



Department of Mineral Resources  
Department No. 474  
2025 Senate Bill No. 2014

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION  
2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	110.00	\$37,796,026	\$2,070,377	\$39,866,403
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	1.00	(3,335,528)	3,300,000	(35,528)
<b>Armstrong budget recommendation</b>	<b>111.00</b>	<b>\$34,460,498</b>	<b>\$5,370,377</b>	<b>\$39,830,875</b>
Base level	108.00	28,113,785	268,000	28,381,785
Increase (decrease)	3.00	\$6,346,713	\$5,102,377	\$11,449,090
Percentage increase (decrease)	2.8%	22.6%	1,903.9%	40.3%

**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 the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool (\$1,389,856) and the 2023-25 new FTE pool (\$1,284,293)
- Adds 1 FTE permitting technician position, including \$151,146 for salaries and wages, \$3,727 for ongoing operating expenses, and \$7,160 for one-time operating expenses
- Adds 1 FTE reclamation specialist position, including \$184,887 for salaries and wages, \$64,590 for ongoing operating expenses, and \$17,165 for one-time operating expenses
- **Adds 1 FTE administrative assistant position, including \$163,030 for salaries and wages and \$7,160 for one-time operating expenses**
- Adds \$171,944 to convert 1 FTE administrative assistant position to 1 FTE geologist position
- Decreases salaries and wages by \$50,587 and operating expenses by \$511,293 related to budgetary savings
- Adds \$1.5 million for State Fleet rate adjustments
- Adds \$1,444,377 of one-time funding from federal funds for abandoned well reclamation project administration
- **Adds \$3 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for oil and gas litigation expenses**

**Deficiency Appropriations**

House Bill No. 1024, as recommended in the executive budget, would provide a deficiency appropriation of \$30,000 to the Department of Mineral Resources for salaries and wages.

**Significant Audit Findings**

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

**Agency Fees**

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 16 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

**Major Related Legislation**

As of the date of this report, there is no major related legislation for this agency.

**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.



**Department of Mineral Resources - Budget No. 474**  
**Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2014**

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2025-27 Biennium Base Level</b>	108.00	\$28,113,785	\$268,000	\$28,381,785
<b>2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes</b>				
Salary increase		\$978,870		\$978,870
Health insurance increase		666,585		666,585
Funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		1,389,856		1,389,856
Funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,284,293		1,284,293
FTE permitting technician position	1.00	154,873		154,873
FTE reclamation specialist position	1.00	249,477		249,477
FTE administrative assistant position	1.00	163,030		163,030
FTE position conversion to geologist		171,944		171,944
Federal funds adjustment to salaries			\$16,000	16,000
Budget reduction from savings		(561,880)		(561,880)
Information technology rate adjustment		108,065		108,065
State fleet rate adjustment		1,500,000		1,500,000
<b>Total ongoing funding changes</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>\$6,105,113</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>	<b>\$6,121,113</b>
<b>One-Time Funding Items</b>				
Federal abandoned well reclamation administration			\$1,444,377	\$1,444,377
FTE position conversion operating expenses		\$10,115		10,115
New FTE position operating expenses		31,485		31,485
Mineral analysis		100,000		100,000
Rare earth elements study		100,000		100,000
Archeology excavation project - SIIF			300,000	300,000
Ordinary high water mark expert fees			342,000	342,000
Oil and gas litigation - SIIF			3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>Total one-time funding changes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$241,600</b>	<b>\$5,086,377</b>	<b>\$5,327,977</b>
<b>Total Changes to Base Level Funding</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>\$6,346,713</b>	<b>\$5,102,377</b>	<b>\$11,449,090</b>
<b>2025-27 Total Funding</b>	<b>111.00</b>	<b>\$34,460,498</b>	<b>\$5,370,377</b>	<b>\$39,830,875</b>
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$1,728,377	

*Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level*

2.8%

21.7%

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21.6%

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