

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

Page 1, line 2, after the first semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 57-43.2-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special fuels excise taxes distribution of funds;"

Page 1, replace line 12 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,643,095	(\$345,811)	\$9,297,284"
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Page 1, replace line 14 with:

"Capital assets	26,400	(16,400)	10,000"
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Page 1, replace lines 18 through 23 with:

"Railroad safety program	523,345	41,323	564,668
Specialized legal services	<u>150,000</u>	<u>380,000</u>	<u>530,000</u>
Total all funds	\$21,140,402	(\$1,988,624)	\$19,151,778
Less estimated income	<u>13,964,575</u>	<u>(1,543,559)</u>	<u>12,421,016</u>
Total general fund	\$7,175,827	(\$445,065)	\$6,730,762
Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	(1.00)	45.00"

Page 2, line 2, replace "\$125,934" with "\$116,809"

Page 2, line 2, replace "\$76,487" with "\$70,945"

Page 2, line 3, replace "\$1,249" with "\$1,241"

Page 2, replace lines 9 through 12 with:

"Specialized legal services	<u>\$575,624</u>	<u>\$436,000</u>
Total all funds	\$575,624	\$436,000
Total special funds	<u>336,000</u>	<u>436,000</u>
Total general fund	\$239,624	\$0"

Page 2, line 27, replace "\$300,000" with "\$100,000"

Page 2, after line 29, insert:

"SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 57-43.2-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-43.2-19. (Effective July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2019) Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds.

All taxes, license fees, penalties, and interest collected under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit moneys in a highway tax distribution fund, except all special fuels excise taxes collected on sales of diesel fuel to a railroad under section 57-43.2-03 of up to two hundred ~~seventy-five~~eighty-five thousand dollars per year must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit the moneys in the rail safety fund. The highway tax distribution fund must be distributed in the manner as prescribed by section 54-27-19.

(Effective after June 30, 2019) Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds.

All taxes, license fees, penalties, and interest collected under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit moneys in the highway tax distribution fund. The highway tax distribution fund must be distributed in the manner as prescribed by section 54-27-19."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1008 - Public Service Commission - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$9,643,095	\$8,980,993	\$316,291	\$9,297,284
Operating expenses	1,877,562	1,829,826		1,829,826
Capital assets	26,400		10,000	10,000
Grants	20,000	20,000		20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	6,000,000		6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000		900,000
Railroad safety program	523,345	529,088	35,580	564,668
Specialized legal services	150,000	730,000	(200,000)	530,000
Total all funds	\$21,140,402	\$18,989,907	\$161,871	\$19,151,778
Less estimated income	13,964,575	12,588,603	(167,587)	12,421,016
General fund	\$7,175,827	\$6,401,304	\$329,458	\$6,730,762
FTE	46.00	44.00	1.00	45.00

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

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Increases¹	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Wages²	Converts Temporary Railroad Safety Inspector to FTE Position³	Adds Funding for Capital Assets⁴	Reduces One-Time Funding for Specialized Legal Services⁵	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$8,709)	\$325,000				\$316,291
Operating expenses						
Capital assets				10,000		10,000
Grants						
Abandoned mined lands contractual						
Rail rate complaint case						
Railroad safety program	(416)		35,996			35,580
Specialized legal services					(200,000)	(200,000)
Total all funds	(\$9,125)	\$325,000	\$35,996	\$10,000	(\$200,000)	\$161,871
Less estimated income	(3,583)	0	35,996	0	(200,000)	(167,587)
General fund	(\$5,542)	\$325,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$329,458
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding for employee health insurance is adjusted to reflect the updated premium amount of \$1,241 per month. Section 2 of the bill is also changed to reflect the revised amount.

² The Senate restored \$325,000 to salaries and wages to underfund salaries and wages by \$150,000 from the general fund. The House underfunded salaries and wages by \$475,000 from the general fund.

³ Provides \$35,966 from the rail safety fund to convert a temporary railroad safety inspector to a FTE position with a total cost of \$226,727.

⁴ Adds \$10,000 from the general fund for capital assets. The House removed all funding for capital assets.

⁵ Reduces one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund by \$200,000 for specialized legal services to provide a total of \$100,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund. The House provided \$300,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

This amendment also amends North Dakota Century Code Section 57-43.2-19 to increase the amount of special fuels excise tax collections on sales of diesel fuel to a railroad that are deposited in the rail safety fund from \$275,000 to \$285,000 per year.