

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2008

Page 1, line 2, remove "to provide for a railroad safety program;"

Page 1, line 2, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 3, remove "and 57-43.2-19"

Page 1, line 4, remove "and the special fuels excise taxes distribution of funds"

Page 1, line 5, remove "to provide an effective date;"

Page 1, remove lines 14 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,506,704	\$1,183,771	\$9,690,475
Accrued leave payments	168,278	(168,278)	0
Operating expenses	1,895,562	80,000	1,975,562
Capital assets	60,665	(34,265)	26,400
Grants	20,000	0	20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	0	8,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	0	900,000
Reclamation and grain licensing litigation	150,000	(150,000)	0
Specialized legal services	<u>0</u>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
Total all funds	\$19,701,209	\$1,811,228	\$21,512,437
Less estimated income	<u>13,033,549</u>	<u>743,681</u>	<u>13,777,230</u>
Total general fund	\$6,667,660	\$1,067,547	\$7,735,207
Full-time equivalent positions	44.00	1.00	45.00"

Page 2, replace lines 9 through 14 with:

"Specialized legal services	\$750,000	\$750,000
Hydraulic soil probe	<u>28,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$778,000	\$750,000
Total special funds	<u>353,920</u>	<u>336,000</u>
Total general fund	\$424,080	\$414,000"

Page 2, remove lines 19 through 23

Page 3, remove lines 12 through 31

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,506,704	\$10,350,808	(\$660,333)	\$9,690,475
Operating expenses	1,895,562	2,224,410	(248,848)	1,975,562
Capital assets	60,665	26,400		26,400
Grants	20,000	20,000		20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	8,000,000		8,000,000

Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000		900,000
Reclamation & grain licensing litigation	150,000			
Accrued leave payments	168,278			
Railroad safety program		972,294	(972,294)	
Specialized legal services		900,000		900,000
Total all funds	\$19,701,209	\$23,393,912	(\$1,881,475)	\$21,512,437
Less estimated income	13,033,549	14,978,013	(1,200,783)	13,777,230
General fund	\$6,667,660	\$8,415,899	(\$680,692)	\$7,735,207
FTE	44.00	50.00	(5.00)	45.00

Department No. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases ¹	Removes Funding for New Weights and Measures Inspector ²	Removes Funding for New Natural Gas Pipeline Inspector ³	Removes Funding for New Railroad Safety Program ⁴	Removes Funding for Travel Expense ⁵	Removes One-Time Funding for Accrued Leave Payout ⁶
Salaries and wages	(\$43,257)	(\$204,651)	(\$268,211)			(\$144,214)
Operating expenses		(116,232)	(82,616)		(50,000)	
Capital assets						
Grants						
Abandoned mined lands contractual						
Rail rate complaint case						
Reclamation & grain licensing litigation						
Accrued leave payments						
Railroad safety program				(972,294)		
Specialized legal services						
Total all funds	(\$43,257)	(\$320,883)	(\$350,827)	(\$972,294)	(\$50,000)	(\$144,214)
Less estimated income	(8,861)	0	(175,414)	(972,294)	0	(44,214)
General fund	(\$34,396)	(\$320,883)	(\$175,413)	\$0	(\$50,000)	(\$100,000)
FTE	0.00	(1.00)	(1.00)	(3.00)	0.00	0.00

	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$660,333)
Operating expenses	(248,848)
Capital assets	
Grants	
Abandoned mined lands contractual	
Rail rate complaint case	
Reclamation & grain licensing litigation	
Accrued leave payments	
Railroad safety program	(972,294)
Specialized legal services	
Total all funds	(\$1,881,475)
Less estimated income	(1,200,783)
General fund	(\$680,692)
FTE	(5.00)

¹ Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

² Funding is removed from the general fund for a new weights and measures inspector FTE position (\$196,803) and related salary increase (\$7,848) and operating expenses (\$116,232).

³ Funding is removed from the general fund and other funds for a new natural gas pipeline inspector FTE position (\$257,747) and related salary increase (\$10,464) and operating expenses (\$82,616).

⁴ Funding is removed for a new state railroad safety program as follows:

	FTE	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New railroad safety inspectors	(3.00)		(\$762,294)	(\$762,294)
Operating and other costs			(210,000)	(210,000)
Total	(3.00)	\$0	(\$972,294)	(\$972,294)

⁵ Funding for travel expense is reduced from \$1,400,525 to \$1,350,525.

⁶ One-time funding is removed for accrued leave payouts

This amendment also:

- Removes Section 3 of the bill which designated funding for the railroad safety program.
- Removes Section 6 of the bill which created the rail safety fund and amended North Dakota Century Code Section 57-43.2-19 regarding the allocation of special fuels excise taxes collected on sales of diesel fuel to a railroad.
- Removes Section 7 of the bill which provided an effective date for Section 6.