

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2018 - Funding Summary**

	Executive Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison To Executive Budget
Office of Management and Budget			
Operating expenses		\$150,000	\$150,000
Centers of excellence		15,000,000	15,000,000
Loan repayments		16,000,000	16,000,000
Centers of excellence - contingency		5,000,000	5,000,000
Total all funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$36,150,000</u>	<u>\$36,150,000</u>
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>36,000,000</u>	<u>36,000,000</u>
General fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
FTE	0.00	1.00	1.00
University System office			
Operating expenses		\$50,000	\$50,000
Total all funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Job Service North Dakota			
Operating expenses		\$40,000	\$40,000
Total all funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
General fund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Commerce			
Salaries and wages	\$7,169,321	\$7,699,370	\$530,049
Operating expenses	8,722,128	9,531,968	809,840
Capital assets	25,000	25,000	
Grants	49,479,748	50,102,870	623,122
Centers of excellence	5,000,000		(5,000,000)
Agricultural products utilization	2,792,124	2,791,000	(1,124)
Discretionary funds	1,440,127	1,450,127	10,000
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	3,933,212	3,932,644	(568)
Centers of excellence - Borrowing	50,000,000		(50,000,000)
Economic development grants		150,000	150,000
Economic dev. initiatives		644,568	644,568
APUC - Animal identification grants		225,000	225,000
Total all funds	<u>\$128,561,660</u>	<u>\$76,552,547</u>	<u>(\$52,009,113)</u>
Less estimated income	<u>105,432,496</u>	<u>57,414,994</u>	<u>(48,017,502)</u>
General fund	<u>\$23,129,164</u>	<u>\$19,137,553</u>	<u>(\$3,991,611)</u>
FTE	59.00	62.00	3.00
Transportation Institute			
Operating expenses		\$360,000	\$360,000
Total all funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$360,000</u>	<u>\$360,000</u>
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

General fund	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill Total			
Total all funds	\$128,561,660	\$113,152,547	(\$15,409,113)
Less estimated income	105,432,496	93,434,994	(11,997,502)
General fund	\$23,129,164	\$19,717,553	(\$3,411,611)
FTE	59.00	63.00	4.00

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Office of Management and Budget - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Changes ¹	Senate Version
Operating expenses		\$50,000	\$50,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ A \$50,000 general fund appropriation is provided to the Office of Management and Budget for establishing and maintaining a state procurement web site.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Office of Management and Budget - House Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Operating expenses		\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Centers of excellence			15,000,000	15,000,000
Loan repayments			16,000,000	16,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$50,000	\$31,100,000	\$31,150,000
Less estimated income	0	0	31,000,000	31,000,000
General fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00

Department No. 110 - Office of Management and Budget - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Procurement Web Site ¹	Adds Centers of Excellence Funding ²	Total House Changes
Operating expenses	\$100,000		\$100,000
Centers of excellence		15,000,000	15,000,000
Loan repayments		16,000,000	16,000,000
Centers of excellence - contingency			
Total all funds	\$100,000	\$31,000,000	\$31,100,000
Less estimated income	0	31,000,000	31,000,000
General fund	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
FTE	1.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding is increased by \$100,000 from the general fund to provide a total of \$150,000 for the Office of Management and Budget to establish and maintain a state procurement web site. Statutory changes added by the Senate relating to state procurement are removed.

² Sections are added providing funding for the centers of excellence program. The Office of Management and Budget is authorized to borrow up to \$15,000,000 from the Bank of North Dakota and to distribute the funds to centers of excellence as directed by the Centers of Excellence Commission. The loans and accrued interest are to be repaid from funds transferred to the permanent oil tax trust fund during the 2005-07 biennium. Repayments may not begin until a total of \$77,000,000 of oil tax revenues has been received by the general fund, of which \$71,000,000 will be retained in the general fund and \$6,000,000 transferred to the permanent oil tax trust fund. As additional amounts in excess of the \$6,000,000 are transferred into the fund, the Office of Management and Budget may use 50 percent of any additional transfers for repaying the Bank loans and interest, the total of which may not exceed \$16,000,000. A section is added providing that transfers from the general fund to the permanent oil tax trust fund may occur before the end of each biennium.

A section of legislative intent is added providing that the Legislative Assembly intends to provide a total of \$50,000,000 for centers of excellence during the 2005-07 and future bienniums.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Office of Management and Budget - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Operating expenses		\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Centers of excellence			15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	
Loan repayments			16,000,000	16,000,000	16,000,000	
Centers of excellence - contingency			5,000,000	5,000,000		5,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$50,000	\$36,100,000	\$36,150,000	\$31,150,000	\$5,000,000
Less estimated income	0	0	36,000,000	36,000,000	31,000,000	5,000,000
General fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

Department No. 110 - Office of Management and Budget - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Procurement Web Site ¹	Adds Centers of Excellence Funding ²	Adds Contingent Centers of Excellence Funding ³	Total Conference Committee Changes
Operating expenses	\$100,000			\$100,000
Centers of excellence		15,000,000		15,000,000
Loan repayments		16,000,000		16,000,000
Centers of excellence - contingency			5,000,000	5,000,000
Total all funds	\$100,000	\$31,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$36,100,000
Less estimated income	0	31,000,000	5,000,000	36,000,000
General fund	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding is increased by \$100,000 from the general fund to provide a total of \$150,000 for the Office of Management and Budget to establish and maintain a state procurement web site. Statutory changes added by the Senate relating to state procurement are removed. The House also made these changes.

² Sections are added providing funding for the centers of excellence program. The Office of Management and Budget is authorized to borrow up to \$15,000,000 from the Bank of North Dakota and to distribute the funds to centers of excellence as directed by the Centers of Excellence Commission. The loans and accrued interest are to be repaid from funds transferred to the permanent oil tax trust fund during the 2005-07 biennium. Repayments may not begin until a total of \$77,000,000 of oil tax revenues has been received by the general fund, of which \$71,000,000 will be retained in the general fund and \$6,000,000 transferred to the permanent oil tax trust fund.

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A section of legislative intent is added providing that the Legislative Assembly intends to provide a total of \$50,000,000 for centers of excellence during the 2005-07 and future bienniums, the same as the House version..

³ A section is added authorizing an additional \$5 million of Bank of North Dakota loan proceeds to be used for centers of excellence grants if the \$15 million is not adequate for the 2005-07 biennium. The Office of Management and Budget must receive Emergency Commission and Budget Section approval before borrowing any of this \$5 million.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - University System office - House Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes ¹	House Version
Operating expenses			\$50,000	\$50,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is provided for conducting a technology commercialization study.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - University System office - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes ¹	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Operating expenses			\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is provided for conducting a technology commercialization study, the same as the House version.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Job Service North Dakota - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes ¹	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Operating expenses			\$40,000	\$40,000		\$40,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Less estimated income	0	0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Sections are added requiring Job Service to develop and implement a shared work demonstration project, appropriating \$40,000, of which \$20,000 is from the general fund and \$20,000 of funds to be collected by Job Service, and providing for a Legislative Council study regarding the project.

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

	Executive Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$7,169,321	(\$29,323)	\$7,139,998
Operating expenses	8,722,128		8,722,128
Capital assets	25,000		25,000
Grants	49,479,748		49,479,748
Centers of excellence	5,000,000	(2,500,000)	2,500,000
Agricultural products utilization	2,792,124	(874)	2,791,250
Discretionary funds	1,440,127	460,000	1,900,127
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	3,933,212	(443)	3,932,769
Centers of excellence - Borrowing	50,000,000	(50,000,000)	
Total all funds	\$128,561,660	(\$52,070,640)	\$76,491,020
Less estimated income	105,432,496	(50,009,452)	55,423,044
General fund	\$23,129,164	(\$2,061,188)	\$21,067,976
FTE	59.00	0.00	59.00

Department No. 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Senate Changes

	Reduces Compensation Package to 3/4	Adjusts Centers of Excellence Funding ¹	Adds Discretionary Funds ²	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$29,323)			(\$29,323)
Operating expenses				
Capital assets				
Grants				
Centers of excellence		(2,500,000)		(2,500,000)
Agricultural products utilization	(874)			(874)
Discretionary funds			460,000	460,000
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	(443)			(443)
Centers of excellence - Borrowing		(50,000,000)		(50,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$30,640)	(\$52,500,000)	\$460,000	(\$52,070,640)
Less estimated income	(9,452)	(50,000,000)	0	(50,009,452)
General fund	(\$21,188)	(\$2,500,000)	\$460,000	(\$2,061,188)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for centers of excellence is changed by removing the \$50 million of borrowing authority from the Bank of North Dakota and reducing the \$5 million appropriation from the general fund to \$2.5 million.

² The following adjustments are made to the discretionary funds line item:

Adjustment	Amount
Removes dairy recruitment and retention funding	(\$50,000)
Adds funding for the following initiatives, programs, and studies:	
Life science sector development	100,000
Wind to hydrogen demonstration project	25,000
Target industry identification and report	25,000

Image information program	50,000
Business hotline program	30,000
Local economic developer certification and training program	50,000
Dakota manufacturing initiative	100,000
Intellectual property rights study and report	50,000
Economic development incentives study and report	30,000
Business climate initiative study	50,000
Total	\$460,000

In addition to the funding changes, this amendment also:

- Allows the department to continue the appropriation authority included in the discretionary funds line item beyond the 2005-07 biennium.
- Changes the Governor's proposed centers of excellence program.
- Provides for a state procurement web site.
- Implements a local economic developer certification program, a North Dakota image information program, and a business hotline program.
- Changes the seed capital investment tax credit.
- Provides for a Dakota Manufacturing Initiative.
- Requires reports to the Legislative Council and a Legislative Council study.
- Provides for performance and accountability reporting by the department.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Department of Commerce - House Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$7,169,321	\$7,139,998	\$559,372	\$7,699,370
Operating expenses	8,722,128	8,722,128	609,840	9,331,968
Capital assets	25,000	25,000		25,000
Grants	49,479,748	49,479,748	623,122	50,102,870
Centers of excellence	5,000,000	2,500,000	(2,500,000)	
Agricultural products utilization	2,792,124	2,791,250	3,284,750	6,076,000
Discretionary funds	1,440,127	1,900,127	(460,000)	1,440,127
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	3,933,212	3,932,769	(125)	3,932,644
Centers of excellence - Borrowing	50,000,000			
Economic development grants			125,000	125,000
Economic dev. initiatives			644,568	644,568
Total all funds	\$128,561,660	\$76,491,020	\$2,886,527	\$79,377,547
Less estimated income	105,432,496	55,423,044	4,851,950	60,274,994
General fund	\$23,129,164	\$21,067,976	(\$1,965,423)	\$19,102,553
FTE	59.00	59.00	3.00	62.00

Department No. 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes

	Reduces Recommended Funding for Health Insurance	Changes Funding for Economic Initiatives¹	Changes Funding for Economic Grants²	Adds Funding for Salaries³	Adds Funding for Development Fund FTE⁴	Adds Funding for Learning Vacations⁵
Salaries and wages	(\$6,364)	\$105,432		\$120,000	\$118,994	\$80,000
Operating expenses						45,000
Capital assets						
Grants						
Centers of excellence						
Agricultural products utilization	(250)					
Discretionary funds		(460,000)				
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	(125)					
Centers of excellence - Borrowing						
Economic development grants			125,000			
Economic dev. initiatives		644,568				
APUC - Animal identification grants						
Total all funds	(\$6,739)	\$290,000	\$125,000	\$120,000	\$118,994	\$125,000
Less estimated income	(2,044)	250,000	0	0	118,994	0
General fund	(\$4,695)	\$40,000	\$125,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$125,000
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Adds Funding for Indian Business Development⁶	Adds Funding for Trade Office⁷	Adds Funding for Workforce Development⁸	Removes Funding for Centers of Excellence⁹	Adds Funding for Ethanol Incentive Payments¹⁰	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$105,432		\$35,878			\$559,372
Operating expenses	23,840	500,000	41,000			609,840
Capital assets						
Grants			623,122			623,122
Centers of excellence				(2,500,000)		(2,500,000)
Agricultural products utilization					3,285,000	3,284,750
Discretionary funds						(460,000)
Lewis and Clark bicentennial						(125)
Centers of excellence - Borrowing						
Economic development grants						125,000
Economic dev. initiatives						644,568
APUC - Animal identification grants						
Total all funds	\$129,272	\$500,000	\$700,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$3,285,000	\$2,886,527
Less estimated income	0	500,000	700,000	0	3,285,000	4,851,950
General fund	\$129,272	\$0	\$0	(\$2,500,000)	\$0	(\$1,965,423)
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00

¹ A total of \$750,000, of which \$500,000 is from the general fund and \$250,000 from funds to be raised by the department, is provided for the economic development initiatives listed below which were recommended by the Primary Sector Business Congress. The funding is increased from the \$460,000 provided by the Senate. Funding from the general fund for 1 FTE position is included in the salaries and wages line item and the remainder is included in a separate line item. The Senate had included funding in the discretionary funds line item and specified amounts for each initiative. In this amendment, specific amounts are not identified for each initiative.

- Target industry identification and report.
- Image information program.
- Business hotline program.

- Local economic developer certification and training program.
- Dakota manufacturing initiative.
- Intellectual property rights study and report.
- Economic development incentives study and report.
- Business climate initiative study.

² A separate line item is added providing funding from the general fund for the life sciences sector development grant (\$100,000) and the wind-to-hydrogen demonstration project grant (\$25,000). The Senate had designated funding from the discretionary funds line item for these grants.

³ The salaries and wages line item is increased by \$120,000 from the general fund to provide funding for a vacant FTE position.

⁴ Funding is added for the 1 FTE position recommended in the executive budget to be paid for from the Development Fund pursuant to a continuing appropriation. This amendment includes the funding and the FTE position in the Department of Commerce budget.

⁵ This amendment adds \$125,000 from the general fund and 1 FTE position for the Tourism Division to develop, market, and implement learning-based vacations, including development of a learning-based vacation web site which will allow individuals to create individualized learning-based vacations.

⁶ Funding and 1 FTE position are added for operating costs of the American Indian Business Development Office within the Department of Commerce. Sections are added making statutory changes and providing for a report to the Legislative Council relating to the American Indian Business Development Office.

⁷ The operating expenses line item is increased by \$500,000 from the Development Fund for costs associated with the International Business and Trade Office. The funds are not transferred from the Development Fund until 50 percent matching funds are available. Sections are added changing statutory provisions relating to the office, including establishing the purpose of the office and authorizing an advisory board.

⁸ This amendment adds funding available from a federal technical skills training grant for additional workforce training.

⁹ This amendment removes funding and related statutory and reporting provisions relating to centers of excellence.

¹⁰ The Agricultural Products Utilization Commission line item is increased to appropriate funding from the ethanol production incentive fund for paying ethanol production incentives. A section is added removing the continuing appropriation for making these payments.

A section is added providing for an economic development incentives study and report to the Legislative Council.

Sections added by the Senate relating to the following items are removed:

- Changes to the seed capital investment tax credit - Moved to Senate Bill No. 2032.
- Directing a tax study - Moved to Senate Bill No. 2032.
- Directing a Legislative Council business climate initiative study - Moved to Senate Bill No. 2032.
- Requiring the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to provide a \$100,000 wheat scab research grant to a private company.

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

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$7,169,321	\$7,139,998	\$559,372	\$7,699,370	\$7,699,370	
Operating expenses	8,722,128	8,722,128	809,840	9,531,968	9,331,968	200,000
Capital assets	25,000	25,000		25,000	25,000	
Grants	49,479,748	49,479,748	623,122	50,102,870	50,102,870	
Centers of excellence	5,000,000	2,500,000	(2,500,000)			
Agricultural products utilization	2,792,124	2,791,250	(250)	2,791,000	6,076,000	(3,285,000)
Discretionary funds	1,440,127	1,900,127	(450,000)	1,450,127	1,440,127	10,000
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	3,933,212	3,932,769	(125)	3,932,644	3,932,644	
Centers of excellence - Borrowing	50,000,000					
Economic development grants			150,000	150,000	125,000	25,000
Economic dev. initiatives			644,568	644,568	644,568	
APUC - Animal identification grants			225,000	225,000		225,000
Total all funds	\$128,561,660	\$76,491,020	\$61,527	\$76,552,547	\$79,377,547	(\$2,825,000)
Less estimated income	105,432,496	55,423,044	1,991,950	57,414,994	60,274,994	(2,860,000)
General fund	\$23,129,164	\$21,067,976	(\$1,930,423)	\$19,137,553	\$19,102,553	\$35,000
FTE	59.00	59.00	3.00	62.00	62.00	0.00

Department No. 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Reduces Recommended Funding for Health Insurance	Changes Funding for Economic Initiatives ¹	Changes Funding for Economic Grants ²	Adds Funding for Salaries ³	Adds Funding for Development Fund FTE ⁴	Adds Funding for Learning Vacations ⁵
Salaries and wages	(\$6,364)	\$105,432		\$120,000	\$118,994	\$80,000
Operating expenses						45,000
Capital assets						
Grants						
Centers of excellence						
Agricultural products utilization	(250)					
Discretionary funds		(460,000)				
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	(125)					
Centers of excellence - Borrowing						
Economic development grants			150,000			
Economic dev. initiatives		644,568				
APUC - Animal identification grants						
Total all funds	(\$6,739)	\$290,000	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$118,994	\$125,000
Less estimated income	(2,044)	250,000	0	0	118,994	0
General fund	(\$4,695)	\$40,000	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$125,000
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

	Adds Funding for Indian Business Development⁶	Adds Funding for Trade Office⁷	Adds Funding for Workforce Development⁸	Removes Funding for Centers of Excellence⁹	Adds Funding for Visitor Rescues¹⁰	Adds Additional Funding for Trade Office¹¹
Salaries and wages	\$105,432		\$35,878			
Operating expenses	23,840	500,000	41,000			200,000
Capital assets						
Grants			623,122			
Centers of excellence				(2,500,000)		
Agricultural products utilization						
Discretionary funds					10,000	
Lewis and Clark bicentennial Centers of excellence - Borrowing						
Economic development grants						
Economic dev. initiatives						
APUC - Animal identification grants						
Total all funds	\$129,272	\$500,000	\$700,000	(\$2,500,000)	\$10,000	\$200,000
Less estimated income	0	500,000	700,000	0	0	200,000
General fund	\$129,272	\$0	\$0	(\$2,500,000)	\$10,000	\$0
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Animal Identification Grants¹²	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		\$559,372
Operating expenses		809,840
Capital assets		
Grants		623,122
Centers of excellence		(2,500,000)
Agricultural products utilization		(250)
Discretionary funds		(450,000)
Lewis and Clark bicentennial Centers of excellence - Borrowing		(125)
Economic development grants		150,000
Economic dev. initiatives		644,568
APUC - Animal identification grants	225,000	225,000
Total all funds	\$225,000	\$61,527
Less estimated income	225,000	1,991,950
General fund	\$0	(\$1,930,423)
FTE	0.00	3.00

¹ A total of \$750,000, of which \$500,000 is from the general fund and \$250,000 from funds to be raised by the department, is provided for the economic development initiatives listed below which were recommended by the Primary Sector Business Congress. The funding is increased from the \$460,000 provided by the Senate. Funding from the general fund for 1 FTE position is included in the salaries and wages line item and the remainder is included in a separate line item. The Senate had included funding in the discretionary funds line item and specified amounts for each initiative. In this amendment, specific amounts are not identified for each initiative. These changes are the same as the House version.

- Target industry identification and report.
- Image information program.
- Business hotline program.
- Local economic developer certification and training program.
- Dakota manufacturing initiative.
- Intellectual property rights study and report.

- Economic development incentives study and report.
- Business climate initiative study

² A separate line item is added providing funding from the general fund for the life sciences sector development grant (\$100,000), the same as the House version. The Senate had designated funding from the discretionary funds line item for this grant. Funding of \$50,000 from the general fund is included in this line item and a section is added directing the department to provide a grant to the Rural Development Council. The funding of \$25,000 from the general fund included in both the Senate and House versions for a wind-to-hydrogen demonstration project grant is removed.

³ The salaries and wages line item is increased by \$120,000 from the general fund to provide funding for a vacant FTE position, the same as the House version.

⁴ Funding is added for the 1 FTE position recommended in the executive budget to be paid for from the Development Fund pursuant to a continuing appropriation. This amendment includes the funding and the FTE position in the Department of Commerce budget. The House also made this change.

⁵ This amendment adds \$125,000 from the general fund and 1 FTE position for the Tourism Division to develop, market, and implement learning-based vacations, including development of a learning-based vacation web site which will allow individuals to create individualized learning-based vacations. The House also made this change.

⁶ Funding and 1 FTE position are added for operating costs of the American Indian Business Development Office within the Department of Commerce. Sections are added making statutory changes and providing for a report to the Legislative Council relating to the American Indian Business Development Office. The House also made these changes.

⁷ The operating expenses line item is increased by \$500,000 from the Development Fund for costs associated with the International Business and Trade Office. The funds are not transferred from the Development Fund until 50 percent matching funds are available. Sections are added changing statutory provisions relating to the office, including establishing the purpose of the office and authorizing an advisory board. The House also made these changes.

⁸ This amendment adds funding available from a federal technical skills training grant for additional workforce training, the same as the House version.

⁹ This amendment removes funding and related statutory and reporting provisions relating to centers of excellence, the same as the House version.

¹⁰ The discretionary funds line item is increased by \$10,000 from the general fund for reimbursing political subdivisions for extraordinary costs incurred in rescues of visitors to North Dakota tourist attractions.

¹¹ The operating expenses line item is increased by \$200,000 of other funds made available from the State Mill and Elevator for the international trade office.

¹² A section is added appropriating \$225,000, of which \$75,000 is from the agricultural fuel tax fund and \$150,000 is federal funds for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission to use for an animal identification grant program.

A section is added providing for an economic development incentives study and report to the Legislative Council, the same as the House version.

Sections are added which:

- Create an Office of Renewable Energy in the Community Services Division of the Department of Commerce.
- Reduce the taxable valuation for certain wind turbine electric generators.
- Transfer \$425,000 from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to the agricultural fuel tax fund.

Sections added by the Senate, but which the House removed relating to the following items are also removed by the Conference Committee:

- Changes to the seed capital investment tax credit - Moved to Senate Bill No. 2032.
- Directing a tax study
- Directing a Legislative Council business climate initiative study - Moved to Senate Bill No. 2032.

The section and funding added by the House to specifically appropriate funding for ethanol production incentives is removed.

The section added by the Senate but which the House removed relating to the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission providing a \$100,000 wheat scab research grant to a private company is included in this amendment, with the \$100,000 subject to approval by the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission.

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Sections are added which amend the Agriculture Commissioner's appropriation bill (House Bill No. 1009, as approved) to remove \$150,000 of federal funds for costs associated with animal identification.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Transportation Institute - House Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes ¹	House Version
Operating expenses			\$360,000	\$360,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is added for conducting a transportation study.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Transportation Institute - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes ¹	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Operating expenses			\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is added for conducting a transportation study, the same as the House version.