

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Funding Summary

	Base Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison to Base Budget
Attorney General			
Autonomous technology grants		\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dept. of Career and Technical Education			
Autonomous technology grants		\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Department of Commerce			
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$17,697,648	\$1,912,342
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600	582,600
Operating expenses	19,462,643	26,682,666	7,220,023
Grants	47,636,118	101,557,315	53,921,197
Childrens education science center grant		2,000,000	2,000,000
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,150,000	
Workforce programs		7,000,000	7,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	1,707,511	759,044
Partner programs	907,920	907,920	
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$160,285,660	\$73,395,206
Less estimated income	53,344,371	117,989,707	64,645,336
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$42,295,953	\$8,749,870
FTE	62.80	65.80	3.00
State Fair Association			
Sanitation restoration		\$350,000	\$350,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$161,135,660	\$74,245,206
Less estimated income	53,344,371	118,489,707	65,145,336
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$42,645,953	\$9,099,870
FTE	62.80	65.80	3.00

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Attorney General - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 125 - Attorney General - Detail of House Changes

	Adds One-Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total House Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to the Attorney General for autonomous technology grants. A section is added to the bill to provide the Attorney General may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The Attorney General is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Attorney General - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 125 - Attorney General - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One-Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from the SIIF to the Attorney General for autonomous technology grants, the same as provided by the House. A section is added to the bill to provide the Attorney General may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The Attorney General is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of House Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total House Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from SIIF to the Department of Career and Technical Education for autonomous technology grants. A section is added to the bill to provide the department may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The department is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Autonomous technology grants			\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 270 - Dept. of Career and Technical Education - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for Autonomous Technology Grants ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Autonomous technology grants	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total all funds	\$250,000	\$250,000
Less estimated income	250,000	250,000
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$250,000 is appropriated from SIIF to the Department of Career and Technical Education for autonomous technology grants, the same as provided by the House. A section is added to the bill to provide the department may require grant recipients to provide \$1 of matching funds from nonstate sources for every \$4 provided by the state. The department is required to report to the Legislative Management during the 2025-26 interim regarding the status of the grants. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

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

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$1,723,056	\$17,508,362
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600	582,600
Operating expenses	19,462,643	9,210,023	28,672,666
Grants	47,636,118	40,746,197	88,382,315
Discretionary funds	2,150,000		2,150,000
Workforce programs		8,000,000	8,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	759,044	1,707,511
Partner programs	907,920		907,920
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$61,020,920	\$147,911,374
Less estimated income	53,344,371	52,870,336	106,214,707
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$8,150,584	\$41,696,667
FTE	62.80	(1.00)	61.80

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for the Cost to Continue Salaries ²	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ³	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool ⁴	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool ⁵	Removes FTE Position ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$150,231	\$284,024	\$1,031,972	\$1,069,307	(\$832,285)	(\$189,286)
New and vacant FTE pool					582,600	
Operating expenses						(10,000)
Grants						
Childrens education science center grant						
Discretionary funds						
Workforce programs						
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers						
Partner programs						
Total all funds	\$150,231	\$284,024	\$1,031,972	\$1,069,307	(\$249,685)	(\$199,286)
Less estimated income	82,578	45,544	205,662	102,571	(51,422)	0
General fund	\$67,653	\$238,480	\$826,310	\$966,736	(\$198,263)	(\$199,286)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

	Adjusts Base Level Funding ⁷	Adds One- Time Funding for Temporary Salaries ⁸	Adds One- Time Funding for Operating and Grants ⁹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$55,503	\$153,590		\$1,723,056
New and vacant FTE pool				582,600
Operating expenses	370,023		\$8,850,000	9,210,023
Grants	(1,153,803)		41,900,000	40,746,197
Childrens education science center grant				
Discretionary funds				
Workforce programs			8,000,000	8,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers			759,044	759,044
Partner programs				
Total all funds	(\$728,277)	\$153,590	\$59,509,044	\$61,020,920
Less estimated income	(618,187)	103,590	53,000,000	52,870,336
General fund	(\$110,090)	\$50,000	\$6,509,044	\$8,150,584
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

¹ Funding is added for base payroll changes.

² Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

³ 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:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$531,691	\$127,953	\$659,644
Health insurance increase	294,619	77,709	372,328
Total	\$826,310	\$205,662	\$1,031,972

⁴ Funding is added to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	\$405,880	\$0	\$405,880
Vacant FTE positions	560,856	102,571	663,427
Total	\$966,736	\$102,571	\$1,069,307

⁵ Funding of \$832,285 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed and funding of \$582,600 is added for a 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool line item as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vacant FTE positions	(660,878)	(171,407)	(832,285)
Total	(\$660,878)	(\$171,407)	(\$832,285)
Funding pool line item	462,615	119,985	582,600
Net savings	(\$198,263)	(\$51,422)	(\$249,685)

⁶ Funding of \$199,286 from the general fund and 1 undesignated FTE position is removed.

⁷ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Adds federal funding for temporary salaries and operating expenses to maintain building codes	\$0	\$98,583	\$98,583
Adds funding for information technology increases, including \$38,467 from federal funds and \$16,199 from special funds	0	54,666	54,666
Adjusts base level funding for operating expenses, including a \$26,853 increase from federal funds and a \$16,199 reduction from special funds	(21,481)	10,654	(10,827)
Adds federal funding for AmeriCorps program operating expenses	0	290,000	290,000
Reduces ongoing funding for the operation intern program	(6,896)	0	(6,896)
Removes funding for the continuum of care program and the state apprenticeship program, including funding from federal funds	(81,713)	(1,097,157)	(1,178,870)
Adds federal funding for AmeriCorps and weatherization grant programs	0	3,132,157	3,132,157
Reduces federal funding for the community development block grant program and the community services block grant program	0	(2,086,940)	(2,086,940)
Removes funding from the uncrewed aircraft system (UAS) fund for UAS program grants. The department has continuing appropriation authority from the UAS fund.	0	(1,020,150)	(1,020,150)
Total	(\$110,090)	(\$618,187)	(\$728,277)

⁸ One-time funding of \$153,590 is added, including \$53,590 for temporary staff salaries and an office intern, of which \$50,000 is from the general fund and \$3,590 is from the economic development fund, and \$100,000 from the economic development fund for North Dakota Development Fund temporary salaries.

⁹ One-time funding is added as follows:

	General Fund	SIIF	Total
Tourism marketing awareness, of which \$6,850,000 is for operating expenses and \$150,000 is for a grant to support the North Dakota state magazine	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Operation intern program operating expenses	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Office of Global Talent, of which \$500,000 is for operating expenses and \$500,000 is for grants	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Tourism destination development grants	0	20,000,000	20,000,000
Beyond visual line of sight UAS grants	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
Enhanced use lease grants	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Autonomous agriculture grants	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Base enhancement grants	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Tribally controlled community college grants	750,000	0	750,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program	759,044	0	759,044
Regional workforce impact program grants	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Technical skills training grants	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total	\$6,509,044	\$53,000,000	\$59,509,044

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Other Changes - Senate Action

This amendment also adds and adjusts sections to:

- Provide the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Provide for a transfer from the general fund to the internship fund.
- Provide a \$5 million transfer from SIIF to the legacy investment for technology fund (LIFT).
- Provide a \$30 million transfer from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund.
- Identify funding for a rural health care grant program.
- Identify \$53 million appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF, including \$7 million for tourism marketing awareness, \$20 million for tourism destination development grants, \$10 million for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program, \$5 million for the enhanced use lease grant program, \$5 million for autonomous agriculture grants, \$1 million is for base enhancement grants, and \$5 million is for regional workforce impact program grants. Of the \$7 million for tourism marketing awareness, \$150,000 is designated for the continuation of the North Dakota state magazine with the current publisher of the magazine. Of the \$1 million for base enhancement grants, \$600,000 is for eligible organizations in Minot, \$250,000 is for eligible organizations in Grand Forks, and \$150,000 is for eligible organizations in Fargo. The \$5 million provided autonomous agriculture grants may be provided for autonomous trucking activities.
- Identify \$750,000 from the general fund for a grant to a tribally controlled community college in the Turtle Mountain area.
- Identify of the \$2.15 million appropriated from the general fund for discretionary funds, \$600,000 is designated for a grant to support an organization dedicated to assisting Native American small businesses in North Dakota.
- Create a new section to Chapter 54-60 to require the Department of Commerce to report to the Budget Section semiannually regarding grants administered by the department, excluding federally funded programs.
- Amend Section 54-60-31 to change the name of the Office of Legal Immigration to the Office of Global Talent.
- Provide 14 exemptions allowing the Department of Commerce to continue funding appropriated in prior bienniums into the 2025-27 biennium.

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

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$17,508,362	\$189,286	\$17,697,648
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600		582,600
Operating expenses	19,462,643	28,672,666	(1,990,000)	26,682,666
Grants	47,636,118	88,382,315	40,375,000	128,757,315
Childrens education science center grant			10,000,000	10,000,000
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,150,000		2,150,000
Workforce programs		8,000,000	5,000,000	13,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	1,707,511		1,707,511
Partner programs	907,920	907,920		907,920
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$53,574,286	\$201,485,660
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	53,375,000	159,589,707
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$199,286	\$41,895,953
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of House Changes

	Restores Funding for an FTE Position ¹	Adds FTE Positions ²	Adds One- Time Funding for Operating and Grants ³	Adds Contingent Funding for Children's Education Science Center Grants ⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$189,286				\$189,286
New and vacant FTE pool					
Operating expenses	10,000		(\$2,000,000)		(1,990,000)
Grants			40,375,000		40,375,000
Childrens education science center grant				\$10,000,000	10,000,000
Discretionary funds					
Workforce programs			5,000,000		5,000,000
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers					
Partner programs					
Total all funds	\$199,286	\$0	\$43,375,000	\$10,000,000	\$53,574,286
Less estimated income	0	0	43,375,000	10,000,000	53,375,000
General fund	\$199,286	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199,286
FTE	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

¹ Funding of \$199,286 from the general fund for 1 undesignated FTE position that was removed by the Senate is restored by the House, including \$189,286 for salaries and wages and \$10,000 for operating expenses.

² The House amendment adds 3 FTE positions as ongoing positions that were previously authorized for the 2023-25 biennium as one-time FTE positions as a result of \$120 million of one-time federal funding becoming available for weatherization and energy programs from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act. The funding for the positions is included in a separate section of the bill authorizing the Department of Commerce an exemption to continue unspent federal funding from the \$120 million appropriated for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium. The Senate added the exemption section but not the FTE positions.

³ One-time funding from SIIF is adjusted as follows:

	SIIF
Reduces funding for tourism marketing awareness operating expenses to provide a total of \$5 million. The Senate added \$7 million for this program.	(\$2,000,000)
Adds funding for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement grant program. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	16,000,000
Adds funding for tourism destination development grants to provide a total of \$25 million. The Senate added \$20 million for this program.	5,000,000
Adds funding for UAS grants. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	1,000,000
Adds funding for beyond visual line of sight UAS grants to provide a total of \$20 million. The Senate added \$10 million for this program.	10,000,000
Adds funding for autonomous agriculture grants to provide a total of \$10 million. The Senate added \$5 million for this program.	5,000,000
Adds funding for a Native American small business grant. The Senate provided this funding as part of the \$2,150,000 from the general fund in the base budget for discretionary funds.	600,000
Adds funding for a historic theater restoration grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	1,100,000
Adds funding for a historic opera house restoration grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	250,000
Adds funding for a historic theater improvement grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	250,000
Adds funding for a Medora transportation improvement grant. This funding is also included in House Bill No. 1018 (2025).	1,000,000
Adds funding for a community hall grant. The Senate did not provide funding for this grant.	175,000
Adds funding for the find the good life initiative. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$43,375,000</u>

⁴ One-time funding of \$10 million is appropriated from SIIF in a separate section for providing grants of up to \$5 million to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$410 million during the 2025-27 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2018 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to appropriate \$10 million of one-time funding from SIIF to the Department of Commerce for providing grants of up to \$5 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$410 million during the 2025-27 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF and a \$25 million transfer from Bank of North Dakota profits to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund. The moneys can be transferred only to the extent a private entity involved with a presidential library and museum in the state has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a \$1 for \$1 basis for deposit in the endowment fund and only if the oversight entity for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library establishes a policy to provide all children ages 17 and younger may visit the presidential library with no admission cost. The Senate did not add funding for this purpose.
- Amends a section to provide for a transfer of \$10 million from SIIF to the LIFT fund. The Senate provided for a \$5 million transfer from SIIF to the LIFT fund.
- Amends a section to provide the North Dakota Development Fund may use funding transferred from SIIF for non-primary sector business activities and for grants only to the extent an eligible organization has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
- Adds a section to authorize the Department of Commerce to borrow up to \$75 million through a Bank of North Dakota line of credit to be transferred to the North Dakota Development Fund.
- Amends a section identifying \$96,375,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The Senate appropriated \$53,000,000 in Section 1 from SIIF.
- Adds a section identifying \$16 million appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program and requirements of the program. The Senate did not include this section.
- Amends a section added by the Senate regarding tribally controlled community college grants.
- Removes a section added by the Senate that provided of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund for discretionary funds, \$600,000 must be used for a Native American small business grant. The House appropriated the \$600,000 for the program from SIIF.
- Amends Section 10-30.5-02 to allow the North Dakota Development Fund to form a management and operations entity and to be able to enter joint ventures.

- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-09 to provide the Workforce Development Division continually refine the state workforce mission, vision, and strategies, and to conduct regular employer talent and skills supply and demand studies.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-19 to provide the Workforce Development Division must collect data on all workforce programs administered by state agencies.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-28 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the UAS program.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29 to clarify the sources of funding that can be deposited in the UAS fund.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29.1 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program.
- Amends Section 54-60-31 to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Global Talent Office. The Senate amended the section to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Office of Global Talent.
- Amends Section 3 of Chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws to provide the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit provided to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project is authorized for \$20 million instead of \$70 million.
- Amends Subsection 13 of Section 9 of House Bill No. 1019 (2025) to provide an exemption to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to continue \$20 million instead of \$70 million from the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Amends a subsection of the exemption section of the bill to clarify funding for the parks and recreation program can be used for operating expenses of the program.
- Adds a new subsection to the exemption section of the bill to provide the department an exemption for any unspent funding for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program.

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

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$15,785,306	\$17,508,362	\$189,286	\$17,697,648	\$17,697,648	
New and vacant FTE pool		582,600		582,600	582,600	
Operating expenses	19,462,643	28,672,666	(1,990,000)	26,682,666	26,682,666	
Grants	47,636,118	88,382,315	13,175,000	101,557,315	128,757,315	(\$27,200,000)
Childrens education science center grant			2,000,000	2,000,000	10,000,000	(8,000,000)
Discretionary funds	2,150,000	2,150,000		2,150,000	2,150,000	
Workforce programs		8,000,000	(1,000,000)	7,000,000	13,000,000	(6,000,000)
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	948,467	1,707,511		1,707,511	1,707,511	
Partner programs	907,920	907,920		907,920	907,920	
Total all funds	\$86,890,454	\$147,911,374	\$12,374,286	\$160,285,660	\$201,485,660	(\$41,200,000)
Less estimated income	53,344,371	106,214,707	11,775,000	117,989,707	159,589,707	(41,600,000)
General fund	\$33,546,083	\$41,696,667	\$599,286	\$42,295,953	\$41,895,953	\$400,000
FTE	62.80	61.80	4.00	65.80	65.80	0.00

Department 601 - Department of Commerce - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Restores Funding for an FTE Position ¹	Adds FTE Positions ²	Adds One- Time Funding for Operating and Grants ³	Adds Contingent Funding for Children's Education Science Center Grants ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	\$189,286				\$189,286
New and vacant FTE pool					
Operating expenses	10,000		(\$2,000,000)		(1,990,000)
Grants			13,175,000		13,175,000
Childrens education science center grant				\$2,000,000	2,000,000
Discretionary funds					
Workforce programs			(1,000,000)		(1,000,000)
Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers					
Partner programs					
Total all funds	\$199,286	\$0	\$10,175,000	\$2,000,000	\$12,374,286
Less estimated income	0	0	9,775,000	2,000,000	11,775,000
General fund	\$199,286	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$599,286
FTE	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.00

¹ Funding of \$199,286 from the general fund for 1 undesignated FTE position that was removed by the Senate is restored by the Conference Committee, including \$189,286 for salaries and wages and \$10,000 for operating expenses. The House also restored this position and related funding.

² The Conference Committee amendment adds 3 FTE positions as ongoing positions that were previously authorized for the 2023-25 biennium as one-time FTE positions as a result of \$120 million of one-time federal funding becoming available for weatherization and energy programs from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act. The funding for the positions is included in a separate section of the bill authorizing the Department of Commerce an exemption to continue unspent federal funding from the \$120 million appropriated for the 2023-25 biennium into the 2025-27 biennium. The Senate added the exemption section but not the FTE positions. The House added the exemption and the FTE positions.

³ One-time funding from the general fund and SIIF is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	SIIF	Total
Reduces funding for tourism marketing awareness operating expenses to provide a total of \$5 million, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided \$7 million for this program.	\$0	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,000,000)
Adds funding for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement grant program. The House added \$16 million for this program. The Senate did not add funding for this program.	0	9,000,000	9,000,000
Reduces funding for tourism destination development grants to provide a total of \$15 million. The House provided \$25 million and the Senate provided \$20 million for this program.	0	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
Adds funding for beyond visual line of sight UAS grants to provide a total of \$15 million. The House provided \$20 million and the Senate provided \$10 million for this program.	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Reduces funding for the enhanced use lease grant program to provide a total of \$2.5 million. The House and Senate provided \$5 million prior to the Conference Committee amendment.	0	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
Adds funding for autonomous agriculture grants to provide a total of \$7.5 million. The House provided \$10 million and the Senate provided \$5 million for this program.	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
Adds funding for a Native American small business grant, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided this funding as part of the \$2,150,000 from the general fund in the base budget for discretionary funds.	0	600,000	600,000
Adds funding for a historic theater restoration grant. The House provided \$1.1 million in Senate Bill No. 2018.	0	500,000	500,000
Adds funding for a historic opera house restoration grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	250,000	250,000
Adds funding for a historic theater improvement grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	250,000	250,000
Adds funding for a Medora transportation improvement grant, the same as provided by the House.	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Adds funding for a community hall grant, the same as provided by the House. The Senate did not provide funding for this grant.	0	175,000	175,000
Adds funding for regional planning council grants to provide a total of \$2 million, of which \$600,000 is designated from the general fund in the discretionary funds line item in the agency's base budget. The House and Senate did not provide funding for this purpose in Senate Bill No. 2018 prior to the Conference Committee amendment.	1,400,000	0	1,400,000
Reduces funding for technical skills training grants to provide a total of \$1 million from the general fund. The House and Senate approved \$2 million from the general fund prior to the Conference Committee amendment.	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)
Total	\$400,000	\$9,775,000	\$10,175,000

⁴ One-time funding of \$2 million is appropriated from SIIF in a separate section for providing grants of up to \$1 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$402 million during the 2025-27 biennium. The House provided \$10 million from SIIF for the program. The Senate did not provide funding for this program.

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This amendment also:

- Adds a section to appropriate \$2 million of one-time funding from SIIF to the Department of Commerce for providing grants of up to \$1 million each to support the construction of children's education science centers in cities in the state with a population of at least 50,000 residents. The funding is available only if oil and gas tax

revenue allocations to SIIF exceed \$402 million during the 2025-27 biennium. The House provided \$10 million for the program. The Senate did not add funding for the program.

- Amends a section to provide for a transfer of \$10 million from SIIF to the LIFT fund, the same as provided by the House. The Senate provided for a \$5 million transfer from SIIF to the LIFT fund.
- Amends a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF to the North Dakota Development Fund and to allow the North Dakota Development Fund to use up to \$10 million of the funding for nonprimary sector business activities. The House provided a \$30 million transfer, allowed the \$30 million to be used for nonprimary sector business activities, and provided the funding could be used for grants subject to matching funds from nonstate sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The Senate provided a \$30 million transfer and no authorized for nonprimary sector business activities or grants.
- Adds a section to authorize the Department of Commerce to borrow up to \$25 million through a Bank of North Dakota line of credit to be transferred to the North Dakota Development Fund. The House provided for a \$75 million line of credit. The Senate did not provide for a line of credit.
- Amends a section identifying \$62,775,000 appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF. The House appropriated \$96,375,000 from SIIF in Section 1. The Senate appropriated \$53,000,000 from SIIF in Section 1.
- Adds a section identifying \$9 million appropriated in Section 1 from SIIF for an uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program and requirements of the program. The House added this section including a \$16 million appropriation. The Senate did not include this section.
- Amends a section added by the Senate regarding tribally controlled community college grants, the same as amended by the House.
- Amends a section to designate \$600,000 of the \$2,150,000 appropriated from the general fund for discretionary funds is for providing grants to regional planning councils under Chapter 54-40.1. The Senate designated \$600,000 be used for a Native American small business grant and did not add funding for regional planning councils in Senate Bill No. 2018. The House appropriated the \$600,000 for a Native American small business grant from SIIF and did not add funding for regional planning councils in Senate Bill No. 2018.
- Amends Section 10-30.5-02 to allow the North Dakota Development Fund to form a management and operations entity and to be able to enter joint ventures, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-09 to provide the Workforce Development Division continually refine the state workforce mission, vision, and strategies, and to conduct regular employer talent and skills supply and demand studies, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-19 to provide the Workforce Development Division must collect data on all workforce programs administered by state agencies, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-28 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the UAS program, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29 to clarify the sources of funding that can be deposited in the UAS fund, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-60-29.1 to provide the Northern Plains Unmanned Aircraft System Test Site authority to enter contracts for the beyond visual line of sight UAS program, the same as provided by the House.
- Amends Section 54-60-31 to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Global Talent Office, the same as provided by the House. The Senate amended the section to rename the Office of Legal Immigration as the Office of Global Talent.
- Amends a subsection of the exemption section of the bill to clarify funding for the parks and recreation program can be used for operating expenses of the program, the same as provided by the House.
- Adds a new subsection to the exemption section of the bill to provide the department an exemption for any unspent funding for the entrepreneurship grants and vouchers program, the same as provided by the House.

The Conference Committee amendment does not:

- Add a section to provide for a \$25 million transfer from SIIF and a \$25 million transfer from Bank of North Dakota profits to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund. The House added this section and provided the moneys can be transferred only to the extent a private entity involved with a presidential library and museum in the state has secured matching funds from nonstate sources on a \$1 for \$1 basis for deposit in the endowment fund and only if the oversight entity for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library establishes a policy to provide all children ages 17 and younger may visit the presidential library with no admission cost. The Senate did not add funding for this purpose.
- Add a section to amend Section 3 of Chapter 51 of the 2023 Session Laws to provide the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit provided to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library project is authorized for \$20 million instead of \$70 million. The House added this section.
- Add a section to amend Subsection 13 of Section 9 of House Bill No. 1019 (2025) to provide an exemption to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to continue \$20 million instead of \$70 million from the 2023-25 biennium Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library into the 2025-27 biennium. The House added this section.

- Add funding for UAS program grants. The House added \$1 million from SIIF. The Senate did not add funding for this program.
- Add funding for the find the good life initiative. The House added \$5 million from SIIF. The Senate did not add funding for this program.

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	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Sanitation restoration			\$350,000	\$350,000		\$350,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 665 - State Fair Association - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds One- Time Funding for a Sanitation Restoration Project ¹	Total Conference Committee Changes
Sanitation restoration	\$350,000	\$350,000
Total all funds	\$350,000	\$350,000
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	\$350,000	\$350,000
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ One-time funding of \$350,000 is added from the general fund to the State Fair Association for a sanitation restoration project. The House and Senate did not add funding for this project prior to the Conference Committee amendment. **The Governor vetoed Section 7 of the bill, which provided the appropriation to the State Fair Association.**