

HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 commerce; to provide exemptions; and to provide for a transfer.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the department of commerce for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
8 department of commerce, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021,
9 as follows:

		Governor's		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
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12	Salaries and wages	\$12,995,788	\$13,218,920	\$12,995,788
13	Operating expenses	15,477,622	51,966,013	15,477,622
14	Capital assets	0	50,000,000	0
15	Grants	48,910,416	54,889,811	48,910,416
16	Discretionary funds	2,200,000	1,200,000	2,200,000
17	Grants - tribal colleges	0	500,000	0
18	Agricultural products utilization commission	3,152,915	682,454	3,152,915
19	Research North Dakota	0	20,000,000	0
20	North Dakota trade office	2,000,000	1,600,000	2,000,000
21	Partner programs	1,939,845	1,562,531	1,939,845
22	Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	<u>1,950,000</u>	<u>4,948,467</u>	<u>1,950,000</u>
23	Total all funds	\$88,626,586	\$200,568,196	\$88,626,586
24	Less estimated income	<u>58,283,906</u>	<u>64,447,648</u>	<u>58,283,906</u>

1	Total general fund	\$30,342,680	\$136,120,548	\$30,342,680
2	Full-time equivalent positions	66.40	60.80	66.40

3 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
4 items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium:

5	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
6	Flood impact grants/loans	\$5,201,752	\$0
7	Unmanned aircraft system	2,000,000	0
8	Base retention grants	600,000	0
9	Enhanced use lease grant	3,000,000	0
10	Workforce grants to tribally controlled community colleges	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
11	Total all funds	\$11,301,752	\$0
12	Less estimated income	<u>10,301,752</u>	<u>0</u>
13	Total general fund	\$1,000,000	\$0

14 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the agricultural products utilization
15 commission in section 1 of chapter 43 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section
16 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants
17 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

18 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the discretionary funds line item in
19 section 1 of chapter 43 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any
20 unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants during the biennium
21 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

22 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - INTERNSHIP FUND.** The office of management and budget
23 shall transfer \$950,000 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item in
24 section 1 of this Act to the internship fund for the purpose of administering the operation intern
25 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

26 **SECTION 6. TRADE OFFICE - MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.** The North Dakota
27 trade office line item and the general fund appropriation in section 1 of this Act include
28 \$2,000,000 of funding relating to the North Dakota trade office. The department of commerce
29 may spend sixty percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the trade
30 office. Any additional amounts may be spent only to the extent the North Dakota trade office
31 provides one dollar of matching funds from private or other public sources for each one dollar

1 provided by the department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.
2 Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to
3 export assistants, provide training to export assistants, or buy computer equipment as part of
4 the North Dakota trade office's export assistance program.

5 **SECTION 7. ENTREPRENEURSHIP GRANTS AND VOUCHER PROGRAM -**

6 **EXEMPTION.** Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$1,950,000, of which \$600,000 is from
7 the general fund and \$1,350,000 is from special funds, for an entrepreneurship grants and
8 voucher program to be developed and administered by the department of commerce, for the
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The department shall establish
10 guidelines to provide grants to entrepreneurial centers certified by the department. The
11 department also shall establish guidelines to award vouchers to entrepreneurs to procure
12 business development assistance from certified entrepreneurial centers or to provide grants to
13 entrepreneurs working with an entrepreneurial center. The amount appropriated for
14 entrepreneurship grants in section 1 of this Act is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any
15 unexpended funds from this line item are available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021,
16 and ending June 30, 2023.