

Department of Water Resources - Budget No. 770  
Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1020

Legislative Council

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	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	93.00				93.00				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes			\$699,660,783	\$699,660,783			\$699,660,783	\$699,660,783				\$0
Salary increase			\$416,661	\$416,661			\$416,661	\$416,661				\$0
Health insurance increase			962,884	962,884			945,848	945,848			(\$17,036)	(17,036)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool			612,539	612,539			600,529	600,529			(12,010)	(12,010)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool			703,398	703,398			703,398	703,398				0
Transfers funding for 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool			912,231	912,231			912,231	912,231				0
			(633,423)	(633,423)			(587,986)	(587,986)			45,437	45,437
Adds accountant position	1.00		289,442	289,442	1.00		289,442	289,442				0
Adds deputy director position	1.00		452,162	452,162	1.00		452,162	452,162				0
Adds northwest area water supply (NAWS) operator position	1.00		349,154	349,154	1.00		349,154	349,154				0
Adds assistant national flood insurance program coordinator position	1.00		312,624	312,624	0.00		0	0	(1.00)		(312,624)	(312,624)
Adds RiskMAP program specialist position	1.00		350,706	350,706	0.00		0	0	(1.00)		(350,706)	(350,706)
Converts temporary "Silver Jacket" flood risk position to an FTE position	1.00			0	1.00			0				0
Adds funding for State Water Commissioner salaries and operating expenses			138,960	138,960			138,960	138,960				0
Adds funding for overtime and temporary salaries			60,000	60,000			60,000	60,000				0
Adds funding for NAVS on-call pay			106,954	106,954			106,954	106,954				0
Adds funding for Board of Water Well Contractors administrative services			66,023	66,023			51,123	51,123			(14,900)	(14,900)
Adds funding for internship program			100,000	100,000			100,000	100,000				0
Increases funding from Federal funds for travel and professional services			2,051,788	2,051,788			0	0			(2,051,788)	(2,051,788)
Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including professional fees and services			(1,264,821)	(1,264,821)			(1,264,821)	(1,264,821)				0
Decreases funding for capital assets			(330,000)	(330,000)			(980,000)	(980,000)			(650,000)	(650,000)
Adds funding for discretionary funding			10,000,000	10,000,000			8,000,000	8,000,000			(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Adjusts funding for the Southwest Pipeline Project			51,681,936	51,681,936			20,968,600	20,968,600			(30,713,336)	(30,713,336)
Adjusts funding for the Northwest Area Water Supply project			40,817,004	40,817,004			40,817,004	40,817,004				0
Adjusts funding among water projects and grants line items			113,100,000	113,100,000			(115,650,000)	(115,650,000)			(228,750,000)	(228,750,000)
Identifies line of credit funding as one-time funding			(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)			(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)			50,000,000	50,000,000
Reduces funding for Devils Lake outlet utilities				0			(600,000)	(600,000)			(600,000)	(600,000)
Total ongoing funding changes	6.00	\$0	\$21,256,222	\$21,256,222	4.00	\$0	(\$194,170,741)	(\$194,170,741)	(2.00)	\$0	(\$215,426,963)	(\$215,426,963)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds new FTE one-time funding			\$42,500	\$42,500			\$29,500	\$29,500			(\$13,000)	(\$13,000)
Adds funding for emergency pumps replacement			480,000	480,000			480,000	480,000				0



Adds funding for an excavator replacement			400,000	400,000		400,000				0
Adds funding for a data logger replacement			60,000	60,000		60,000				0
Adds funding for a Missouri River intake sites field investigation			600,000	600,000		0				(600,000)
Adds funding from a Bank of North Dakota line of credit			200,000,000	200,000,000		150,000,000	150,000,000			(50,000,000)
Adds Board of Water Well Contractors one-time funding				0		30,000	30,000			30,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$201,582,500	\$201,582,500	0.00	\$150,999,500	\$150,999,500	0.00	\$0	(\$50,583,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	6.00	\$0	\$222,838,722	\$222,838,722	4.00	(\$43,171,241)	(\$43,171,241)	(2.00)	\$0	(\$266,009,963)
2025-27 Total Funding	99.00	\$0	\$922,499,505	\$922,499,505	97.00	\$656,489,542	\$656,489,542	(2.00)	\$0	(\$266,009,963)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$55,935,119			\$53,301,208				(\$2,633,911)

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level 6.5% N/A 3.0% 3.0% 4.3% N/A (27.8%) (27.8%) N/A N/A N/A

Total changes - Percentage of base level 6.5% N/A 31.8% 31.8% 4.3% N/A (6.2%) (6.2%) N/A N/A N/A

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New and vacant FTE pool	Section 3 provides language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	Section 3 provides language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	No change
Additional income - Appropriation	Section 4 appropriates any additional funds available in the resources trust fund to the Department of Water Resources for the 2025-27 biennium for municipal water supply and rural water supply grants.	Section 4 appropriates any additional funds available in the resources trust fund, excluding excess oil extraction tax revenue, to the Department of Water Resources for the 2025-27 biennium for municipal water supply and rural water supply grants.	The Senate provided appropriation authority for excess federal funds and excluded excess oil extraction tax revenues deposited in the resources trust fund from the appropriation of additional income.
Deficiency appropriation - SILF	Section 5 provides a \$10 million deficiency appropriation from the strategic investment and improvements fund to repay a Bank of North Dakota line of credit associated with the water infrastructure revolving loan fund.	The Senate removed this section.	The Senate removed this section providing funding from SILF for the water infrastructure revolving loan fund line of credit.
Sovereign lands	Sections 6 and 7 provide \$2.5 million to the Parks and Recreation Department to develop recreation opportunities on sovereign lands.	The Senate removed these sections.	The Senate removed these sections providing \$2.5 million to develop recreation opportunities on sovereign land.
Water projects stabilization fund - Other funds	Section 8 identifies \$42.5 million of the amount appropriated in Section 1 is from the water projects stabilization fund.	Section 5 identifies \$42.5 million of the amount appropriated in Section 1 is from the water projects stabilization fund.	No change
Discretionary funding	Section 9 provides that the discretionary funding line item in Section 1 and any discretionary funding carried over pursuant to Section 23 may be used as necessary, except for salaries and wages.	Section 6 provides that the discretionary funding line item in Section 1 and any discretionary funding carried over pursuant to Section 23 may be used as necessary, except for salaries and wages.	The Senate adjusted the section cross-reference - No substantive change.
Bond issuance - Southwest Pipeline Project	Section 10 provides for the issuance of up to \$100 million of revenue bonds for the Southwest Pipeline Project.	The Senate removed this section.	The Senate removed this section providing bonding authority for the Southwest Pipeline Project.
Water projects stabilization fund - Transfers		Section 7 transfers oil tax revenue deposited in the resources trust fund in excess of the March 2025 legislative forecast to the water projects stabilization fund.	The Senate provided for the transfer of excess oil extraction tax revenues from the resources trust fund to the water projects stabilization fund.
Transfer - Water infrastructure revolving loan fund	Section 11 provides for a transfer of \$45 million from the resources trust fund to the water infrastructure revolving loan fund.	Section 8 provides for a transfer of \$35 million from the resources trust fund to the water infrastructure revolving loan fund.	The Senate reduced the transfer from the resources trust fund to the water infrastructure revolving loan fund from \$45 million to \$35 million.
Line of credit - Water infrastructure revolving loan fund	Section 12 provides for a \$100 million Bank of North Dakota line of credit, the proceeds of which are to be transferred to the water infrastructure revolving loan fund as necessary to provide local cost share for projects approved by the State Water Commission.	Section 9 provides for a \$100 million Bank of North Dakota line of credit, the proceeds of which are to be transferred to the water infrastructure revolving loan fund as necessary to provide local cost share for projects approved by the State Water Commission.	The Senate made adjustments to the language regarding a Bank of



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Water Topics Overview Committee - Powers and duties		Section 10 amends the powers and duties of the Water Topics Overview Committee to provide for committee review of water project proposals with a state cost share of \$10 million or more.	The Senate amended the powers and duties of the Water Topics Overview Committee to provide for committee review of water project proposals with a state cost share of \$10 million or more.
Bank of North Dakota line of credit	Section 13 amends Section 61-02-79 to provide a line of credit of up to \$200 million for water projects.	Section 11 amends Section 61-02-79 to provide a line of credit of up to \$150 million for water projects, including \$50 million for the Southwest Pipeline Project.	The Senate reduced the line of credit authority from \$200 million to \$150 million and designated \$50 million for the Southwest Pipeline Project.
Northwest Area Water Supply - Biota water treatment plant operating fund - Continuing appropriation	Section 14 provides continuing appropriation authority for federal funds received for the operations of the NAWWS Biota water treatment plant.	Section 12 provides continuing appropriation authority for federal funds received for the operations of the NAWWS Biota water treatment plant.	No change
Legislative intent - Red River valley water supply project	Section 15 provides legislative intent for \$260 million for the Red River valley water supply project for the 2025-27 biennium.	Section 13 provides legislative intent for \$150 million for the Red River valley water supply project for the 2025-27 biennium.	The Senate reduced RRVWSP intent from \$260 million to \$150 million.
Legislative intent - Mouse River flood control project	Section 16 provides legislative intent for \$125 million for the Mouse River flood control project for the 2025-27 biennium.	Section 14 provides legislative intent for \$65 million for the Mouse River flood control project for the 2025-27 biennium.	The Senate reduce Mouse River flood control intent from \$125 million to \$65 million.
Legislative intent - South Bismarck storm water and flood control project	Section 17 provides legislative intent for \$20 million for a south Bismarck storm water and flood control project for the 2025-27 biennium.	The Senate removed this section.	The Senate removed this section providing legislative intent for \$20 million for a Bismarck storm water and flood control project.
Legislative intent - Grants and water projects	Section 18 provides additional detail regarding allocations within line items for water projects.	Section 15 provides additional detail regarding allocations within line items for water projects.	The Senate adjusted the allocations for various water projects.
Legislative intent - Southwest Pipeline Project line of credit		Section 16 provides legislative intent that the \$50 million line of credit for the Southwest Pipeline Project be repaid with resources trust fund revenue from capital repayments from the Southwest Pipeline Project.	The Senate provided legislative intent that the \$50 million line of credit for the Southwest Pipeline Project be repaid with resources trust fund revenue from capital repayments from the Southwest Pipeline Project.
Legislative intent - Missouri River system	Section 19 provides legislative intent for the Department of Water Resources to support efforts to protect and develop beneficial use of Missouri River system water.	Section 17 provides legislative intent for the Department of Water Resources to support efforts to protect and develop beneficial use of Missouri River system water.	No change
Legislative Management study of designated appropriations		Section 18 provides for a study of legislatively designated funding for water projects, including multi-phase projects.	The Senate provided for a study of legislatively designated funding for water projects, including multi-phase projects.
Missouri River intake sites study		Section 19 provides for the Department of Water Resources to study or conduct a field investigation regarding Missouri River intake sites.	The Senate provided for the Department of Water Resources to study or conduct a field investigation regarding Missouri River intake sites utilizing funding from the discretionary funding line item. The House appropriated \$600,000 from the resources trust fund for this study.
State Water Commission study - Regional water systems governance and finance	Section 20 provides for a State Water Commission study of regional water systems governance and finance.	Section 20 provides for a State Water Commission study of regional water systems governance and finance.	The Senate amended this section to require a report regarding the regional water systems governance and finance be provided to the Legislative Management by March 31, 2026.
State Water Commission study - Cost-share policy	Section 21 provides for a State Water Commission study of its cost-share policy.	Section 21 provides for a State Water Commission study of its cost-share policy and financial planning.	The Senate amended this section to include water project financial planning and to require a report regarding the cost-share policy and financial planning study be provided to the Legislative Management by March 31, 2026.
Line item transfers	Section 22 provides authority for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to transfer up to \$10 million between line items, excluding the salaries and wages line item and the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	Section 22 provides authority for the Director of the Department of Water Resources to transfer up to \$5 million between the operating expenses and capital assets line items.	The Senate reduced DWR line item transfer authority from \$10 million to \$5 million and limited the transfers to between the operating expenses and capital assets line items.

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Exemption - Water-related projects	Section 23 provides that any unexpended obligated and unobligated 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for grants or water-related projects, estimated to be \$522.5 million, may be continued and expended during the 2025-27 biennium.	Section 23 provides that any unexpended obligated and unobligated 2023-25 biennium appropriation authority for grants or water-related projects, estimated to be \$600 million, may be continued and expended during the 2025-27 biennium.	The Senate increased the estimated carryover from \$522.5 million to \$600 million.
Emergency	Section 24 declares the bill to be an emergency measure.	Section 24 declares the bill and House Bill No. 1040, relating to a drought disaster livestock water assistance program, to be an emergency measure.	The Senate expanded the emergency declaration to include House Bill No. 1040, relating to a drought disaster livestock water assistance program.