

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

### Senate Bill No. 2001 - Funding Summary

	Base Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison to Base Budget
Legislative Assembly			
Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$14,595,670	\$1,645,103
Operating expenses	4,772,209	10,170,840	5,398,631
Capital assets	6,000	226,000	220,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures	283,070	306,172	23,102
Total all funds	\$18,011,846	\$25,298,682	\$7,286,836
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$18,011,846	\$25,298,682	\$7,286,836
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative Council			
Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$16,626,155	\$1,190,358
New and vacant FTE pool		5,088,515	5,088,515
Operating expenses	3,780,912	5,216,150	1,435,238
Public printing		290,000	290,000
Capital assets	6,000	286,000	280,000
Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$27,506,820	\$8,284,111
Less estimated income	88,000	88,000	0
General fund	\$19,134,709	\$27,418,820	\$8,284,111
FTE	45.00	70.00	25.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$37,234,555	\$52,805,502	\$15,570,947
Less estimated income	88,000	88,000	0
General fund	\$37,146,555	\$52,717,502	\$15,570,947
FTE	45.00	70.00	25.00

### Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Assembly - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$1,645,103	\$14,595,670
Operating expenses	4,772,209	5,190,631	9,962,840
Capital assets	6,000	220,000	226,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures	283,070	23,102	306,172
Total all funds	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$18,011,846	\$7,078,836	\$25,090,682
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Department 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Cost to Continue Compensation <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>2</sup>	Increases Funding for Monthly Lodging Expenses <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Mileage Rate Increases <sup>4</sup>	Increases Funding for IT <sup>5</sup>	Adjusts Funding for Operating Expenses <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$89,350	\$1,555,753				
Operating expenses			\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
Capital assets						
National Conf. of State Legislatures						
Total all funds	\$89,350	\$1,555,753	\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$89,350	\$1,555,753	\$112,163	\$81,639	\$556,444	(\$10,615)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds Funding for Audio and Video Storage and Streaming <sup>7</sup>	Increases Funding for NCSL Dues <sup>8</sup>	Adds One-time Funding for Chamber and Systems Upgrades <sup>9</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages				\$1,645,103
Operating expenses			\$4,451,000	5,190,631
Capital assets	\$220,000			220,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures		\$23,102		23,102
Total all funds	\$220,000	\$23,102	\$4,451,000	\$7,078,836
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$220,000	\$23,102	\$4,451,000	\$7,078,836
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added for cost to continue 2023-25 biennium compensation increases.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for increases in monthly health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 (\$798,961) and for 2025-27 biennium compensation adjustments of 3 percent per year for temporary salaries (\$195,272), legislators' daily pay for regular and organizational sessions, legislative leaders and standing committee chairmen daily pay for regular and organizational session, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders (\$561,520).

The major compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2025	Rate Effective July 1, 2026
Daily session pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Monthly compensation	\$592	\$610	\$628
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$424	\$437	\$450
Additional leaders' daily session pay	\$15	\$20	\$20
Additional assistant leaders' and standing committee chairmen	\$10	\$15	\$15

<sup>3</sup> Funding is added to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$2,079 anticipated for the 2027 legislative session. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement is \$2,022 for the 2025 legislative session.

<sup>4</sup> Funding is added for anticipated increases in the mileage rate to \$0.67 per mile.

<sup>5</sup> Funding is increased for operating expenses related to information technology (IT), including data processing, software, maintenance, consulting, and equipment.

<sup>6</sup> Funding is adjusted for operating expenses, including increases in rental equipment and various other expenses, offset by decreases in printing and postage.

<sup>7</sup> Funding is added for capital assets for IT for audio and video storage and video streaming quality.

<sup>8</sup> Funding is increased for National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) dues to provide a total of \$306,172.

<sup>9</sup> One-time funding is added for legislative chamber and systems upgrades.

This amendment:

- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide \$5 per day increases in daily session pay for leaders, assistant leaders, and standing committee chairmen.
- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide 3 percent per year increases for legislators' regular and organizational daily session pay, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders.
- Amends the emergency clause to provide Sections 1 through 5 and Section 10 of the bill are declared to be an emergency measure.

#### Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Assembly - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$12,950,567	\$14,595,670		\$14,595,670
Operating expenses	4,772,209	9,962,840	\$208,000	10,170,840
Capital assets	6,000	226,000		226,000
National Conf. of State Legislatures	283,070	306,172		306,172
Total all funds	\$18,011,846	\$25,090,682	\$208,000	\$25,298,682
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$18,011,846	\$25,090,682	\$208,000	\$25,298,682
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### Department 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of House Changes

	Increases Funding for Monthly Lodging Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Increases Funding for North Dakota Legislators' Forum Dues <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages			
Operating expenses	\$198,000	\$10,000	\$208,000
Capital assets			
National Conf. of State Legislatures			
Total all funds	\$198,000	\$10,000	\$208,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$198,000	\$10,000	\$208,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added to increase the anticipated maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement for the 2027 legislative session from \$2,079 in the Senate version to \$2,475 in the House version pursuant to the approval of Senate Bill No. 2084. The maximum monthly lodging reimbursement is \$2,022 for the 2025 legislative session.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is increased for North Dakota Legislators' Forum dues to provide a total of \$40,000 for the biennium.

The House did not approve the emergency clause.

#### Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Assembly - Conference Committee Action

The Senate accepted the House amendments.

## Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Council - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$1,190,358	\$16,626,155
New and vacant FTE pool		5,088,515	5,088,515
Operating expenses	3,780,912	2,085,238	5,866,150
Capital assets	6,000	280,000	286,000
Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$8,644,111	\$27,866,820
Less estimated income	88,000	325,000	413,000
General fund	\$19,134,709	\$8,319,111	\$27,453,820
FTE	45.00	25.00	70.00

## Department 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>2</sup>	Increases Funding for Legislator Per Diem <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for 25 FTE Positions <sup>4</sup>	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>5</sup>	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool <sup>6</sup>
Salaries and wages	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$4,938,963	\$128,202	(\$5,858,174)
New and vacant FTE pool						5,088,515
Operating expenses				432,500		
Public printing						
Capital assets						
Total all funds	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$5,371,463	\$128,202	(\$769,659)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$771,648	\$1,169,147	\$40,572	\$5,371,463	\$128,202	(\$769,659)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00

	Increases Funding for Professional Services <sup>7</sup>	Increases Funding for IT <sup>8</sup>	Increases Funding for Other Operating Expenses <sup>9</sup>	Adds One-time Funding for IT Equipment <sup>10</sup>	Adds One-time Funding for a Study of the Impacts of Term Limits <sup>11</sup>	Adds One-time Funding for an Advanced Nuclear Energy Study <sup>12</sup>
Salaries and wages						
New and vacant FTE pool						
Operating expenses	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131		\$225,000	\$650,000
Public printing						
Capital assets				\$280,000		
Total all funds	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131	\$280,000	\$225,000	\$650,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	325,000
General fund	\$500,000	\$221,607	\$56,131	\$280,000	\$225,000	\$325,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$1,190,358
New and vacant FTE pool	5,088,515
Operating expenses	2,085,238
Public printing	
Capital assets	280,000
Total all funds	\$8,644,111
Less estimated income	325,000
General fund	\$8,319,111
FTE	25.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

<sup>2</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:

	<b>Total General Fund</b>
Salary increase	\$748,789
Health insurance increase	<u>420,358</u>
Total	\$1,169,147

<sup>3</sup> Funding is added for 2025-27 biennium compensation adjustments of 3 percent per year for legislators' attendance at interim meetings and Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay during the 2025-26 interim. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	<b>Current Compensation Rate</b>	<b>Rate Effective July 1, 2025</b>	<b>Rate Effective July 1, 2026</b>
Interim meeting pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Additional Legislative Management chairman and interim chairmen pay	\$5	\$10	\$10

<sup>4</sup> Funding is added for 25 FTE positions, including policy analysts, program evaluators, legal counsel, fiscal analyst, IT support, human resources, and administrative support. Funding is provided for salaries and wages, based on a phased-in hiring schedule, and operating expenses related to the positions, including dues and professional development and one-time funding of \$375,000 for IT equipment and office furniture.

<sup>5</sup> Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	<b>Total General Fund</b>
Vacant FTE positions	\$101,202
New FTE positions	<u>27,000</u>
Total	\$128,202

<sup>6</sup> Funding of \$5,858,174 for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$5,088,515 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	<b>Total General Fund</b>
New FTE positions	(\$4,938,963)
Vacant FTE positions	(919,211)
Total	(\$5,858,174)
Funding pool line item	<u>5,088,515</u>
Net savings	(\$769,659)

<sup>7</sup> Funding for professional services is increased to provide a total of \$770,000.

<sup>8</sup> Funding is increased for IT, including service contracts, equipment, consulting, data processing, and software.

<sup>9</sup> Funding for operating expenses is increased as follows:

	<b>Total General Fund</b>
Telephone expense	\$35,608
Interim committee travel	7,047
Office supplies, postage, and printing	6,766
Miscellaneous IT supplies	4,800
Dues and professional development	<u>1,910</u>
Total	\$56,131

<sup>10</sup> One-time funding is added for IT equipment, including tape library and video encoder hardware replacement.

<sup>11</sup> One-time funding is added for consulting services related to a study of the impacts of legislative term limits.

<sup>12</sup> One-time funding is added from the general fund and other funds, derived from matching funds, for consulting services related to an advanced nuclear energy study.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to provide for the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds a section to adjust 2025-27 biennium compensation rates to provide for a 3 percent per year increase in interim meeting pay and to provide a \$5 per day increase in the Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislative Management.
- Adds a section to provide legislative intent that the Legislative Council gather additional information regarding chamber accessibility.
- Adds a section to provide for a Legislative Management study of advanced nuclear energy and require Legislative Management seek matching funds for funding appropriated for consulting services related to the study.
- Amends the emergency clause to provide Sections 1 through 5 and Section 10 of the bill are declared to be an emergency measure.

#### Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Council - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,435,797	\$16,626,155		\$16,626,155
New and vacant FTE pool		5,088,515		5,088,515
Operating expenses	3,780,912	5,866,150	(\$650,000)	5,216,150
Public printing			290,000	290,000
Capital assets	6,000	286,000		286,000
Total all funds	\$19,222,709	\$27,866,820	(\$360,000)	\$27,506,820
Less estimated income	88,000	413,000	(325,000)	88,000
General fund	\$19,134,709	\$27,453,820	(\$35,000)	\$27,418,820
FTE	45.00	70.00	0.00	70.00

#### Department 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Public Printing <sup>1</sup>	Removes One-time Funding for an Advanced Nuclear Energy Study <sup>2</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages			
New and vacant FTE pool			
Operating expenses		(\$650,000)	(\$650,000)
Public printing	\$290,000		290,000
Capital assets			
Total all funds	\$290,000	(\$650,000)	(\$360,000)
Less estimated income	0	(325,000)	(325,000)
General fund	\$290,000	(\$325,000)	(\$35,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding is added for public printing transferred from the Secretary of State to the Legislative Council in House Bill No. 1002.

<sup>2</sup> One-time funding from the general fund and other funds, derived from matching funds, for consulting services related to an advanced nuclear energy study added by the Senate is removed. The study and related funding are included in House Bill No. 1025.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to amend Section 48-08-04, related to the use of legislative rooms and halls, to provide the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the Capitol is reserved for the exclusive use of the Legislative Council. **The Governor vetoed this section.**
- Removes the section related to an advanced nuclear energy study added by the Senate. The study and related funding are included in House Bill No. 1025.

The House did not approve the emergency clause.

## **Senate Bill No. 2001 - Legislative Council - Conference Committee Action**

The Senate accepted the House amendments.

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