

Legislative Council

Department of Commerce - Budget No. 601
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2018

	Armstrong Budget				Senate Version				Senate Compared to Armstrong Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	62.80	\$33,546,083	\$53,344,371	\$86,890,454	62.80	\$33,546,083	\$53,344,371	\$86,890,454	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes		\$67,653	\$82,578	\$150,231		\$67,653	\$82,578	\$150,231				\$0
Adds funding for the cost to continue salary increases		238,480	45,544	284,024		238,480	45,544	284,024				0
Salary increase		538,835	137,845	676,680		531,691	127,953	659,644		(\$7,144)	(\$9,892)	(17,036)
Health insurance increase		300,624	83,714	384,338		294,619	77,709	372,328		(6,005)	(6,005)	(12,010)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		405,880		405,880		405,880		405,880				0
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		560,856	102,571	663,427		560,856	102,571	663,427				0
Adjusts funding for the 2025-27 new FTE pool				0				0				0
Adjusts funding for the 2025-27 vacant FTE pool				0		(198,263)	(51,422)	(249,685)		(198,263)	(51,422)	(249,685)
Adds funding for a FTE North Dakota Development Fund position	1.00		257,408	257,408				0	(1.00)		(257,408)	(257,408)
Adds funding for a FTE procurement officer position	1.00	216,954		216,954				0	(1.00)	(216,954)		(216,954)
Removes a FTE position				0	(1.00)	(199,286)		(199,286)	(1.00)	(199,286)		(199,286)
Adds funding for temporary salaries for temporary staff and an office intern		100,000	3,590	103,590				0		(100,000)	(3,590)	(103,590)
Adds funding for North Dakota Development Fund temporary salaries			200,000	200,000				0			(200,000)	(200,000)
Adds federal funding for temporary salaries and operating expenses to maintain building codes			98,583	98,583			98,583	98,583				0
Adds funding for the cost to continue IT increases		14,036	54,666	68,702			54,666	54,666		(14,036)		(14,036)
Adjusts base level funding for operating expenses		(21,481)	10,654	(10,827)		(21,481)	10,654	(10,827)				0
Adds funding for operating expenses of the Office of Global Talent		250,000		250,000				0		(250,000)		(250,000)
Adds federal funding for AmeriCorps program operating expenses			290,000	290,000			290,000	290,000				0
Reduces ongoing funding for the operation intern program				0		(6,896)		(6,896)		(6,896)		(6,896)
Removes funding for the continuum of care program and the state apprenticeship program		(81,713)	(1,097,157)	(1,178,870)		(81,713)	(1,097,157)	(1,178,870)				0
Adds federal funding for AmeriCorps and weatherization grant programs			3,132,157	3,132,157			3,132,157	3,132,157				0
Reduces federal funding for community development and community services block grants			(2,086,940)	(2,086,940)			(2,086,940)	(2,086,940)				0
Removes funding from the uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) fund for UAS program grants			(1,020,150)	(1,020,150)			(1,020,150)	(1,020,150)				0
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$2,590,124	\$295,063	\$2,885,187	(1.00)	\$1,591,540	(\$233,254)	\$1,358,286	(3.00)	(\$998,584)	(\$528,317)	(\$1,526,901)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for temporary salaries for temporary staff and an office intern				\$0		\$50,000	\$3,590	\$53,590		\$50,000	\$3,590	\$53,590
Adds one-time funding for North Dakota Development Fund temporary salaries				0			100,000	100,000			100,000	100,000

Adds funding for tourism marketing awareness			\$5,000,000	5,000,000			7,000,000	7,000,000			2,000,000	2,000,000
Adds funding for operating expenses of the operation intern program		\$2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000				0
Adds funding for a state radar data pathfinder			11,000,000	11,000,000				0			(11,000,000)	(11,000,000)
Adds funding for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement grant program			15,000,000	15,000,000				0			(15,000,000)	(15,000,000)
Adds one-time funding for the Office of Global Talent		1,750,000		1,750,000		1,000,000		1,000,000		(750,000)		(750,000)
Adds funding for a housing for opportunity, mobility, and empowerment program			50,000,000	50,000,000				0			(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)
Adds funding for the community property improvements grant program			5,000,000	5,000,000				0			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for tourism destination development grants			15,000,000	15,000,000			20,000,000	20,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000
Adds funding for UAS program grants		1,000,000		1,000,000				0		(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Adds funding for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program grants			20,000,000	20,000,000			10,000,000	10,000,000			(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)
Adds funding for the enhanced use lease grant			5,000,000	5,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000				0
Adds funding for autonomous agriculture grants			10,000,000	10,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for base enhancement grants				0			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000
Adds funding for grants to tribally controlled community colleges				0		750,000		750,000		750,000		750,000
Adds funding for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program		1,259,044		1,259,044		759,044		759,044		(500,000)		(500,000)
Adds funding for regional workforce impact program grants			10,000,000	10,000,000			5,000,000	5,000,000			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for operating expenses of the find the good life initiative			5,000,000	5,000,000				0			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for technical skills training grants		2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000		2,000,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$8,009,044	\$151,000,000	\$159,009,044	0.00	\$6,559,044	\$53,103,590	\$59,662,634	0.00	(\$1,450,000)	(\$97,896,410)	(\$99,346,410)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$10,599,168	\$151,295,063	\$161,894,231	(1.00)	\$8,150,584	\$52,870,336	\$61,020,920	(3.00)	(\$2,448,584)	(\$98,424,727)	(\$100,873,311)
2025-27 Total Funding	64.80	\$44,145,251	\$204,639,434	\$248,784,685	61.80	\$41,696,667	\$106,214,707	\$147,911,374	(3.00)	(\$2,448,584)	(\$98,424,727)	(\$100,873,311)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$44,452,491				\$44,422,096				(\$30,395)	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	3.2%	7.7%	0.6%	3.3%	(1.6%)	4.7%	(0.4%)	1.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	3.2%	31.6%	283.6%	186.3%	(1.6%)	24.3%	99.1%	70.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Sections in Department of Commerce - Budget No. 601

Section Description	Armstrong Budget	Senate Version	
Transfer - Strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to legacy investment for technology (LIFT) fund		Section 5 requires OMB to transfer \$5 million from SIIF to the LIFT fund for the purpose of providing innovation technology loans during the 2025-27 biennium.	
Transfer - SIIF to North Dakota Development Fund		Section 6 requires OMB to transfer \$30 million from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund during the 2025-27 biennium.	
Rural health care grant program - Matching funds requirement		Section 7 identifies \$444,000 appropriated from the general fund is for the rural health care grant program. The department may spend this funding only to the extent a grant recipient has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis.	
SIIF		Section 8 identifies \$53,000,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF, including \$7,000,000 for tourism marketing awareness, \$20,000,000 for tourism destination development grants, \$10,000,000 for the beyond visual line of sight uncrewed aircraft system program, \$5,000,000 for the enhanced use lease grant program, \$5,000,000 for autonomous agriculture grants, \$1,000,000 is for base enhancement grants, and \$5,000,000 is for regional workforce impact program grants. Of the \$7,000,000 for tourism marketing awareness, \$150,000 is designated for the continuation of the North Dakota state magazine with the current publisher of the magazine. Of the \$1,000,000 for base enhancement grants, \$600,000 is for eligible organizations in Minot, \$250,000 is for eligible organizations in Grand Forks, and \$150,000 is for eligible organizations in Fargo. The \$5,000,000 provided autonomous agriculture grants may be provided for autonomous trucking activities.	
Tribally controlled community college grants - Reporting requirements		Section 9 identifies \$750,000 appropriated in Section 1 from the general fund in the grants line item for providing workforce development grants to a tribally controlled community college in the Turtle Mountain area. A tribally controlled community college must 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 is required to report to the Department of Commerce by August 1, 2026, regarding the use of grant funds and the department is required to provide a report to the Legislative Management by October 1, 2026, regarding the use of grant funds.	
Discretionary funds - Native American small business grant		Section 10 identifies of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund in Section 1, \$600,000 is designated for a grant to support an organization dedicated to assisting Native American small businesses in North Dakota.	
Amendment - Department of Commerce grant reporting requirements		Section 11 creates a new section to Chapter 54-60 to require the Department of Commerce to report to the Budget Section semiannually regarding grants administered by the department, excluding federally funded programs.	
Amendment - Office of Legal Immigration renamed the Office of Global Talent		Section 12 amends Section 54-60-31 to change the name of the Office of Legal Immigration to the Office of Global Talent.	

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Exemption - Community development block grant		Subsection 1 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$3,000,000 appropriated from the federal COVID-19 funds during the 2019-21 biennium and continued into the 2021-23 and 2023-25 bienniums for the community development block grant program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - State small business credit initiative		Subsection 2 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$56,234,176 appropriated from the federal COVID-19 funds during the 2021-23 biennium and continued into the 2023-25 biennium for the state small business credit initiative program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Workforce development incentive grants		Subsection 3 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$15,000,000 appropriated from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund during the 2021-23 biennium and continued into the 2023-25 biennium for the workforce development incentive grant program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Technical skills training grants		Subsection 4 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$5,000,000 appropriated from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund during the 2021-23 biennium and continued into the 2023-25 biennium for the technical skills training grants program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Workforce programs		Subsection 5 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$28,500,000 appropriated from the general fund during the 2023-25 biennium for workforce programs into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Tourism destination development initiative		Subsection 6 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$25,000,000 appropriated from SIIF during the 2023-25 biennium for the tourism destination development initiative into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Enhanced use lease grant program		Subsection 7 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$10,000,000 appropriated from SIIF during the 2023-25 biennium for the enhanced use lease grant program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Weatherization and energy assistance grant programs		Subsection 8 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$120,000,000 appropriated from federal funds derived from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act during the 2023-25 biennium for weatherization and energy assistance programs into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Discretionary funds		Subsection 9 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund during the 2023-25 biennium for discretionary funds into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Heating, furnace, and cooling assistance grant programs		Subsection 13 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$3,258,084 appropriated from the federal funds during the 2023-25 biennium for heating, furnace, and cooling assistance grants into the 2025-27 biennium.	

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Exemption - Energy conservation assistance grant program		Subsection 13 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$14,081,719 appropriated from the federal funds during the 2023-25 biennium for energy conservation assistance grants into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Parks and recreation program		Subsection 13 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$1,550,000 appropriated from the federal funds during the 2023-25 biennium for the parks and recreation program into the 2025-27 biennium and authorize the department to use the funding for operating expenses related to the program.	
Exemption - State small business credit initiative		Subsection 13 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$572,143 appropriated from the federal funds during the 2023-25 biennium for the state small business credit initiative program into the 2025-27 biennium.	
Exemption - Office of Legal Immigration		Subsection 14 of Section 13 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any remaining funding of the \$2,000,000 appropriated from the general fund during the 2023-25 biennium for the Office of Legal Immigration into the 2025-27 biennium.	