

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Office of Management and Budget						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	400,000	400,000	400,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Department of Emergency Services						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,567	(\$1,594,567)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,594,567	(\$1,594,567)
Department of Commerce						
Total all funds	\$88,198,900	\$137,012,900	\$48,279,508	\$185,292,408	\$184,328,408	\$964,000
Less estimated income	53,708,861	69,208,861	69,052,244	138,261,105	138,261,105	0
General fund	\$34,490,039	\$67,804,039	(\$20,772,736)	\$47,031,303	\$46,067,303	\$964,000
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$88,198,900	\$137,012,900	\$48,679,508	\$185,692,408	\$186,322,975	(\$630,567)
Less estimated income	53,708,861	69,208,861	69,452,244	138,661,105	138,661,105	0
General fund	\$34,490,039	\$67,804,039	(\$20,772,736)	\$47,031,303	\$47,661,870	(\$630,567)

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Office of Management and Budget - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Operating expenses			\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	400,000	400,000	400,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department No. 110 - Office of Management and Budget - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Provides for Establishment of a Searchable Database¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Operating expenses	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total all funds	\$400,000	\$400,000
Less estimated income	400,000	400,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ A section is added to provide for the establishment of a searchable database of state expenditures and appropriates \$400,000 from the federal fiscal stabilization - other government services funds to the Office of Management and Budget for the costs associated with the database. This is the same as the House version.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Emergency Services - Conference Committee Action

The House version provided a \$1,594,567 general fund appropriation to the Department of Emergency Services for providing grants to eligible political subdivisions for emergency and disaster recovery. This funding is not included in this amendment.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Commerce - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$10,185,967	\$10,185,967	(\$165,127)	\$10,020,840	\$10,020,840	
Operating expenses	14,428,272	15,028,272	(500,000)	14,528,272	14,128,272	400,000
Capital assets	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
Grants	53,886,058	81,436,058	(13,050,000)	68,386,058	66,886,058	1,500,000
Discretionary funds	928,083	928,083		928,083	928,083	
Economic development initiatives	186,846	186,846		186,846	186,846	
Agricultural products utilization	2,536,630	2,536,630		2,536,630	2,536,630	
North Dakota Trade Office	2,000,000	2,164,000	(100,000)	2,064,000	2,000,000	64,000
Partner programs	2,022,044	2,022,044		2,022,044	2,022,044	
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund	2,000,000	2,000,000	(1,000,000)	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund		20,000,000	(5,000,000)	15,000,000		15,000,000
Contingent borrowing authority		500,000	(500,000)			
Federal fiscal stimulus funds			68,594,635	68,594,635	68,594,635	
Contingent appropriation					1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Centers of excellence					15,000,000	(15,000,000)
Total all funds	\$88,198,900	\$137,012,900	\$48,279,508	\$185,292,408	\$184,328,408	\$964,000
Less estimated income	53,708,861	69,208,861	69,052,244	138,261,105	138,261,105	0
General fund	\$34,490,039	\$67,804,039	(\$20,772,736)	\$47,031,303	\$46,067,303	\$964,000
FTE	68.00	68.00	0.00	68.00	68.00	0.00

Department No. 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Biofuel Blender Pumps¹	Removes Funding for Grants to Expand Child Care²	Decreases Funding for the North Dakota Trade Office³	Removes Contingent Borrowing Authority⁴	Removes One-Time Funding for the Workforce Enhancement Fund⁵	Removes Funding for Student-Based Technology Grants⁶
Salaries and wages						
Operating expenses						
Capital assets						
Grants		(2,000,000)				(200,000)
Discretionary funds						
Economic development initiatives						
Agricultural products utilization						
North Dakota Trade Office			(100,000)			
Partner programs						
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund					(1,000,000)	
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund						
Contingent borrowing authority				(500,000)		
Federal fiscal stimulus funds						
Contingent appropriation						
Centers of excellence						
Total all funds	\$0	(\$2,000,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$200,000)
Less estimated income	1,000,000	0	0	(500,000)	0	0
General fund	(\$1,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$100,000)	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$200,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Removes Funding for Regional Technical Assistance Grants⁷	Removes Funding for Youth Entrepreneur Grants⁸	Removes Funding for Grants for University Patent Office Support⁹	Removes Funding for a Great Plains Applied Energy Research Center Grant¹⁰	Removes Funding for a Base Realignment Grant Program¹¹	Removes Salary Equity Funding¹²
Salaries and wages						(\$176,627)
Operating expenses						
Capital assets						
Grants	(1,000,000)	(400,000)	(200,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	
Discretionary funds						
Economic development initiatives						
Agricultural products utilization						
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund						
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund						
Contingent borrowing authority						
Federal fiscal stimulus funds						
Contingent appropriation						
Centers of excellence						
Total all funds	(\$1,000,000)	(\$400,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$176,627)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	(42,391)
General fund	(\$1,000,000)	(\$400,000)	(\$200,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$134,236)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Appropriates Federal Fiscal Stimulus Funds¹³	Decreases Funding for Operation Intern¹⁴	Provides Funding for Compiling Information on Tax-Exempt Property¹⁵	Adjusts Funding for Centers of Excellence¹⁶	Provides Funding for Centers of Excellence Study¹⁷	Provides Funding for a Technology- Based Entrepreneur Grant Program¹⁸
Salaries and wages			\$11,500			
Operating expenses		(300,000)			50,000	
Capital assets						
Grants						1,000,000
Discretionary funds						
Economic development initiatives						
Agricultural products utilization						
North Dakota Trade Office						
Partner programs						
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund						
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund				(5,000,000)		
Contingent borrowing authority						
Federal fiscal stimulus funds	68,594,635					
Contingent appropriation Centers of excellence						
Total all funds	\$68,594,635	(\$300,000)	\$11,500	(\$5,000,000)	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
Less estimated income	68,594,635	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	(\$300,000)	\$11,500	(\$5,000,000)	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Removes Funding for Commercial Business¹⁹	Removes Funding for a Grant to the Dakota Defense Alliance Organization²⁰	Decreases Funding for Tourism Marketing²¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages				(\$165,127)
Operating expenses			(250,000)	(500,000)
Capital assets				
Grants	(200,000)	(50,000)		(13,050,000)
Discretionary funds				
Economic development initiatives				
Agricultural products utilization				
North Dakota Trade Office				(100,000)
Partner programs				
Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund				(1,000,000)
Transfer - Centers of excellence fund				(5,000,000)
Contingent borrowing authority				(500,000)
Federal fiscal stimulus funds				68,594,635
Contingent appropriation Centers of excellence				
Total all funds	(\$200,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$250,000)	\$48,279,508
Less estimated income	0	0	0	69,052,244
General fund	(\$200,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$250,000)	(\$20,772,736)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment removes \$1 million from the general fund for cost-share programs for installation of biofuel blender pumps and appropriates \$1 million of special funds from the biofuel blender pump incentive fund for grants. The amendment also provides \$1 million for biofuel blender pump grants from federal stimulus funds. The House version provided \$1 million for biofuel blender pump grants from federal stimulus funds, or if the federal funds are not available, \$1 million is transferred from the general fund to the biofuel blender pump incentive fund.

² This amendment removes one-time funding for matching grants to local communities to establish or expand child care options to support working families. This funding was also removed in the House version.

³ This amendment adjusts funding for the North Dakota Trade Office as follows:

2007-09 Legislative Appropriation	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Version	Conference Committee Amendment
\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,164,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,064,000

⁴ This amendment removes the authorization added by the Senate to allow the Department of Commerce to borrow up to \$500,000 from the Bank of North Dakota for providing a grant to the North Dakota Trade Office for implementing an export-related workforce recruitment program. This authorization was also removed in the House version.

⁵ This amendment decreases funding for a transfer to the workforce enhancement fund by \$1 million, from \$2 million as provided for in the executive budget, to \$1 million. This reduction was also included in the House version.

⁶ This amendment removes \$200,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for student-based technology grants. This funding was also removed by the House.

⁷ This amendment removes \$1 million from the general fund added by the Senate for regional technical assistance grants. This funding was also removed by the House.

⁸ This amendment removes \$400,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for youth entrepreneurship grants. This funding was also removed by the House.

⁹ This amendment removes \$200,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for grants to the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University patent offices. This funding was also removed by the House.

¹⁰ This amendment removes \$5 million from the general fund added by the Senate for a grant for construction of a Great Plains applied energy research center on the Bismarck State College campus. This funding is provided in House Bill No. 1350.

¹¹ This amendment removes one-time funding of \$5 million from the general fund added by the Senate for a base realignment grant program. This funding was also removed by the House.

¹² This amendment removes funding added in the executive budget for state employee salary equity adjustments. This funding was also removed by the House.

¹³ This amendment appropriates \$68,594,635 of federal stimulus funding to the Department of Commerce. This amendment also provides that the department use \$2 million of funding for establishing a grant program to assist in the purchase and installation of electrical generators that consume at least 75 percent of the gas from oil and gas well sites which would otherwise be flared or wasted and use \$1 million of the funding for biofuel blender pump grants. This funding was also appropriated in the House version.

¹⁴ This amendment decreases funding for Operation Intern from \$1.2 million as provided for in the executive budget to \$900,000. This adjustment was also made by the House.

¹⁵ This amendment requires the Department of Commerce to compile information during the 2009-10 interim on tax-exempt property in the state. Funding of \$11,500 from the general fund is provided to the department for costs associated with hiring two interns to gather the information.

¹⁶ This amendment adjusts funding for centers of excellence from \$20 million from the general fund as provided for in the Senate version to \$15 million from the general fund with an additional \$5 million contingent general fund appropriation.

¹⁷ This amendment requires the Department of Commerce to conduct a best practice review of the centers of excellence program. Funding of \$50,000 from the general fund is provided to the department for costs associated with the review.

¹⁸ This amendment provides funding of \$1 million from the general fund for a technology-based entrepreneurship grant program to be developed by the Department of Commerce.

¹⁹ This amendment removes \$200,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for providing grants for commercial business district improvement projects. This funding was also removed by the House.

²⁰ This amendment removes \$50,000 from the general fund added by the Senate for a grant to the Dakota Defense Alliance organization. This funding was also removed by the House.

²¹ This amendment removes \$250,000 of the \$500,000 additional funding from the general fund added by the Senate for tourism marketing. The House removed the entire \$500,000 of additional funding.

This amendment also:

- Removes Section 7 of the reengrossed bill that provides for an audit of the ethanol production incentive fund.
- Amends Section 8 of the reengrossed bill that increases the amount of North Dakota Trade Office funding that may be provided without requiring a match from 50 percent to 62.5 percent.
- Amends Sections 18 and 19 of the reengrossed bill to provide that grants to the Lewis and Clark Foundation and the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation may only be used for construction. Section 19 is also amended to remove reference to providing a Wade Westin memorial grant to the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation.
- Adds a section to provide for centers of excellence enhancement grants.
- Adds a section to provide for a centers of excellence state tax revenue impact study.
- Provides an exemption for funding appropriated for the centers of excellence program for the 2007-09 biennium from North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-11.
- Creates a new subsection to NDCC Section 15-69-01 and amends Sections 15-69-02(1); 15-69-04(1), (2), and (3); 15-69-05 (1), (3), (4), and (5) relating to centers of excellence.
- Adds a section to create a new section to NDCC Chapter 54-18 to provide for an annual transfer from the Mill and Elevator Association to the agricultural fuel tax fund.
- Adds a section to amend NDCC Section 54-60-16(2) relating to the International Business and Trade Office.
- Adds a section to amend NDCC Section 54-60-17 relating to higher education internships and work experience opportunities.