

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1021 - Workforce Safety and Insurance - Senate Action**

	<b>Executive Budget</b>	<b>House Version</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
Workforce Safety and Insurance	\$54,455,605	\$54,765,547	\$2,112,058	\$56,877,605
Total all funds	\$54,455,605	\$54,765,547	\$2,112,058	\$56,877,605
Less estimated income	54,455,605	54,765,547	2,112,058	56,877,605
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	237.14	247.14	0.00	247.14

**Department No. 485 - Workforce Safety and Insurance - Detail of Senate Changes**

	<b>Restores Funding Relating to Anticipated Salary Savings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Increases Funding Relating to Information Technology Project<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Provides Funding for Study of Post Retirement Benefits<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Total Senate Changes</b>
Workforce Safety and Insurance	\$1,045,058	\$1,017,000	\$50,000	\$2,112,058
Total all funds	\$1,045,058	\$1,017,000	\$50,000	\$2,112,058
Less estimated income	1,045,058	1,017,000	50,000	2,112,058
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

<sup>2</sup> This amendment increases funding relating to the reauthorization of funding for the agency's information technology transformation program by \$1,017,000, from \$6,000,000 to \$7,017,000. The Legislative Assembly provided an appropriation of \$14 million for the project for the 2007-09 biennium. At the time the agency submitted its budget request, the agency estimated that \$8 million of the \$14 million would be spent during the 2007-09 biennium and \$6 million during the 2009-11 biennium. At the present time, the agency estimates \$6,983,000 will be spent for the project during the 2007-09 biennium and funding of \$7,017,000 will be needed for the 2009-11 biennium.

<sup>3</sup> This amendment provides funding of \$50,000 from special funds for costs associated with the study of postretirement benefits provided for in 2009 House Bill No. 1525.

This amendment also adds a section to create a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 65-02 relating to providing a continuing appropriation for litigation expenses relating to employer and medical provider issues.