

Department of Trust Lands
Budget No. 226
Senate Bill No. 2013

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	34.00	\$0	\$11,960,015	\$11,960,015
2025-27 base budget	33.00	0	9,869,025	9,869,025
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	1.00	\$0	\$2,090,990	\$2,090,990

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026			\$350,818	\$350,818
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month			198,173	198,173
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$739,732 for new positions and \$230,225 for vacant positions			969,957	969,957
Added 1 FTE unclaimed property FTE position	1.00		242,900	242,900
Transferred \$242,900 for 1 new FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$218,610 resulting in the savings as shown			(24,290)	(24,290)
Transferred \$287,348 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$201,144 resulting in the savings as shown			(86,204)	(86,204)
Added funding for salaries and wages related to equity increases and employee retention			550,000	550,000
Transferred \$53,998 from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item for cost to continue 2023-25 biennium salary increases			0	0
Added funding for information technology rate increases			66,810	66,810
Decreased funding for operating expenses related to budgetary savings			(177,174)	(177,174)
Total	1.00	\$0	\$2,090,990	\$2,090,990

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 34 FTE positions for the Department of Trust Lands for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 1 FTE position from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 33 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE unclaimed property position.

Distributions to State Institutions

Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2013 identifies distributions to state institutions for the 2025-27 biennium pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota. The schedule below provides a comparison of the distributions for the 2023-25 and 2025-27 bienniums.

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium	Increase (Decrease)
Common schools	\$499,860,000	\$584,677,350	\$84,817,350
North Dakota State University	7,648,000	8,770,000	1,122,000
University of North Dakota	5,986,000	6,948,000	962,000
Youth Correctional Center	2,662,000	3,136,000	474,000
School for the Deaf	2,198,000	2,388,000	190,000
North Dakota State College of Science	2,259,700	2,570,284	310,584
State Hospital	1,835,700	1,976,284	140,584
Veterans' Home	893,700	994,284	100,584
Valley City State University	1,354,000	1,566,000	212,000
North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind	1,679,700	1,936,284	256,584
Mayville State University	894,000	1,102,000	208,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	343,700	406,284	62,584
Dickinson State University	343,700	406,284	62,584
Minot State University	343,700	406,284	62,584
Total	\$528,301,900	\$617,283,338	\$88,981,438

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2013

New and vacant FTE pool line item - Section 2 provides guidelines regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Revenue diversification and development collaboration - Section 4 directs the Commissioner of University and School Lands and the Commissioner of Commerce to collaborate to identify revenue diversification and development opportunities on trust lands.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2302 - Critical minerals and rare earth elements - Clarifies the authority for the Board of University and School Lands to lease trust lands for the extraction of critical minerals and rare earth elements.