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Sixty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1019**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

*In place of the amendments (25.0163.02007) adopted by the Senate, Engrossed House Bill No. 1019 is amended by amendment (25.0163.02008) as follows:*

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the parks and  
2 recreation department; to create and enact a new section to chapter 55-08 of the North Dakota  
3 Century Code, relating to the creation and naming of state parks; to provide for a transfer; and  
4 to provide an exemption.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and  
9 federal funds, to the parks and recreation department for the purpose of defraying the expenses  
10 of the parks and recreation department and for providing a grant to the International Peace  
11 Garden, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

12 Subdivision 1.

13 **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
14				
15				
16	<del>Administration</del>	<del>\$2,999,629</del>	<del>(\$219,225)</del>	<del>\$2,780,404</del>
17	<del>Parks operations and maintenance</del>	<del>24,128,685</del>	<del>18,277,665</del>	<del>42,406,350</del>
18	<del>Recreation</del>	<del>11,465,641</del>	<del>8,355,335</del>	<del>19,820,976</del>
19	<del>New and vacant FTE pool</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>507,065</del>	<del>507,065</del>

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1	Total all funds	\$38,593,955	\$26,920,840	\$65,514,795
2	Less other funds	24,893,684	26,401,790	51,295,474
3	Total general fund	\$13,700,271	\$519,050	\$14,219,321
4	Full-time equivalent positions	65.00	9.00	74.00
5	<del>Subdivision 2:</del>			
6	<del>INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN</del>			
7			<del>Adjustments or</del>	
8		<del>Base Level</del>	<del>Enhancements</del>	<del>Appropriation</del>
9	International Peace Garden	\$1,126,329	\$2,817,500	\$3,943,829
10	Total all funds	\$1,126,329	\$2,817,500	\$3,943,829
11	Less other funds	0	2,817,500	2,817,500
12	Total general fund	\$1,126,329	\$0	\$1,126,329
13	<del>Subdivision 3:</del>			
14	<del>SECTION 1 TOTAL</del>			
15			<del>Adjustments or</del>	
16		<del>Base Level</del>	<del>Enhancements</del>	<del>Appropriation</del>
17	Grand total all funds	\$39,720,284	\$29,738,340	\$69,458,624
18	Less grand total other funds	24,893,684	29,219,290	54,112,974
19	Grand total general fund	\$14,826,600	\$519,050	\$15,345,650
20	Administration	\$2,999,629	(\$219,225)	\$2,780,404
21	Parks operations and maintenance	24,128,685	19,088,428	43,217,113
22	Recreation	11,465,641	855,335	12,320,976
23	New and vacant FTE pool	0	679,393	679,393
24	Total all funds	\$38,593,955	\$20,403,931	\$58,997,886
25	Less other funds	24,893,684	19,701,790	44,595,474
26	Total general fund	\$13,700,271	\$702,141	\$14,402,412
27	Full-time equivalent positions	65.00	11.00	76.00
28	<u>Subdivision 2:</u>			
29	<u>INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN</u>			
30			<u>Adjustments or</u>	
31		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>

1	<u>International Peace Garden</u>	<u>\$1,126,329</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,626,329</u>
2	<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$1,126,329</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,626,329</u>
3	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
4	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$1,126,329</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,126,329</u>

Subdivision 3.

SECTION 1 TOTAL

7		<u>Adjustments or</u>		
8		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
9	<u>Grand total all funds</u>	<u>\$39,720,284</u>	<u>\$21,903,931</u>	<u>\$61,624,215</u>
10	<u>Less grand total other funds</u>	<u>24,893,684</u>	<u>21,201,790</u>	<u>46,095,474</u>
11	<u>Grand total general fund</u>	<u>\$14,826,600</u>	<u>\$702,141</u>	<u>\$15,528,741</u>

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO**

**SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

17	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
18	Equipment	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
19	Deferred maintenance	0	12,500,000	12,500,000
20	State parks comfort stations	0	924,000	924,000
21	State parks technology enhancements	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
22	<u>Lake Metigoshe state park sewer project</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>
23	State parks matching grants	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
24	<del>Park grants</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>7,500,000</del>	<del>7,500,000</del>
25	<del>International Peace Garden music camp project</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,500,000</del>	<del>1,500,000</del>
26	<del>International Peace Garden sewer project</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,000,000</del>	<del>1,000,000</del>
27	<del>International Peace Garden conservatory project</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>317,500</del>	<del>317,500</del>
28	<del>Total</del>	<del>\$250,000</del>	<del>\$28,991,500</del>	<del>\$29,241,500</del>
29	<u>International Peace Garden music camp project</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
30	<u>International Peace Garden sewer project study</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
31	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$20,974,000</u>	<u>\$21,224,000</u>

1       **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The  
2 parks and recreation department may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE  
3 pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to  
4 transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to other line items with salaries and  
5 wages in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill  
6 No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

7       **SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING.** In addition to the  
8 amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any additional federal or special funds that  
9 become available are appropriated to the parks and recreation department, for the biennium  
10 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department shall report any additional  
11 income under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

12       **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT TO PARKS AND**  
13 **RECREATION DEPARTMENT - GAME AND FISH OPERATING FUND - BOAT RAMP**  
14 **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.** The sum of \$122,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
15 necessary, included in the park operations and maintenance line item in subdivision 1 of  
16 section 1 of this Act, is from the game and fish operating fund, or federal or other funds  
17 available to the game and fish department, which must be transferred to the parks and  
18 recreation department for maintenance, operating, and extraordinary repairs expenses relating  
19 to boat ramps at state parks, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,  
20 2027.

21       **SECTION 6. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS**  
22 **FUND - DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - PARK GRANTS.** The other funds line item in section 1  
23 of this Act includes ~~\$27,491,500~~\$19,474,000 from the strategic investment and improvements  
24 fund, of which:

25       1. \$12,500,000 is for deferred maintenance at state parks, \$924,000 is for comfort  
26 stations at state parks, \$2,500,000 is for state parks technology enhancements,  
27 \$800,000 is for a Lake Metigoshe state park sewer infrastructure project. \$1,250,000  
28 is for state parks matching funds, ~~\$7,500,000 is for park grants, \$1,500,000~~\$1,400,000  
29 is for an international music camp complex revitalization project at the International  
30 Peace Garden, ~~\$1,000,000~~and \$100,000 is for a sewer system upgrade ~~project~~study

1 at the International Peace Garden, ~~and \$317,500 is for a cactus conservatory project~~  
2 ~~at the International Peace Garden.~~

3 2. The parks and recreation department may use funding appropriated for deferred  
4 maintenance at state parks for the purchase of buildings to replace currently owned  
5 buildings that are beyond feasible repair. ~~The parks and recreation department may~~  
6 ~~award park grants for the construction renovation, or upgrade of outdoor recreational~~  
7 ~~facilities for outdoor activities to be used by children and young adults.~~

8 3. The parks and recreation department shall use the \$800,000 identified in this section  
9 for the Lake Metigoshe state park sewer infrastructure project to provide a grant to a  
10 local sewer district to replace or repair the sewer infrastructure system servicing Lake  
11 Metigoshe state park and surrounding areas. Grant funding awarded under this  
12 section may not exceed twenty percent of the total project cost to replace or repair the  
13 sewer infrastructure system.

14 **SECTION 7. INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN.** The International Peace Garden line  
15 item in section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$3,943,829~~\$1,500,000 for projects at the International  
16 Peace Garden, which the parks and recreation department may ~~provided~~provide only to the  
17 extent the funds are matched by the province of Manitoba at a value equal to the United States  
18 dollar exchange rate on July 1, 2025.

19 **SECTION 8.** A new section to chapter 55-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
20 and enacted as follows:

21 **Creation and naming of state parks.**

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state agency or official may not create a new  
23 state park or rename an existing state park without prior approval from the legislative assembly.

24 **SECTION 9. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The following  
25 appropriations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into  
26 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027:

- 27 1. The sum of \$634,126 appropriated from the parks and recreation fund for  
28 extraordinary repairs in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 44 of the 2019 Session  
29 Laws, continued into the 2021-23 biennium in section 13 of chapter 19 of the 2021  
30 Session Laws, and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of chapter 51 of  
31 the 2023 Session Laws.

- 1        2.    The sum of \$200,000 appropriated from the general fund for trail lease renewals and  
2            construction or purchasing trail easements in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 19  
3            of the 2021 Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of  
4            chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 5        3.    The sum of \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the Fort Abraham Lincoln  
6            viewshed lease in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 19 of the 2021 Session Laws  
7            and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of chapter 51 of the 2023  
8            Session Laws for plantings to improve the viewshed.
- 9        4.    The sum of \$10,000,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for  
10           deferred maintenance and capital projects in subsection 9 of section 1 of chapter 550  
11           of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in  
12           section 9 of chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 13       5.    The sum of \$5,000,000 appropriated from the state fiscal recovery fund for the grants  
14           to local park districts to renovate and upgrade existing facilities in subsection 5 of  
15           section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into  
16           the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 17       6.    The sum of \$1,632,800 appropriated from the state fiscal recovery fund and local  
18           matching funds for capital project improvements at state parks, subject to the parks  
19           and recreation department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each  
20           project on a dollar-for-dollar basis in section 7 of chapter 19 of the 2021 Session Laws  
21           as amended in section 4 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws  
22           and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of chapter 51 of the 2023  
23           Session Laws.
- 24       7.    The sum of \$7,900,000 appropriated from the state fiscal recovery fund for the  
25           deferred maintenance and capital projects in section 6 of chapter 19 of the 2021  
26           Session Laws as amended by section 3 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Special Session  
27           Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 9 of chapter 51 of  
28           the 2023 Session Laws.
- 29       8.    The sum of \$800,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
30           fund for a pavilion construction project at the International Peace Garden in  
31           subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.

- 1       9.    The sum of \$10,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and  
2           improvements fund for deferred maintenance and capital projects in subdivision 1 of  
3           section 1 of chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 4       10.   The sum of \$2,400,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
5           fund for a cabin construction project in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 51 of the  
6           2023 Session Laws.
- 7       11.    The sum of \$250,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
8           fund for a Lake Metigoshe reimagined project in subdivision 1 of section 1 of  
9           chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 10      12.    The sum of \$6,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
11           fund for city, county, and tribal park system grants in subdivision 1 of section 1 of  
12           chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 13      13.    The sum of \$70,000,000 appropriated from special funds derived from a Bank of North  
14           Dakota line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library project in  
15           subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws, which may be used  
16           only for providing reimbursement of construction costs associated with building the  
17           Theodore Roosevelt presidential library, including fixtures, furnishings, exhibit  
18           structures, supplies, and materials.
- 19      14.    The sum of \$6,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
20           fund for a Pembina Gorge campground project in subdivision 1 of section 1 of  
21           chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 22      15.    The sum of \$3,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements  
23           fund and ~~local~~ matching funds for state park matching grants subject to the parks and  
24           recreation department obtaining matching funds from nonstate sources for each  
25           project on a dollar-for-dollar basis in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 51 of the  
26           2023 Session Laws.
- 27      16.    The sum of \$2,000,000 appropriated from grant funds from the state water  
28           commission for sovereign land grants in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 51 of the  
29           2023 Session Laws. The department may use up to \$450,000 of this funding for  
30           deferred maintenance projects at state parks and for the purchase of equipment. All  
31           other remaining funding under this subsection must be used for sovereign land grants.