



REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	70.00	\$28,492,511	\$88,000	\$28,580,511
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	0.00	(167,199)	0	(167,199)
Armstrong budget recommendation	70.00	\$28,325,312	\$88,000	\$28,413,312
Base level	45.00	19,134,709	88,000	19,222,709
Increase (decrease)	25.00	\$9,190,603	\$0	\$9,190,603
Percentage increase (decrease)	55.6%	48.0%	0.0%	47.8%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool amounts
- Provides \$40,572 from the general fund for proposed legislator interim per diem compensation adjustments of 3 percent each year of the biennium, increasing from \$213 to \$219 effective July 2025, and \$226 effective July 2026, and a proposed increase in Legislative Management chairman pay and interim committee chairmen pay from \$5 per day to \$10 per day for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim
- Adds \$5,648,296 from the general fund for salaries and wages and operating expenses related to 25 FTE positions
- Increases funding from the general fund by \$221,607 for information technology (IT), including service contracts, equipment, consulting, data processing, and software
- Increases funding from the general fund by \$500,000 for professional services to provide a total of \$770,000 from the general fund for professional services
- Adds one-time funding of \$375,000 from the general fund for operating expenses related to new FTE positions
- Adds one-time funding of \$280,000 from the general fund for capital assets for IT equipment, including tape library and video encoder hardware replacement

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The audit of the Legislative Council included an unmodified opinion and there were no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The audit included one audit finding related to accounts payable and expenditures. Because a vendor invoice, received after the deadline to charge expenditures back to fiscal year 2022, included work done prior to June 30, 2022, the auditor proposed an adjustment to include the invoice in accounts payable and expenditures as of June 30, 2022. The amount of the adjustment was not material and shifted the expenditure from fiscal year 2023 to fiscal year 2022 for financial statement purposes. The auditor recommended the Legislative Council review reconciliation controls to ensure the controls in place will prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. The Legislative Council agreed with the finding and will review its internal processes to ensure transactions are properly accounted for and reflected on its balance sheet.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, Legislative Council has 2 fees. The Legislative Council did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1025 - Advanced nuclear energy study - Provides \$500,000 from the general fund, including from grants and donations, to conduct a study on the feasibility, siting, and deployment of advanced nuclear power plants.

Senate Bill No. 2187 - State lodging rate - Increases the state lodging rate from 90 percent to 100 percent of the GSA rate. A fiscal note prepared by the Office of Management and Budget indicates increased expenditures of \$703,846, of which \$464,820 is from the general fund.

Senate Bill No. 2246 - Regenerative grazing practices study - Provides \$49,500 from the general fund to contract with a consultant to study the feasibility and desirability of creating a regenerative grazing ranch in the state.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



Legislative Council - Budget No. 160
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2001

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	45.00	\$19,134,709	\$88,000	\$19,222,709
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes		\$771,648		\$771,648
Salary increase		748,789		748,789
Health insurance increase		420,358		420,358
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new FTE pool		27,000		27,000
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium vacant FTE pool		101,202		101,202
Provides funding for proposed legislator interim per diem compensation adjustments of 3 percent each year of the biennium and in Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay from \$5 to \$10 per day during the 2025-26 interim		40,572		40,572
Adds funding for salaries and wages and operating expenses for 25 FTE positions	25.00	5,648,296		5,648,296
Increases funding for interim travel		7,047		7,047
Increases funding for IT, including service contracts, equipment, consulting, data processing, and software		221,607		221,607
Increases funding for professional services to provide a total of \$770,000		500,000		500,000
Increases funding for other operating expenses		49,084		49,084
Total ongoing funding changes	25.00	\$8,535,603	\$0	\$8,535,603
One-Time Funding Items				
Adds one-time funding for operating expenses related to new FTE positions		\$375,000		\$375,000
Adds one-time funding for capital assets for IT equipment, including tape library and video encoder hardware replacement		280,000		280,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$655,000	\$0	\$655,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	25.00	\$9,190,603	\$0	\$9,190,603
2025-27 Total Funding	70.00	\$28,325,312	\$88,000	\$28,413,312

Federal funds included in other funds

\$0

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

55.6%

44.6%

0.0%

44.4%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

55.6%

48.0%

0.0%

47.8%