

Legislative Council

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

	House Version				Senate Version				Senate Compared to House Version			
	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	93.00	\$0	\$699,660,783	\$699,660,783	93.00	\$0	\$699,660,783	\$699,660,783	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll changes			\$416,661	\$416,661			\$416,661	\$416,661				\$0
Salary increase			962,884	962,884			945,848	945,848			(\$17,036)	(17,036)
Health insurance increase			612,539	612,539			600,529	600,529			(12,010)	(12,010)
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool			703,398	703,398			703,398	703,398				0
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool			912,231	912,231			912,231	912,231				0
Transfers funding for 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool			(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 NAWS 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	400,000				0
Adds funding for a data logger replacement			60,000	60,000			60,000	60,000				0
Adds funding for a Missouri River intake sites field investigation			600,000	600,000			0	0			(600,000)	(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)	(50,000,000)
Adds Board of Water Well Contractors one-time funding				0			30,000	30,000			30,000	30,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$201,582,500	\$201,582,500	0.00	\$0	\$150,999,500	\$150,999,500	0.00	\$0	(\$50,583,000)	(\$50,583,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	6.00	\$0	\$222,838,722	\$222,838,722	4.00	\$0	(\$43,171,241)	(\$43,171,241)	(2.00)	\$0	(\$266,009,963)	(\$266,009,963)
2025-27 Total Funding	99.00	\$0	\$922,499,505	\$922,499,505	97.00	\$0	\$656,489,542	\$656,489,542	(2.00)	\$0	(\$266,009,963)	(\$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	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	N/A

Other Sections in Department of Water Resources - Budget No. 770

Section Description	House Version	Senate Version	
New and vacant FTE pool	Section 3 provides language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	No changes	
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.	Consider adjusting this section to appropriate any additional federal funds received by the Department of Water Resources, to be used for the purpose for which the funds are received. Consider directing additional oil revenue for the resources trust fund to the water projects stabilization fund.	
Deficiency appropriation - SIIF	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.	
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.	
Water projects stabilization fund	Section 8 identifies \$42.5 million of the amount appropriated in Section 1 is from the water projects stabilization fund.	No changes	
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.	No changes	
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.	
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.	The Senate reduced this transfer to \$35 million for the water infrastructure revolving loan fund.	
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.	The Senate adjusted this language to clarify the process by which the Department of Water Resources accesses the Bank of North Dakota line of credit.	
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.	The Senate reduced the line of credit to \$150 million and designated \$50 million from that line of credit for the Southwest Pipeline Project.	

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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 NAWS Biota water treatment plant.	No changes	
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.	Consider reducing RRVWS intent from \$260 million to \$150 million for the 2025-27 biennium.	
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.	Consider reducing Mouse River flood control project intent from \$125 million to \$65 million for the 2025-27 biennium.	
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.	
Legislative intent - Grants and water projects	Section 18 provides additional detail regarding allocations within line items for water projects.	Consider adjusting this section to reflect updated allocations within line items for other water projects as follows: Southwest Pipeline Project - \$101 million Devils Lake Outlet - \$1 million Valley City Flood Control - \$13 million Heart River Flood Control - \$7.5 million Western Area Water Supply - \$35 million Municipal water supply - \$35 million Rural water supply - \$55 million General water - \$18 million Discretionary - \$8 million	
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.	No changes	
Legislative intent - Southwest Pipeline Project line of credit		The Senate added a section to provide legislative intent that the \$50 million line of credit for the Southwest Pipeline Project be repaid by with revenue from capital repayments from the Southwest Pipeline Project.	
Missouri River intake sites study		Consider adding a section to provide for DWR to study or conduct a field investigation regarding Missouri River intake sites.	
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.	The Senate adjusted this section to require a report 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.	The Senate adjusted this section to require a report 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.	Consider adjusting the allowable amount and line items eligible for line item transfer authority.	
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.	The Senate reduced the identified carryover amount to \$514.1 million.	
Emergency	Section 24 declares the bill to be an emergency measure.	The Senate added HB 1040, relating to a drought disaster livestock water assistance program, as an emergency measure.	