

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, remove "and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance"

Page 1, line 3, replace "tax distribution fund" with "to create and enact chapter 23.1-16 and section 26.1-22-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to boiler inspections and North Dakota reserve fund use of producers; to amend and reenact sections 18-04-04, 18-04-04.1, and 18-04-05, subsection 2 of section 26.1-01-07, section 26.1-01-09, subsection 1 of section 26.1-03-17, and sections 26.1-21-03, 26.1-21-17, 26.1-22-03, and 26.1-23.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state fire and tornado fund, the state bonding fund, fees chargeable by the insurance commissioner, the salary of the insurance commissioner, and government self-insurance pools; to repeal chapter 26.1-22.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to boiler inspections; to provide a penalty; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to provide a contingent effective date"

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 15 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,549,567	(\$415,092)	\$8,134,475
Operating expenses	<u>2,179,777</u>	<u>(613,102)</u>	<u>1,566,675</u>
Total special funds	\$10,729,344	(\$1,028,194)	\$9,701,150
Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	(5.00)	41.00"

Page 1, remove lines 16 through 22

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 6

Page 2, replace lines 10 through 13 with:

"SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 18-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-04-04. Insurance companies to report fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, crop hail, and commercial multiple peril insurance premium collections - Form furnished by insurance commissioner.

The insurance commissioner, ~~when~~at the time the commissioner forwards to an insurance company ~~which~~that is issuing policies for fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, crop hail, and commercial multiple peril insurance in this state the form to be used in submitting its the company's annual statement, shall forward a form containing the names of all cities and all rural fire protection districts or rural fire departments entitled to benefits under the provisions of this chapter. Every insurance company issuing policies for fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, crop hail, and commercial multiple peril insurance within this state shall complete ~~such~~the form by showing ~~thereon~~ the amount of all premiums received by ~~it~~the company upon such policies issued on property within the corporate limits of each city shown on ~~such~~the form and on property within the boundaries of each rural fire protection district shown on ~~such~~the form or property within the boundaries of each rural fire department as certified by the

state fire marshal during the year ending on the preceding thirty-first day of December and shall file the same form as a part of its the company's annual statement.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 18-04-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-04-04.1. Insurance tax distribution fund.

The insurance tax distribution fund is a special fund in the state treasury. The portion of revenue provided in section 26.1-03-17 must be deposited in the fund for disbursement as provided in this chapter and chapter 23-46, ~~subject to legislative appropriation.~~

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 18-04-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

18-04-05. Amount due cities, rural fire protection districts, or rural fire departments - Transfer to firefighters death benefit fund - Disbursement to North Dakota firefighter's association - Payments by insurance commissioner - Continuing appropriation.

1. The insurance commissioner shall disburse funds in the insurance tax distribution fund as provided under this section.
2. The insurance commissioner shall transfer an amount of up to fifty thousand dollars per biennium, as may be necessary, to the firefighters death benefit fund for distribution under chapter 18-05.1.
3. The insurance commissioner shall compute and disburse funds to the North Dakota firefighter's association for uses authorized under chapter 18-03, ~~subject to legislative appropriations.~~
4. The insurance commissioner shall compute and disburse the amounts due to the certified city fire departments, certified rural fire departments, or certified fire protection districts entitled to benefits under this chapter on or before December first of each year. ~~The insurance commissioner shall allocate one-half of the biennial legislative appropriation for distribution under this subsection, to each eligible city not within a certified fire protection district, each certified rural fire protection district organized under this title, and each rural fire department certified by the state fire marshal, and pay the amount allocated in December of each year.~~ The allocation must be made in proportion to the amount of insurance company premiums received by insurance companies pursuant to section 26.1-03-17 for ~~policies for fire, allied lines, homeowner's multiple peril, farmowner's multiple peril, commercial multiple peril, and crop hail insurance~~ the lines of insurance identified under section 18-04-04 on property within the city of a certified city fire department, a certified rural fire protection district, or area served by the ~~a~~ certified rural fire department to the total of those premiums for those policies in the state.
5. Annually, the insurance commissioner shall determine the amount of insurance premium taxes collected from the insurance lines identified in section 18-04-04. Of this amount, annually the commissioner shall disburse five and one-half percent to the North Dakota firefighter's association and ninety-four and one-half percent to certified city fire

departments, certified rural fire departments, and certified fire protection districts. Moneys authorized for disbursement under this section are appropriated from the insurance tax distribution fund to the insurance commissioner on a continuing basis for the purpose of this section.

SECTION 6. Chapter 23.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

23.1-16-01. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Boiler" means a closed vessel in which water is heated, steam is generated, steam is superheated, or any combination thereof, under pressure or vacuum for use externally to the boiler by the direct application of heat from the combustion of fuels, or from electricity or nuclear energy. The term includes fired units for vaporizing liquids other than water when these units are separate from processing systems and are complete within themselves.
2. "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

23.1-16-02. Chief boiler inspector, deputy inspectors - Appointment - Jurisdiction.

The department shall employ a chief boiler inspector and deputy inspectors. The chief boiler inspector has jurisdiction over all boilers in this state except as otherwise provided.

23.1-16-03. Qualifications of chief boiler inspector - Deputy inspectors.

1. An individual is not eligible to the office of chief boiler inspector unless that individual:
 - a. Has had at the time of the appointment at least five years' experience in the construction, inspection, operation, maintenance, or repair of high-pressure boilers and pressure vessels as a mechanical engineer, boilermaker, steam operating engineer, or boiler inspector. An applicant possessing a mechanical engineering degree from an accredited school may substitute that degree for two years of the five years' experience, at the discretion of the department.
 - b. Holds a commission issued by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors or obtains the commission within one year after the date of appointment by the department.
 - c. Is not directly or indirectly interested in the manufacture or sale of boilers or steam machinery or articles used in the construction or maintenance of engines or boilers.
2. The department shall establish qualifications for a deputy inspector which are not inconsistent with the requirements of the position.

23.1-16-04. Powers and duties of chief boiler inspector.

1. The chief boiler inspector shall:

- a. Keep a complete record of the type, dimensions, maximum allowable working pressure, age, condition, location, and date of the last-recorded internal and external inspection of boilers to which this chapter applies.
 - b. Cooperate and assist in loss prevention programs sponsored by the department.
2. The chief boiler inspector may delegate powers and duties to any deputy inspector or special inspector.

23.1-16-05. General requirement.

Every boiler in this state must be constructed, installed, and maintained according to rules adopted to implement this chapter.

23.1-16-06. Exempt boilers - Inspection of exempt boilers.

This chapter does not apply to:

1. Any boiler subject to federal inspection or under federal control.
2. Any boiler located on a farm and used solely for agricultural purposes.
3. Any heating boiler located in a private residence or in an apartment house of less than six family units.
4. Any hot water supply boiler not exceeding the following limitations:
 - a. Input of two hundred thousand British thermal units per hour.
 - b. Pressure of one hundred sixty pounds per square inch [1103.16 kilopascals] gauge.
 - c. Temperature of two hundred fifty degrees Fahrenheit [121.11 degrees Celsius].
5. Any portable steam cleaner commonly used in a garage.
6. Any boiler of a miniature model locomotive, boat, tractor, or stationary engine design constructed as a hobby, not for commercial use, having an inside diameter not exceeding ten inches [25.4 centimeters] and a grate area not exceeding one and one-half square feet [1393.54 square centimeters] and which is properly equipped with a safety valve, water level indicator, and pressure gauge.
7. Any electric boiler used as an integral part of an espresso coffee machine, provided that the boiler does not exceed one and one-half cubic feet [.0566 cubic meter] in water capacity, does not exceed fifty pounds per square inch [344.74 kilopascals] pressure, and is constructed, approved, or certified to the American society of mechanical engineers code or to other national or international standards.

23.1-16-07. Inspection of boilers.

1. The chief boiler inspector shall inspect each boiler used or proposed to be used within this state. The inspection must be thorough as to the construction, installation, condition, and operation as provided by the rules adopted to implement this chapter. An exempt boiler may be inspected by the chief boiler inspector when the owner, the owner's agent, or the user of the boiler makes written request for inspection to the department.
2. Each boiler of one hundred thousand pounds [45359.24 kilograms] per hour or more capacity, used or proposed to be used within this state, which has internal continuous water treatment under the direct supervision of a graduate engineer or chemist, or one having equivalent experience in the treatment of boiler water when the water treatment is for the purpose of controlling and limiting serious corrosion and other deteriorating factors, and with respect to which boiler the chief boiler inspector has determined the owner or user has complied with the prescribed recordkeeping requirements, must be inspected at least once every thirty-six months internally while not under pressure, and at least once every twelve months externally while under pressure. If a hydrostatic test is necessary to determine the safety of a boiler, the test must be conducted by the owner or user of the equipment under the supervision of the chief boiler inspector. The owner or user of a boiler of one hundred thousand pounds [45359.24 kilograms] per hour or more capacity desiring to qualify for thirty-six-month internal inspection intervals shall keep available for examination by the chief boiler inspector accurate records showing the date and actual time the boiler is out of service and the reason or reasons therefor, and the results of the chemical and physical analysis of the boiler water, whether from laboratory analysis of samples taken at regular intervals of not more than forty-eight hours or from continuous online analysers, which will adequately show the condition of the water and any other elements or characteristics of the water capable of producing corrosion or other deterioration of the boiler or its parts. If an inspection discloses deficiencies in equipment or in operating procedures, inspections may be required once every twelve months.

23.1-16-08. Special inspector.

1. Upon written request of an employer, the department may appoint as a special inspector an inspector in the employ of:
 - a. An insurance company authorized to insure boilers in this state against loss from explosion;
 - b. A company qualified by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors as an accredited owner/user inspection organization; or
 - c. A company qualified by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors as an accredited authorized inspection agency.
2. An individual may not be appointed as a special inspector unless that individual has passed the examination prescribed by the national board of boiler and pressure vessel inspectors.

3. An inspection performed by a special inspector must be performed in accordance with this chapter and a complete report of the inspection must be filed with the department in the time, manner, and form as prescribed by the department.
4. If a complete report is not filed by the special inspector's employer with the department within ninety days from the certificate due date, the chief boiler inspector may make the required inspection, unless an extension of time is granted by the chief boiler inspector. The special inspector's employer must pay the inspection fees as required by section 23.1-16-09 for a special inspection.
5. The chief boiler inspector may inspect any boiler to which a special inspection applies.
6. The department may, for cause, suspend or revoke the appointment of any special inspector.

23.1-16-09. Inspection and certificate fees.

1. Upon completion of inspection, the owner or user of a boiler shall pay to the department fees or a combination of inspection and certificate fees. The department shall determine the inspection fees. Certificate fees are determined by section 23.1-16-10. The department shall determine and annually may adjust a fee scale for the internal inspections of power boilers, internal inspections of low-pressure heating boilers, external inspections of all boilers, and inspection of boilers used exclusively for exhibition purposes.
2. Not more than two hundred dollars may be charged or collected for any one inspection of a boiler, except for special inspections made upon request. All other inspections made by the chief boiler inspector, including shop inspections and reviews and special inspections when requested by the owner or user of a boiler, must be charged at a rate not to exceed five hundred dollars per day or three hundred dollars per half day of four hours or less, plus payment for mileage, meals, and hotel expenses as allowed by sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09, except that the mileage rate for a state-owned vehicle will be the actual amount incurred by the department.
3. The annual fee for the issuance of a reciprocal commission card for a special inspector is forty dollars and the annual fee for the issuance of a welder-qualified card is twenty dollars.
4. The fee for taking an examination for a hobby boiler operating license is twenty-five dollars and the fee for a hobby boiler operating license is twenty-five dollars.
5. A hobby boiler operating license issued under this section is valid for six years.

23.1-16-10. Certificate of inspection - Certificate to be posted.

The department shall issue a certificate of inspection for each boiler inspected upon receipt of an inspection report certifying that the boiler is in a safe condition to be operated. The department shall charge a fee of twenty dollars per year for each year.

that a certificate is valid, or part of a year thereof, for each certificate of inspection issued as the result of inspections authorized under sections 23.1-16-07 and 23.1-16-08. The fees are the liability of the owner or user and must be paid in accordance with rules adopted by the department. A certificate may not be issued for any boiler not in a safe condition to be operated or for a boiler for which the inspection and certificate fees have not been paid in full. A certificate is not valid for a period of more than thirty-six months for power boilers described in subsection 2 of section 23.1-16-07, and no more than twelve months for other power boilers, twelve months for steam traction engines, and thirty-six months for low-pressure boilers except that a two-month grace period may be extended for any certificate. Upon written request from a special inspector, the chief boiler inspector may issue a short-term certificate. Each certificate of inspection must be posted conspicuously under glass in the boiler room or adjacent to the boiler inspected.

23.1-16-11. Certificate of inspection required - Penalty.

A person may not operate a boiler in this state without a valid certificate of inspection. A violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor on the part of the owner, user, or operator of the boiler.

23.1-16-12. Manufacturer's data report.

The boiler manufacturer shall provide the department with a manufacturer's data report. When signed by an authorized inspector, this data sheet together with the stamp on the boiler is the record denoting the boiler has been constructed in accordance with the rules adopted to implement this chapter.

23.1-16-13. Disposition of funds.

All funds collected and received under this chapter must be paid to the state treasurer and deposited in the state fire and tornado fund to be used to defray the costs of boiler inspections.

23.1-16-14. Rules - Penalty for violation - Hearing.

1. The department shall adopt rules for the safe and proper installation, use, operation, and inspection of boilers and pressure vessels subject to this chapter.
2. The department shall adopt rules for the licensing of operators of hobby boilers used during parades, exhibitions, and threshing shows where the public is invited.
3. A fee must be charged for an operating license, for a license renewal, and for an examination conducted to determine minimum competence. Individuals operating hobby boilers within this state as of July 1, 2007, are considered acceptable for a license without additional training or examination. An individual who is not a resident of this state and who holds a boiler operator license or credential in another state or Canadian province is exempt from licensure as a hobby boiler operator in this state.
4. The department may not issue a certificate of inspection to any owner or user of a boiler who fails or refuses to comply with the rules. The department shall revoke any certificate presently in force upon evidence

that the owner or user of the boiler is failing or refusing to comply with the rules.

5. Any owner or user of a boiler may request a hearing before the department within fifteen days from service of an order refusing or revoking a certificate of inspection. It is the burden of the owner or user to show cause why the certificate of inspection should not be refused or revoked. If no hearing is requested within the required period, the order of the department becomes final and is not subject to further proceedings.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 26.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. Nonprofit health service corporations and health maintenance organizations are subject to the same fees as any other insurance company. County mutual insurance companies and benevolent societies are liable only for the fees mentioned in subdivisions b, f, g, and kh of subsection 1.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is ~~one hundred two thousand six hundred eighty nine dollars through June 30, 2016~~ one hundred seven thousand eight hundred eighty-five dollars through June 30, 2020, and ~~one hundred five thousand seven hundred seventyone hundred eleven thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars thereafter.~~

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 26.1-03-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Before issuing the annual certificate required by law, the commissioner shall collect from every stock and mutual insurance company, nonprofit health service corporation, health maintenance organization, and prepaid legal service organization, except fraternal benefit and benevolent societies, doing business in this state, a tax on the gross amount of premiums, assessments, membership fees, subscriber fees, policy fees, service fees collected by any third-party administrator providing administrative services to a group that is self-insured for health care benefits, and finance and service charges received in this state during the preceding calendar year, at the rate of two percent with respect to life insurance, one and three-fourths percent with respect to accident and health insurance, and one and three-fourths percent with respect to all other lines of insurance. This tax does not apply to considerations for annuities. The total tax is payable on or before March first following the year for which the tax is assessable. If the due date falls on a Saturday or legal holiday, the tax is payable on the next succeeding business day. Collections from this tax must be deposited in the insurance tax distribution fund under section 18-04-04.1 but not in an amount exceeding the amount computed under section 18-04-05 and one-half of the biennial amount appropriated for distribution under ~~section 18-04-05~~ and chapter 23-46 in any fiscal year. Collections from this tax exceeding the sum of the amount

deposited in the insurance tax distribution fund must be deposited in the general fund in the state treasury.

SECTION 10. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-21-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-21-03. Commissioner may employ or contract for assistants - Continuing appropriation.

The commissioner may employ assistants or contract for the services of assistants from the North Dakota insurance reserve fund as may be necessary to operate the state bonding fund. The salaries of all employees together with all other expenditures for the operation of the fund must remain within the appropriations made by the legislative assembly for these purposes and must be paid by warrant check drawn on the state treasury prepared by the office of management and budget after the approval of expense vouchers by the office of the budget. Moneys in the reserve fund of the state bonding fund are appropriated to the commissioner on a continuing basis for the purpose of employing or contracting for services as provided under this section.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-21-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-21-17. Allowed liability claims payable from fund - Administrative expenses - Methods of payment.

A claim allowed against the fund must be paid upon warrants drawn upon the state treasurer against the fund. The warrant must be prepared by the office of management and budget pursuant to the directions of the commissioner. Payments for administrative expenses of the state bonding fund must be made from the reserve fund of the state bonding fund or must be made within the limitations of legislative appropriations upon warrant-checks prepared by the office of management and budget after the approval of vouchers by the commissioner.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-22-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-22-03. Employment of assistants - Expenditures from fund - Continuing appropriation.

To carry out this chapter, the commissioner may utilize any information on file in the state fire marshal's department and any of the employees of the commissioner and the commissioner may employ necessary assistants or contract for services of assistants from the North Dakota insurance reserve fund and may incur necessary expenses. All expenditures made for these purposes, other than services contracted and paid for by moneys from the fund and any necessary expenses paid from moneys from the reserve balance within the fund, must remain within the limits of legislative appropriations and must be paid out of the fund upon warrants prepared by the office of management and budget drawn upon the state treasurer after the approval of vouchers by the office of the budget. Moneys from the reserve balance within the fund are appropriated to the commissioner on a continuing basis for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 13. Section 26.1-22-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

26.1-22-03.1. North Dakota insurance reserve fund - Producers - Commission.

The North Dakota insurance reserve fund may use the services of producers licensed under this title to assist policyholders. Any commission paid to a producer under this section must be paid out of the premium income of the fund and must be assessed against the policyholders that benefit from the producer.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-01. Government self-insurance pools - Regulation - Reinsurance.

1. Any two or more entities that have united to self-insure against their legal liability under chapter 32-12.1 or any state agency that unites with another state agency or political subdivision, or both, to self-insure against their legal liabilities are subject to the provisions of this chapter with the exception of a city and its park district established pursuant to chapter 40-49. Government self-insurance pools may only provide coverage of the following types for pool members, their officers, employees, and agents:
 - a. Casualty insurance, including general, public officials, and professional liability coverages.
 - b. Automobile insurance, including motor vehicle liability insurance coverage, security for motor vehicles owned or operated as required by chapter 26.1-41, and protection against other liability and laws associated with the ownership of motor vehicles and automobile physical damage coverages.
 - c. Property insurance, including inland marine coverage, money and securities coverage, and extra expense coverage. However, this subdivision does not authorize government self-insurance pools to write those types of insurance coverages offered by the state fire and tornado fund under the provisions of chapter 26.1-22 as they existed on December 31, 1988, unless a government self-insurance pool enters a contract with the commissioner to provide services for the state fire and tornado fund under section 26.1-22-03.
 - d. Other coverages authorized by the commissioner and necessary to a pool's membership.
2. A government self-insurance pool may not expose itself to loss on any single risk or hazard in an amount exceeding ten percent of the amount of its admitted assets unless the pool obtains excess insurance or reinsurance with insurance companies approved for such business by the insurance commissioner.

SECTION 15. REPEAL. Chapter 26.1-22.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 16. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 6 and 15 of this Act become effective on July 1, 2019, if the legislative council has received certification from the chief of the environmental health section of the state department of health that all authority, powers, and duties from the environmental health section of the state department of health have been transferred to the department of environmental quality.

If the certification is not received by July 1, 2019, sections 6 and 15 of this Act become effective on the date certification is received."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,549,567	(\$415,092)	\$8,134,475
Operating expenses	2,179,777	(613,102)	1,566,675
Insurance tax payments	15,064,086	(15,064,086)	
Total all funds	\$25,793,430	(\$16,092,280)	\$9,701,150
Less estimated income	25,793,430	(16,092,280)	9,701,150
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	46.00	(5.00)	41.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds FTE Positions ³	Transfers Fund Administration ⁴	Transfers the Boiler Inspection Program ⁵	Reduces Funding for Operating Expenses ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$165,007	\$401,116	\$382,502	(\$610,352)	(\$753,365)	
Operating expenses						(\$637,255)
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$165,007	\$401,116	\$382,502	(\$610,352)	(\$753,365)	(\$637,255)
Less estimated income	165,007	401,116	382,502	(610,352)	(753,365)	(637,255)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	2.00	(3.00)	(4.00)	0.00

	Adds Funding for Microsoft Office 365 Licensing ⁷	Adjusts Funding for Fire District Payments ⁸	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages			(\$415,092)
Operating expenses	\$24,153		(613,102)
Insurance tax payments		(\$15,064,086)	(15,064,086)
Total all funds	\$24,153	(\$15,064,086)	(\$16,092,280)
Less estimated income	24,153	(15,064,086)	(16,092,280)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(5.00)

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2019-21 biennium salary adjustments of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, and 3 percent on July 1, 2020, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,241 to \$1,427 per month:

Other Funds	
Salary increase	\$218,170
Health insurance increase	182,946
Total	\$401,116

³ The following FTE positions and related funding are added:

	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
Consumer assistance outreach coordinator	1.00	\$179,711
High risk pool and health care reform coordinator	<u>1.00</u>	<u>202,791</u>
Total	2.00	\$382,502

⁴ Funding is reduced by \$610,352 and 3 FTE positions are removed to transfer administration of the state bonding fund and the state fire and tornado fund to the North Dakota insurance reserve fund. This amendment also provides continuing appropriation authority from the state bonding fund and the state fire and tornado fund to pay contract expenses to the North Dakota insurance reserve fund.

⁵ Funding is reduced by \$753,365 and 4 FTE positions are removed to transfer the boiler inspection program to the Department of Environmental Quality.

⁶ Funding for operating expenses, including travel, professional services, and information technology expenses, is reduced by \$637,255. This amount includes operating reductions for the removal of the boiler inspection program and administration of the state bonding fund, state fire and tornado fund, and petroleum release compensation fund.

⁷ Funding of \$24,153 is added for Microsoft Office 365 licensing expenses.

⁸ Funding for payments to fire districts and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association is removed to reflect continuing appropriation authority provided in this amendment. The Insurance Commissioner estimates \$18,818,030 will be deposited in the insurance tax distribution fund pursuant to this amendment, of which \$17,783,038 (94.5 percent) will be distributed to fire districts and \$1,034,992 (5.5 percent) will be distributed to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association during the 2019-21 biennium, an increase of \$3,753,944 from the base level. This results in a general fund revenue reduction of \$3,753,944.

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Other Changes - Senate Action

This amendment also:

- Removes the section identifying the appropriation from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to fire districts and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.
- Adds sections to provide continuing appropriation authority from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to fire districts and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. These sections also provide for the Insurance Commissioner to calculate the amounts to be deposited in and distributed from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to fire districts and the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.
- Removes sections identifying the amounts appropriated from the state bonding fund, state fire and tornado fund, and the petroleum release compensation fund.
- Adds sections to allow the Insurance Commissioner to contract for the administration of the state bonding fund and the state fire and tornado fund.
- Adds sections to provide continuing appropriation authority from the state bonding fund and the state fire and tornado fund to the Insurance Commissioner to pay the contractual administration costs for the funds.
- Adds sections to transfer the boiler inspection program from the Insurance Commissioner to the Department of Environmental Quality.
- Adds a section to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 2 percent beginning July 1, 2019, and 3 percent beginning July 1, 2020.