



**REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION**  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
(See SFN 02580)

Request #: 2139

Requestor Information  
 Department name: Office of Attorney General  
 Department number: 12500  
 Name of contact person: Becky Keller  
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Purpose of Request  
 Is this request related to a state emergency? No  
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
12572 Litigation Pool	\$3,000,000

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Funding Information  
 What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Other  
 Source: Charitable gaming operating fund  
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No  
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No  
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

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Background Information  
 Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No  
 Is the request for a new program? No  
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No  
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes  
 Provide explanation:  
 This request is to increase special fund authority for the Litigation Pool line item by \$3.0 million from the charitable gaming operating fund. The Litigation Pool pays for litigation costs incurred by state agencies, boards, and commissions as needed; litigation to defend statutes passed by the Legislative Assembly; litigation on behalf of North Dakota against unlawful federal government overreach; litigation related to DAPL including a large trial this spring; and other litigation costs. As of August 26, 2024, \$3,628,885 has been expended for these types of costs incurred through June 30, 2024. There are approximately \$450,000 in vouchers that we have received and are awaiting approval for payment. This leaves \$971,104 for the remaining 13 months of the biennium for ongoing and new cases.

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Other Information  
 Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
 54-12-01 Attorney General - duties

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Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:  
 This request allows for the continued specialized legal expertise required to represent and defend the state against ongoing and new litigation relating to state and federal laws and regulations.

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Provide any other relevant information:  
 Without this funding the Office of Attorney General will be unable to fulfill its duties under 54-12-01.

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Signature



I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

*Becky Keller*

*08/30/2024*

Sign Here

Date