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Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

### ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2013

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the commissioner of  
2 university and school lands; ~~and to provide for distributions from permanent funds; and to~~  
3 provide a report.

#### 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
6 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys from special funds, to the  
7 commissioner of university and school lands for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
8 commissioner of university and school lands, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and  
9 ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$8,005,331	\$1,285,598	\$9,290,929
13 New and vacant FTE pool	0	201,144	201,144
14 Operating expenses	1,763,694	(164,362)	1,599,332
15 Contingencies	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
16 Total special funds	\$9,869,025	\$1,322,380	\$11,191,405
17 Full-time equivalent positions	33.00	0.00	33.00
18 Salaries and wages	\$8,005,331	\$1,835,598	\$9,840,929
19 New and vacant FTE pool	0	419,754	419,754

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1	<u>Operating expenses</u>	1,763,694	(164,362)	1,599,332
2	<u>Contingencies</u>	100,000	0	100,000
3	<u>Total special funds</u>	\$9,869,025	\$2,090,990	\$11,960,015
4	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	33.00	1.00	34.00

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

11       **SECTION 3. DISTRIBUTIONS TO STATE INSTITUTIONS.** Pursuant to article IX of the  
12 Constitution of North Dakota, the board of university and school lands shall distribute during the  
13 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, the following amounts, from the  
14 permanent funds managed for the benefit of the following entities:

15	Common schools	\$584,677,350
16	North Dakota state university	8,770,000
17	University of North Dakota	6,948,000
18	Youth correctional center	3,136,000
19	School for the deaf	2,388,000
20	North Dakota state college of science	2,570,284
21	State hospital	1,976,284
22	Veterans' home	994,284
23	Valley City state university	1,566,000
24	North Dakota vision services - school for the blind	1,936,284
25	Mayville state university	1,102,000
26	Dakota college at Bottineau	406,284
27	Dickinson state university	406,284
28	Minot state university	<u>406,284</u>
29	Total	\$617,283,338

30       **SECTION 4. REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES -**  
31 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - REPORT.** During the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and

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- 1 ending June 30, 2027, the commissioner of university and school lands and the commissioner
- 2 of commerce shall collaborate to identify revenue diversification and development opportunities
- 3 on trust lands. The commissioner of university and school lands shall report to the
- 4 appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the results of the
- 5 collaboration to identify revenue diversification and development opportunities.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:****Senate Bill No. 2013 - Department of Trust Lands - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,005,331	\$9,290,929	\$550,000	\$9,840,929
New and vacant FTE pool		201,144	218,610	419,754
Operating expenses	1,763,694	1,599,332		1,599,332
Contingencies	100,000	100,000		100,000
Total all funds	\$9,869,025	\$11,191,405	\$768,610	\$11,960,015
Less estimated income	9,869,025	11,191,405	768,610	11,960,015
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	33.00	33.00	1.00	34.00

**Department 226 - Department of Trust Lands - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds Unclaimed Property FTE Position <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Salary Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages		\$550,000	\$550,000
New and vacant FTE pool	\$218,610		218,610
Operating expenses			
Contingencies			
Total all funds	\$218,610	\$550,000	\$768,610
Less estimated income	218,610	550,000	768,610
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$242,900 is added for salaries and wages for 1 FTE unclaimed property position. Funding for salaries and wages is decreased by \$242,900 and funding of \$218,610 is added to the new and vacant FTE pool for the position resulting in net savings of \$24,290.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$550,000 is added for salary adjustments related to equity increases and employee retention.

The House also added a section, which was not included in the Senate version, to direct the Commissioner of University and School Lands and the Commissioner of Commerce to collaborate to identify revenue diversification and development opportunities on trust lands.