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of North Dakota

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

### SENATE BILL NO. 2017

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of  
2 administrative hearings.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds, to the office of administrative  
6 hearings for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of administrative hearings, for  
7 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
10	<del>Salaries and wages</del>	<del>\$1,446,690</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$1,446,690</del>
11	<del>Operating expenses</del>	<del>1,582,392</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>1,582,392</del>
12	<del>Total special funds</del>	<del>\$3,029,082</del>	<del>\$0</del>	<del>\$3,029,082</del>
13	<del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>5.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>5.00</del>
14	Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$136,911	\$1,583,601
15	Operating expenses	1,582,392	(3,141)	1,579,251
16	Total special funds	\$3,029,082	\$133,770	\$3,162,852
17	Full-time equivalent positions	5.00	0.00	5.00

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2017 - Office of Administrative Hearings - Senate Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
Salaries and wages	\$1,446,690	\$136,911	\$1,583,601
Operating expenses	1,582,392	(3,141)	1,579,251
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$3,029,082</b>	<b>\$133,770</b>	<b>\$3,162,852</b>
Less estimated income	3,029,082	133,770	3,162,852
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**Department 140 - Office of Administrative Hearings - Detail of Senate Changes**

	<b>Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 Vacant FTE Pool<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adds Temporary and Overtime Salaries Funding<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Transfers Funding From Operating to Salaries<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Increases Funding for Information Technology Costs<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Total Senate Changes</b>
Salaries and wages	\$88,691	\$20,058	\$5,500	\$22,662		\$136,911
Operating expenses				(22,662)	\$19,521	(3,141)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$88,691</b>	<b>\$20,058</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,521</b>	<b>\$133,770</b>
Less estimated income	88,691	20,058	5,500	0	19,521	133,770
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FTE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

<u>Other Funds</u>	
Salary increase	\$58,665
Health insurance increase	30,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,691</b>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool funding.

<sup>3</sup> Funding is added to provide for temporary salary funding (\$2,750) and overtime salary funding (\$2,750).

<sup>4</sup> Funding is transferred from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item.

<sup>5</sup> Funding is added to provide a total of \$89,942 for data processing costs.