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April 30, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2018

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

In place of amendment (25.0185.02014) proposed in the journal by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2018 is amended by amendment (25.0185.02018) as follows:

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
- 2 commerce; to provide an appropriation to the attorney general; to provide an appropriation to
- 3 the department of career and technical education; to provide an appropriation to the state fair
- 4 <u>association</u>; to provide a contingent appropriation; to create and enact a new section to chapter
- 5 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to department of commerce grant reporting
- 6 requirements; to amend and reenact section 1 of section 10-30.5-02, sections
- 7 54-60-09, 54-60-19, 54-60-28, 54-60-29, 54-60-29.1, and 54-60-31 of the North Dakota Century
- 8 Code, relating to the purpose of the North Dakota development fund, duties and talent strategy
- 9 of the division of workforce development, the uncrewed aircraft systems program, the uncrewed
- 10 aircraft systems program fund, the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system
- 11 program, and changing the name of the office of legal immigration to the office of global talent
- 12 office; to authorize a Bank of North Dakota line of credit; to provide for a transfer; to provide an
- 13 application; to provide an exemption; and to provide for a legislative management report.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 15 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
- as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
- 17 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
- 18 federal funds, to the department of commerce for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the

1 department of commerce, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027,

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4		Base Level	Enhancements	<u>Appropriation</u>
5	Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$1,723,056	\$17,508,362
6	Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$1,912,342	\$17,697,648
7	New and vacant FTE pool	0	582,600	582,600
8	Operating expenses	19,462,643	9,210,023	28,672,666
9	Grants	47,636,118	40,746,197	88,382,315
10	Operating expenses	19,462,643	7,220,023	26,682,666
11	Grants	47,636,118	53,921,197	101,557,315
12	Discretionary funds	2,150,000	0	2,150,000
13	Workforce programs	0	8,000,000	8,000,000
14	Workforce programs	0	7,000,000	7,000,000
15	Partner programs	907,920	0	907,920
16	Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	759,044	<u>1,707,511</u>
17	Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$61,020,920	\$147,911,374
18	Less other funds	53,344,371	<u>52,870,336</u>	106,214,707
19	Total general fund	\$33,546,083	\$8,150,584	\$41,696,667
20	Full-time equivalent positions	62.80	(1.00)	61.80
21	Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$71,395,206	\$158,285,660
22	Less other funds	53,344,371	62,645,336	115,989,707
23	Total general fund	\$33,546,083	\$8,749,870	\$42,295,953
24	Full-time equivalent positions	62.80	3.00	65.80
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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:

30	One-Time Funding Description	General Fund	Other Funds	<u>Total</u>
31	Temporary salaries	\$50,000	\$103,590	\$153,590

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 Total
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 \$69,837,634

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

SECTION 4. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

SCIENCE CENTER GRANTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of providing grants of up to \$1,000,000 to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding appropriated in this section is available only if the state treasurer certifies to the office of management and budget that oil and gas tax revenue allocations to the strategic investment and improvements fund under section 57-51.1-07.5 have exceeded \$402,000,000 during the 2025-27 biennium.

The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS
FUND - ATTORNEY GENERAL - AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY GRANTS - MATCHING
FUNDS REQUIREMENT - ONE-TIME FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purpose of providing autonomous technology grants to individuals or entities that aid the bureau of criminal investigation in conducting missing person searches, crime scene reconstruction, and law enforcement first response operations, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

- For purposes of this section, autonomous technology includes uncrewed aircraft systems; autonomous vehicles; or other autonomous systems, processes, or technologies.
- 3. The attorney general shall develop an application process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, matching requirements, eligible uses of grant funding, and maximum grant awards. To be eligible for a grant, an individual or entity shall certify to the attorney general that the operation of the autonomous technology is related to conducting missing person searches, crime scene reconstruction, and law enforcement first response operations. The attorney general may require an individual or entity to provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. An individual or entity may use grant funding for autonomous technology operations, contracting for services related to autonomous technology, or other eligible uses as determined by the attorney general.
- 4. During the 2025-26 interim, the attorney general shall provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND - DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY GRANTS - MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT - ONE-TIME FUNDING - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT.

- 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of career and technical education for the purpose of providing autonomous technology grants to a workforce training center serving the northwest area of the state for providing workforce training to address workforce shortages in the state, including shortages in the oil and gas industry, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.
- For purposes of this section, autonomous technology includes uncrewed aircraft systems; autonomous vehicles; or other autonomous systems, processes, or technologies.

- 3. The department of career and technical education shall develop an application process and guidelines for the grants, including eligibility criteria, matching requirements, eligible uses of grant funding, and maximum grant awards. To be eligible for a grant, a workforce training center shall certify to the department of career and technical education that the operation of the autonomous technology is related to workforce training to address workforce shortages in the state, including shortages in the oil and gas industry. The department of career and technical education may require a workforce training center to provide one dollar of matching funds for every four dollars awarded by the state. A workforce training center may use grant funding for education or training curriculum expenses related to autonomous technology, autonomous technology operations, contracting for services related to autonomous technology, or other eligible uses as determined by the department of career and technical education.
- 4. During the 2025-26 interim, the department of career and technical education shall provide at least one report to the legislative management regarding the grants, including a list of grant recipients, the amounts awarded, and a description of the use of the grant funding.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION - SANITATION

RESTORATION PROJECT - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state fair association for the purpose of a sanitation restoration project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The appropriation in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - INTERNSHIP FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$3,000,000 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item in section 1 of this Act to the internship fund for the purpose of administering the operation intern program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO LEGACY INVESTMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of \$5,000,000\$10,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the legacy investment for technology fund for the purpose of providing

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1 legacy investment technology loans, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending 2 June 30, 2027. SECTION 10. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO 3 4 NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND - EXEMPTION. The office of management and 5 budget shall transfer the sum of \$30,000,000\$25,000,000 from the strategic investment and 6 improvements fund to the North Dakota development fund for programs under chapter 10-30.5, 7 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Notwithstanding section 8 10-30.5-02, the North Dakota development fund may use up to \$10,000,000 of the funds 9 provided in this section for nonprimary sector business activities. 10 SECTION 11. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA LINE OF CREDIT - TRANSFER TO NORTH 11 **DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND.** The department of commerce may borrow up to 12 \$25,000,000 through a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota during the biennium 13 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, the proceeds of which must be transferred 14 to the North Dakota development fund for programs under chapter 10-30.5. The interest rate 15 associated with the line of credit may not exceed the prevailing interest rate charged to North 16 Dakota governmental entities. The department of commerce shall repay the line of credit from 17 moneys available in the North Dakota development fund. If the moneys available in the North 18 Dakota development fund are not sufficient to repay the line of credit, the department of 19 commerce shall request a deficiency appropriation from the seventieth legislative assembly to 20 repay the line of credit. 21 SECTION 12. RURAL HEALTH CARE GRANT PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS 22 REQUIREMENT. The grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$444,000 from the 23 general fund for providing matching funds to an organization assisting in the recruitment, 24 distribution, and supply, and enhancing the quality and efficiency of personnel providing health 25 services in rural areas of the state. The department of commerce may spend the funds 26 appropriated in this section only to the extent the organization has secured matching funds from 27 nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. 28 SECTION 13. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

FUND - MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT - APPLICATION. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$53,000,000\$62,775,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, of which:

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1	1.	\$7,000,000\$5,000,000 is for tourism marketing awareness, including
2		\$150,000\\$250,000 for supporting the continuation of the North Dakota state magazine
3		with the current publisher of the magazine;
4	2.	\$20,000,000\\$15,000,000 is for tourism destination development grants;
5	3	\$9,000,000 is for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program;
6	4.	\$10,000,000\$15,000,000 is for the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft
7		system program;
8	<u>4.5.</u>	\$5,000,0002.500,000 is for the enhanced use lease grant program;
9	5 . <u>6.</u>	\$5,000,000\$7,500,000 is for autonomous agriculture grants, which may be provided
10		for autonomous trucking grants;
11	6. 7.	\$1,000,000 is for providing base enhancement grants to communities with an air force
12		base or air national guard facilities, including \$600,000 to eligible organizations in
13		Minot, \$250,000 to eligible organizations in Grand Forks, and \$150,000 to eligible
14		organizations in Fargo; -and
15	7. 8.	\$600,000 is for a Native American small business grant;
16	9.	\$500,000 is for a historic theater restoration grant, which the department of commerce
17		may spend only to the extent an organization has secured one dollar of matching
18		funds from nonstate sources for every one dollar provided by the department of
19		commerce;
20	10.	\$250,000 is for a historic opera house restoration grant;
21	11.	\$250,000 is for a historic theater improvement grant;
22	12.	\$1,000,000 is for a Medora transportation improvement grant;
23	13.	\$175,000 is for a community hall grant; and
24	14.	_\$5,000,000 is for regional workforce impact program grants.
25	The req	uirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient, the grant
26	award, o	or payments made under this section.
27	SEC	CTION 14. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS
28	FUND -	UNCREWED AERIAL VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - LEGISLATIVE
29	MANAG	SEMENT REPORT. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of
30	\$9,000,	000 which the department of commerce shall use for the purpose of administering an

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- The department of commerce shall collaborate with the uncrewed aircraft systems test site established in section 54-60-28 and state agencies, including institutions under the control of the state board of higher education, to replace uncrewed aerial vehicles owned by the state which do not comply with requirements of the federal National Defense Authorization Act and the American Security Drone Act of 2023. The information technology department, in consultation with the department of commerce and the uncrewed aircraft systems test site, may implement an enterprise uncrewed aerial vehicle data management solution. An enterprise uncrewed aerial vehicle data management solution implemented under this section must ensure all data collected, transmitted, stored, and consumed by an uncrewed aerial vehicle remain under the control of the state. As used in this section "enterprise uncrewed aerial vehicle data management solution" means a system for secure, end-to-end data collection, transportation, storage, processing, and consumption through enterprise software. A state agency owning an uncrewed aerial vehicle before January 1, 2025, is eligible to receive a new uncrewed aerial vehicle that is in compliance with federal requirements and is of equivalent capability to the agency's existing uncrewed aerial vehicle. The department of commerce shall purchase each uncrewed aerial vehicle based on the needs of the agency and a recommendation from the uncrewed aircraft systems test site and provide the uncrewed aerial vehicle to the agency. The department of commerce shall use a portion of the funding provided in this section to pay for training needed for agency staff to operate the new uncrewed aerial vehicle. The department of commerce and uncrewed aircraft systems test site shall give priority to state agencies willing to share uncrewed aerial vehicles rather than purchasing multiple uncrewed aerial vehicles.
- 2. Any uncrewed aerial vehicle replaced under this section must be remitted to the uncrewed aircraft systems test site for proper decommissioning and disposal pursuant to federal and state regulations, which may include the sale of uncrewed aerial vehicles to the United States department of homeland security at market rates for use in the counter unmanned aircraft system program. The department of commerce shall

remit any funding received under this section to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund.

- 3. The department of commerce shall maintain an inventory of uncrewed aerial vehicles purchased for state agencies under this section and encourage state agencies to use the state beyond visual line of sight program. The uncrewed aircraft systems test site shall provide guidance to state agencies regarding the integration of uncrewed aerial vehicles into the beyond visual line of sight system and proper maintenance schedules for uncrewed aerial vehicles. The uncrewed aircraft systems test site shall establish a centralized system for state agencies to register uncrewed aerial vehicles and authorized operators for accessing the beyond visual line of sight system and shall provide operational support when state agencies use uncrewed aircraft systems test site integrated platforms.
- 4. During the 2025-26 interim, the department of commerce shall compile information from state agencies and provide a report to the legislative management by June 30, 2026, regarding the status of the program, funding spent on uncrewed aerial vehicle replacements and training costs, the number of uncrewed aerial vehicles replaced in each state agency, the number of uncrewed aerial vehicles sold or disposed, and any future needs for each state agency to be compliant with the federal National Defense Authorization Act and the American Security Drone Act of 2023.

SECTION 15. TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANTS -

LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT. The grants line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$750,000 from the general fund for the purpose of providing workforce development grants to a tribally controlled community college in the Turtle Mountain area. To be eligible for a grant under this section, a tribally controlled community college shall partner with at least one high school in the state for programs under section 54-60.2-02. During the 2025-26 interim, a tribally controlled community college receiving funding under this program shall report to the department of commerce by August 1, 2026, regarding the use of grant funds and the department of commerce shall provide a report to the legislative management by October 1, 2026, regarding the use of grant funds.

SECTION 16. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS - NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS

GRANTREGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL GRANTS. The discretionary funds line item in

1	section 1 of this Act includes \$2,150,000 from the general fund, of which \$600,000 is
2	designated for a grant to support an organization dedicated to assisting Native American small
3	businesses in North Dakotagrants to support regional planning councils under chapter 54-40
4	SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 10-30.5-02 of the North Dakota
5	Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
6	It is the purpose of this chapter to create a statewide nonprofit development
7	corporation that will have the authority to take equity positions in, to provide loans to
8	erto form a management and operations entity, and to use other innovative financing
9	mechanisms to provide capital for new or expanding businesses in this state, or
10	relocating businesses to this state. The corporation's principal mission is the
11	development and expansion of primary sector business in this state. The corporation
12	may form additional corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, joint
13	ventures, or other forms of business associations in order to further its mission of
14	primary sector economic development.
15	SECTION 18. A new section to chapter 54-60 of the North Dakota Century Code is creat
16	and enacted as follows:
17	Reporting requirements - Budget section - Grant programs.
18	The department shall compile a report regarding grant programs administered by the
19	department, excluding federally funded programs, to be provided semiannually to the budget
20	section. The report must include the following for each grant program:
21	 The purpose of the grant program;
22	2. Funding history:
23	3. The number of days the grant application was open to applicants:
24	4. The name of each grant recipient and the amount of each grant award; and
25	5. The distribution date of grant funds or the anticipated distribution date of grant fund
26	SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27	amended and reenacted as follows:
28	54-60-09. Division of workforce development - Duties - Report.
29	The division of workforce development shall:
30	1. Actively monitor local, regional, and national private and public workforce development
31	initiatives.

- Develop and implement a statewide intelligence coordination strategy continually refine the state workforce mission, vision, and strategies.
- Conduct regular employer talent and skills supply and demand studies, the results of which must be reported to a standing committee of each house of the legislative assembly as determined by the legislative management during each regular legislative

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is

54-60-19. Division of workforce development - Talent strategy - Performance and

- The division of workforce development, in developing and implementing the state's
 - Consult with partners in the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent attraction Collect data on all workforce programs administered by state agencies, including job service North Dakota, the department of career and technical education, the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of higher education, the department of health and human services, and other divisions of the department of commerce, to determine standard measurements of success and to compile and analyze the program data in a report to be provided to a standing committee of each house of the legislative assembly as determined by the legislative management during each regular legislative
 - Develop a comprehensive, consolidated biennial statewide strategic plan for the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent
 - Continuously review, identify how to improve, and implement improvements to the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent
 - Develop linkages between partners of the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent attraction, to assure coordination and

nonduplication of programs and services provided in the stateReview all workforce development programs administered by state agencies for the coordination and prevention of duplication of workforce development services.

2. The division of workforce development shall develop and implement a system of performance and accountability measures for the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent attraction. Each partner of the state's system for workforce development, workforce training, and talent attraction shall cooperate in providing the division the data necessary to implement these measures.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60-28. Uncrewed aircraft systems program - Report to legislative management.

- 1. The department may operate and administer an uncrewed aircraft systems test site, contingent upon receiving official designation by the federal aviation administration. The department may cooperate and contract with the university of North Dakota, the North Dakota aeronautics commission, the adjutant general, and other public or private entities as determined by the commissioner in the operation and administration of the test site. The department may charge fees sufficient to operate the test site. The department shall, to the extent possible, use competitive bidding in the operation and administration of the test site. The commissioner may charter a public corporation to operate the test site. The corporation must possess all of the powers of a business corporation consistent with this chapter. The department shall report to the legislative management semiannually on the status of the program.
- In administering the uncrewed aircraft systems program, the uncrewed aircraft systems test site established in subsection 1 may:
 - a. Enter contracts and agreements with public, private, and nonprofit organizations for projects, activities, and research topics, and for the operation and management of a public-private partnership under chapter 48-02.1;
 - Enter partnerships, limited liability companies, joint ventures, or other contractual
 arrangements with private businesses for the purpose of business or industrial
 development; and

c. Adopt policies governing ownership or transfer of ownership rights and

distribution of income that may be derived from an invention or discovery

resulting from research or employment in the uncrewed aircraft systems test site.

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60-29. Uncrewed aircraft systems program fund - Continuing appropriation.

- There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the uncrewed aircraft systems fund, which may be used to defray the expenses of the:
 - a. Operations of an uncrewed aircraft systems test site officially designated by the federal aviation administration;
 - b. Beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program; and
 - c. Enhanced use lease grant program.
- 2. The fund consists of fees, royalties, gifts, grants, devises, bequests, donations, assignments, and other revenue collected for the administration of the test site and federal and other funds appropriated by the legislative assembly. All moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department of commerce on a continuing basis for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the programs identified in subsection 1. Interest earned on moneys in the fund must be credited to the fund.

SECTION 23. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-29.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-60-29.1. Beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program - Requirements - Report to legislative management.

The department may establish and administer a beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program for the design, purchase, implementation, and operating costs of a beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system. The department may enter contracts, agreements, and contractual arrangements and adopt policies related to the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program in the same manner authorized for the uncrewed aircraft system program under section 54-60-28. The department shall require any entity receiving funding for this program which is operating the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system to provide quarterly payments to the state treasurer based on a fee structure determined by the commissioner. The state treasurer shall deposit any funds received under

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1	this sec	tion in the state general fund. The department shall provide semiannual reports to the			
2	legislati	we management regarding the development of the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed			
3	aircraft system program and the total amount deposited by the state treasurer in the state				
4	general	fund.			
5	SEC	CTION 24. AMENDMENT. Section 54-60-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is			
6	amende	ed and reenacted as follows:			
7	54-0	60-31. Office of legal immigration<mark>global</mark> Global talent office - Duties.			
8	The	re is created an office of legal immigrationa global talent office within the department of			
9	comme	ce. Employees of the office of legal immigrationglobal talent office report to the			
10	commis	sioner. The office of legal immigrationglobal talent office:			
11	1.	Shall develop and implement a statewide strategy to support businesses in recruiting			
12		and retaining foreign labor, including immigrants already in the United States and			
13		integration of immigrants into the state to promote economic opportunities for			
14		immigrant communities.			
15	2.	Shall advise and make recommendations to the governor, legislative assembly, and			
16		state agencies regarding immigrant integration and foreign labor issues.			
17	3.	Shall develop a pilot program to support businesses pursuing or employing legal			
18		immigrants and to support communities to develop immigration integration plans and			
19		activities.			
20	4.	May contract with other state agencies to develop and administer programs or			
21		services related to immigration integration and access to basic needs that promote			
22		entrance and movement throughout the workforce.			
23	5.	May contract with an organization with expertise related to the goals of the office of			
24		legal immigrationglobal talent office.			
25	SEC	CTION 25. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The following			
26	appropr	ations are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended			
27	funds fro	om these appropriations may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,			
28	and end	ing June 30, 2027:			

The sum of \$3,000,000 appropriated from federal COVID-19 funds for the community

development block grant program in section 1 of chapter 27 of the 2021 Session Laws

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- and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 29 of chapter 18 of the 2023
 Session Laws.
- The sum of \$56,234,176 appropriated from federal COVID-19 funds for the state small business credit initiative program in section 2 of chapter 28 of the 2021 Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 29 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- The sum of \$15,000,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for the workforce development incentive grant program in subsection 38 of section 1 of chapter 550 of the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in section 29 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 11 4. The sum of \$5,000,000 appropriated from the federal state fiscal recovery fund for the 12 technical skills training grant program in subsection 39 of section 1 of chapter 550 of 13 the 2021 Special Session Session Laws and continued into the 2023-25 biennium in 14 section 29 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- The sum of \$28,500,000 appropriated from the general fund for workforce programs,
 of which \$12,000,000 was for workforce talent attraction initiative operating expenses,
 \$12,500,000 was for workforce investment program grants, \$2,000,000 was for
 technical skills training grants, and \$2,000,000 was for new Americans workforce
 development and training grants, in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
 - The sum of \$25,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the tourism destination development initiative in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 7. The sum of \$10,000,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the enhanced use lease grant program in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 26 8. The sum of \$120,000,000 appropriated from federal funds for weatherization and energy assistance programs in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- 28 9. The sum of \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund for discretionary funds in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.
- The sum of \$3,258,084 appropriated from federal funds for heating, furnace, and cooling assistance grants in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws.

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The sum of \$14,081,719 appropriated from federal funds for energy conservation 1 2 assistance grants in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws. The sum of \$1,550,000 appropriated from federal funds for the parks and recreation 3 12. program in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws, which may be used for 4 5 operating expenses of the program. The sum of \$572,143 appropriated from federal funds for the state small business 6 13. 7 credit initiative program in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws. 8 The sum of \$948,467, of which \$740,956 is from the general fund and \$207,511 is 14. 9 from the economic development fund, for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers 10 program in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2023 Session Laws. 11 The sum of \$2,000,000 appropriated from the general fund for the office of legal 15. 12 immigration in section 1 of chapter 639 of the 2023 Special Session Session Laws.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Attorney General						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dept. of Career and Technical						
Education						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Commerce						
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$12,374,286	\$160,285,660	\$201,485,660	(\$41,200,000)
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	11,775,000	117,989,707	159,589,707	(41,600,000)
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$599,286	\$42,295,953	\$41,895,953	\$400,000
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80	65.80	0.00
State Fair Association						
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total						
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$13,224,286	\$161,135,660	\$201,985,660	(\$40,850,000)
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	12,275,000	118,489,707	160,089,707	(41,600,000)
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$949,286	\$42,645,953	\$41,895,953	\$750,000
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80	65.80	0.00

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Attorney General - Conference Committee Action

Autonomous technology grants	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes \$250,000	Conference Committee Version \$250,000	House Version \$250,000	Comparison to House
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$0 0 \$0	\$0 0 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$0 0 \$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 125 - Attorney General - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Conference Committee Action

Autonomous technology grants	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes \$250,000	Conference Committee Version \$250,000	House Version \$250,000	Comparison to House
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$0 0 \$0	\$0 0 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$0 0 \$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$250,000 250,000 \$0	\$250,000 250,000 \$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from SIIF to the Department of Career and Technical Education for autonomous technology grants, the same as provided by the House. A section is added to the bill to provide the department may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The department is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Commerce - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$17,508,362	\$189,286	\$17,697,648	\$17.697.648	
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600	, ,	582,600	582,600	
Operating expenses	19,462,643	28,672,666	(1,990,000)	26,682,666	26,682,666	
Grants	47,636,118	88,382,315	13,175,000	101,557,315	128,757,315	(\$27,200,000)
Childrens education science center grant			2,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000	(8,000,000)
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,150,000		2,150,000	2,150,000	
Workforce programs		8,000,000	(1,000,000)	7,000,000	13,000,000	(6,000,000)
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	1,707,511		1,707,511	1,707,511	
Partner programs	907,920	907,920		907,920	907,920	
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$12,374,286	\$160,285,660	\$201,485,660	(\$41,200,000)
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	11,775,000	117,989,707	159,589,707	(41,600,000)
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$599,286	\$42,295,953	\$41,895,953	\$400,000
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80	65.80	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to the Attorney General for autonomous technology grants, the same as provided by the House. A section is added to the bill to provide the Attorney General may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The Attorney General is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Restores Funding for an FTE Position ¹	Adds FTE Positions ²	Adds One- Time Funding for Operating and Grants ³	Adds Contingent Funding for Children's Education Science Center Grants ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool	\$189,286				\$189,286
Operating expenses Grants Childrens education science center grant	10,000		(\$2,000,000) 13,175,000	\$2,000,000	(1,990,000) 13,175,000 2,000,000
Discretionary funds Workforce programs Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers			(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Partner programs			-		
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$199,286 0 \$199,286	\$0 0 \$0	\$10,175,000 <u>9,775,000</u> \$400,000	\$2,000,000 2,000,000 \$0	\$12,374,286 11,775,000 \$599,286
FTE	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

¹ Funding of \$199,286 from the general fund for 1 undesignated FTE position that was removed by the Senate is restored by the conference committee, including \$189,286 for salaries and wages and \$10,000 for operating expenses. The House also restored this position and related funding.

² The conference committee amendment adds 3 FTE positions as ongoing positions that were previously authorized for the 2023-25 biennium as one-time FTE positions as a result of \$120 million of one-time federal funding becoming available for weatherization and energy programs from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act. The funding for the positions is included in a separate section of the bill authorizing the Department of Commerce an exemption to continue unspent federal funding from the \$120 million appropriated for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium. The Senate added the exemption section but not the FTE positions. The House added the exemption and the FTE positions.

³ One-time funding from the general fund and the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) is adjusted as follows:

	<u>General</u>		
Reduces funding for tourism marketing awareness operating expenses to	<u>Fund</u> \$0	<u>SIIF</u> (\$2,000,000)	<u>Total</u> (\$2,000,000)
provide a total of \$5 million, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided \$7 million for this program.			
Adds funding for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement grant program. The House added \$16 million for this program. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	0	9,000,000	9,000,000
Reduces funding for tourism destination development grants to provide a total of \$15 million. The House provided \$25 million and the Senate provided \$20 million for this program.	0	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for beyond visual line of sight UAS grants to provide a total of \$15 million. The House provided \$20 million and the Senate provided \$10 million for this program.	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Reduces funding for the enhanced use lease grant program to provide a total of \$2.5 million. The House and Senate provided \$5 million prior to the conference committee amendment.	0	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
Adds funding for autonomous agriculture grants to provide a total of \$7.5 million. The House provided \$10 million and the Senate provided \$5 million for this program.	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
Adds funding for a Native American small business grant, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided this funding as part of the \$2,150,000 from the general fund in the base budget for discretionary funds.	0	600,000	600,000
Adds funding for a historic theater restoration grant. The House provided \$1.1 million in Senate Bill No. 2018.	0	500,000	500,000
Adds funding for a historic opera house restoration grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	250,000	250,000
Adds funding for a historic theater improvement grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	250,000	250,000
Adds funding for a Medora transportation improvement grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Adds funding for a community hall grant, the same as provided by the House. The Senate did not provide funding for this grant.	0	175,000	175,000
Adds funding for regional planning council grants to provide a total of \$2 million, of which \$600,000 is designated from the general fund in the discretionary funds line item in the agency's base budget. The House and Senate did not provide funding for this purpose in Senate Bill No. 2018 prior to the conference committee amendment.	1,400,000	0	1,400,000
Reduces funding for technical skills training grants to provide a total of \$1 million from the general fund. The House and Senate approved \$2 million from the general fund prior to the conference committee amendment.	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)
Total	\$400,000	\$9,775,000	\$10,175,000

⁴ One-time funding of \$2 million is appropriated from SIIF in a separate section for providing grants of up to \$1 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$402 million during the 2025-27 biennium. The House provide \$10 million from SIIF for the program. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - State Fair Association - Conference Committee Action

Sanitation restoration	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes \$350,000	Conference Committee Version \$350,000	House Version	Comparison to House \$350,000
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	\$0 0 \$0	\$0 0 \$0	\$350,000 0 \$350,000	0	\$0 0 \$0	\$350,000 0 \$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 665 - State Fair Association - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for a Sanitation Restoration Project ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Sanitation restoration	\$350,000	\$350,000
Total all funds Less estimated income	\$350,000 0	\$350,000 0
General fund	\$350,000	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$350,000 is added from the general fund to the State Fair Association for a sanitation restoration project. The House and Senate did not add funding for this project prior to the conference committee amendment.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to appropriate \$2 million of one-time funding from SIIF to the Department of Commerce for
 providing grants of up to \$1 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in
 cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax
 revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$402 million during the 2025-27 biennium. The House provided \$10 million
 for the program. The Senate did not add funding for the program.
- Amends a section to provide for a transfer of \$10 million from SIIF to the legacy investment for technology (LIFT) fund, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided for a \$5 million transfer from SIIF to the LIFT fund
- Amends a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund and to
 allow the North Dakota Development Fund to use up to \$10 million of the funding for non-primary sector
 business activities. The House provided a \$30 million transfer, allowed the \$30 million to be used for nonprimary sector business activities, and provided the funding could be used for grants subject to matching funds
 from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Senate provided a \$30 million transfer and no
 authorization for non-primary sector business activities or grants.
- Adds a section to authorize the Department of Commerce to borrow up to \$25 million through a Bank of North Dakota line of credit to be transferred to the North Dakota Development Fund. The House provided for a \$75 million line of credit. The Senate did not provide for a line of credit.
- Amends a section identifying \$62,775,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The House appropriated \$96,375,000 from SIIF in Section 1. The Senate appropriated \$53,000,000 from SIIF in Section 1.
- Adds a section identifying \$9 million appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program and requirements of the program. The House added this section including a \$16 million appropriation. The Senate did not include this section.
- Amends a section added by the Senate regarding tribally controlled community college grants, the same as amended by the House.
- Amends a section to designate \$600,000 of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund for discretionary
 funds is for providing grants to regional planning councils under Chapter 54-40.1. The Senate designated
 \$600,000 be used for a Native American small business grant and did not add funding for regional planning
 councils in Senate Bill No. 2018. The House appropriated the \$600,000 for a Native American small business
 grant from SIIF and did not add funding for regional planning councils in Senate Bill No. 2018.
- Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 10-30.5-02 to allow the North Dakota Development Fund to form a
 management and operations entity and to be able to enter joint ventures, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-09 to provide the Workforce Development Division continually refine the state workforce mission, vision, and strategies, and to conduct regular employer talent and skills supply and demand studies, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-19 to provide the Workforce Development Division must collect data on all workforce programs administered by state agencies, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-28 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site
 authority to enter contracts for the UAS program, the same as provided by the House.

- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29 to clarify the sources of funding that can be deposited in the UAS fund, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29.1 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test
 Site authority to enter contracts for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program, the same as provided by the
 House.
- Amends Section 54-60-31 to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Global Talent Office, the same as
 provided by the House. The Senate amended the section to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the
 Office of Global Talent.
- Amends a subsection of the exemption section of the bill to clarify funding for the parks and recreation program
 can be used for operating expenses of the program, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a new subsection to the exemption section of the bill to provide the department an exemption for any
 unspent funding for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program, the same as provided by the House.

The conference committee amendment does not:

- Add a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF and a \$25 million transfer from Bank of North Dakota profits to the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library and museum endowment fund. The House added this section and provided the moneys can be transferred only to the extent a private entity involved with a presidential library and museum in the state has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a \$1 for \$1 basis for deposit in the endowment fund and only if the oversight entity for the Theodore Roosevelt presidential library establishes a policy to provide all children ages 17 and younger may visit the presidential library with no admission cost. The Senate did not add funding for this purpose.
- Add a section to amend Section 3 of Chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws to provide the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit provided to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project is authorized for \$20 million instead of \$70 million. The House added this section.
- Add a section to amend Subsection 13 of Section 9 of House Bill No. 1019 (2025) to provide an exemption to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to continue \$20 million instead of \$70 million from the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library into the 2025-27 biennium. The House added this section.
- Add funding for UAS program grants. The House added \$1 million from SIIF. The Senate did not add funding for this program.
- Add funding for the find the good life initiative. The House added \$5 million from SIIF. The Senate did not add funding for this program.