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SB 2018 4/28/25

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SB 2018: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

THE SENATE IS UNABLE AND UNWILLING TO SUPPORT ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL SPENDING OR LINE OF CREDIT THE HOUSE HAD ADDED TO THE COMMERCE BUDGET. HERE ARE THE REASONS.

1. The state budget for both general fund and SIIF needs the extra funding in order to balance.
2. The Senate does not support the gas tax increase or the bonding/borrowing in the DOT budget, which opens the door for more spending. Those amounts are \$225 million combined, and must instead come from reduced spending in the remaining budgets.
3. The line of credit of \$75 million extends new lines of credit authorized by the 2025 legislative assembly by the Bank of ND to almost \$527 million, in addition to existing lines of credit. The Bank tells us that many of the lines of credit that are authorized will likely be allocated and need to be repaid in 2027. The Bank anticipates \$356 million of lines of credit will need to be repaid in the 2027 Legislative Session.
4. Several of the proposals included in the House version of SB 2018 have not had any policy review, and have not had any discussion at any level in the Senate.
5. We simply cannot increase SIIF funding by \$83 million, and cannot consider a line of credit or Bank of ND profits for an issue that has had not previous consideration.
6. SB 2018 is likely to be challenged under the Single Subject Rule, bringing us back to consider SB 2018 once again.

Any negotiations for the Commerce budget cannot be from the level approved by the Senate in the first half, but from the level of zero for each program and allocation of funding. The Senate is willing to further reduce spending in the Commerce budget, from what it approved in the first half, including such items as Grand Farm, UAS, Development Fund, LIFT Fund, and other programs.

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4.25.2025 - Updated				
Department of Commerce				
Major Program Adjustments to Base Budget	Armstrong	Senate	House	Difference from Senate
Tourism marketing awareness	\$5,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$5,000,000	(\$2,000,000)
Find the good life	5,000,000	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Tourism destination development grants	15,000,000	20,000,000	25,000,000	5,000,000
Operation intern	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
Global Talent Office (Office of Legal Immigration)	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Community property improvement grants	5,000,000	-	-	-
UAS grants (Test Site)	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Beyond visual light of sight UAS (Vantis)	20,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000	10,000,000
Uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement	15,000,000	-	16,000,000	16,000,000
Enhanced use lease grant (Grand Sky)	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Autonomous agriculture grants (Grand Farm)	10,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000
Base enhancement grants	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Tribally controlled community colleges	-	750,000	750,000	-
Native American small business grant (Senate from discretionary in base)	-	600,000	600,000	-
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers (General fund only)	1,259,044	759,044	759,044	-
Historic theater restoration grant (Fargo) (HB 1018 in Senate)	-	250,000	1,100,000	850,000
Historic opera house restoration grant (Ellendale) (HB 1018 in Senate)	-	250,000	250,000	-
Historic theater improvement grant (Marmarth) (HB 1018 in Senate)	-	250,000	250,000	-
Medora transportation improvement grant	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
Community hall grant (Driscoll)	-	-	175,000	175,000
Regional workforce impact program (RWIP) grants	10,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Technical skills training grants	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	-
Children's education science center grants (contingent funding)	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000
Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library (Transfer section - SIIF)	-	-	25,000,000	25,000,000
Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library (Transfer section - BND profits)	-	-	25,000,000	25,000,000
LIFT (transfer section)	10,000,000	5,000,000	10,000,000	5,000,000
North Dakota Development Fund (Transfer section)	50,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	-
North Dakota Development Fund (BND line of credit section)	-	-	75,000,000	75,000,000
Autonomous technology grants (Appropriation to Attorney General)	-	-	250,000	250,000
Autonomous technology grants (Appropriation to CTE)	-	-	250,000	250,000
Senate Bill No. 2018 Total	\$158,259,044	\$95,859,044	\$278,384,044	\$182,525,000
General Fund	8,259,044	7,109,044	6,509,044	(600,000)
SIIF	150,000,000	88,750,000	171,875,000	83,125,000
Major Other Appropriation Bills				
State radar data pathfinder (HB 1038) (signed by Governor)	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$0
Tribal tourism grants (HB 1581) (signed by Governor)	-	100,000	100,000	-
Housing assistance grant programs (SB 2225) (conference committee)	50,000,000	50,000,000	30,000,000	(20,000,000)
Rural grocery store sustainability grants (SB 2228) (signed by Governor)	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Rural catalyst grants (SB 2390) (conference committee)	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Major Other Appropriation Bills Total	\$61,000,000	\$67,100,000	\$47,100,000	(\$20,000,000)
General Fund	-	1,100,000	1,100,000	-
SIIF	76,000,000	66,000,000	46,000,000	(20,000,000)
Total All Selected Bills	\$219,259,044	\$162,959,044	\$325,484,044	\$162,525,000
General Fund	8,259,044	8,209,044	7,609,044	(600,000)
SIIF	226,000,000	154,750,000	217,875,000	63,125,000
Change in FTE Positions	2.00	(1.00)	3.00	4.00