insurnace tax distribution fund and \$170,000 is from the fire and tornado fund. The amendment also removes the section added by the House providing that \$200,000 of the grant to the North Dakota Firefighters Association be from federal homeland security funds. The requirement that funding provided to the North Dakota Firefighters Association be used for training added by the House is also removed.

⁵ A transfer of \$1 million is provided from the insurance regulatory trust fund to the state bonding fund. This amendment also adds a section to provide for the transfer.

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This amendment also:

 Adds a subsection to North Dakota Century Code Section 26.1-36-23 relating to the continuation of insurance after the termination of employment.

• Adds an emergency clause section.