Legislative Drafting Seminar: Legislative Research Resources on the Legislative Branch Website

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH RESOURCES ON THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WEBSITE

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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH WEBSITE

Legislative research resources:

- Century Code
- Session Laws
- Research Center
- Budget and Fiscal Information
- Session Information
- Search
- Bill Tracking



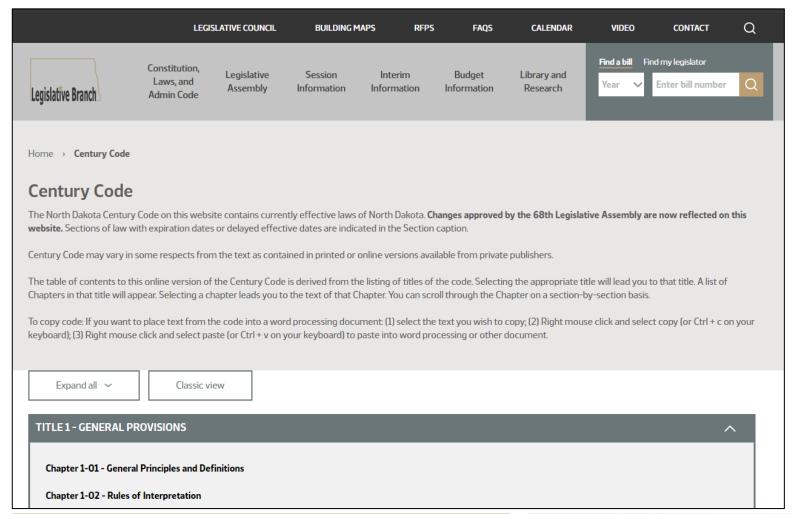
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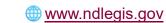


CENTURY CODE

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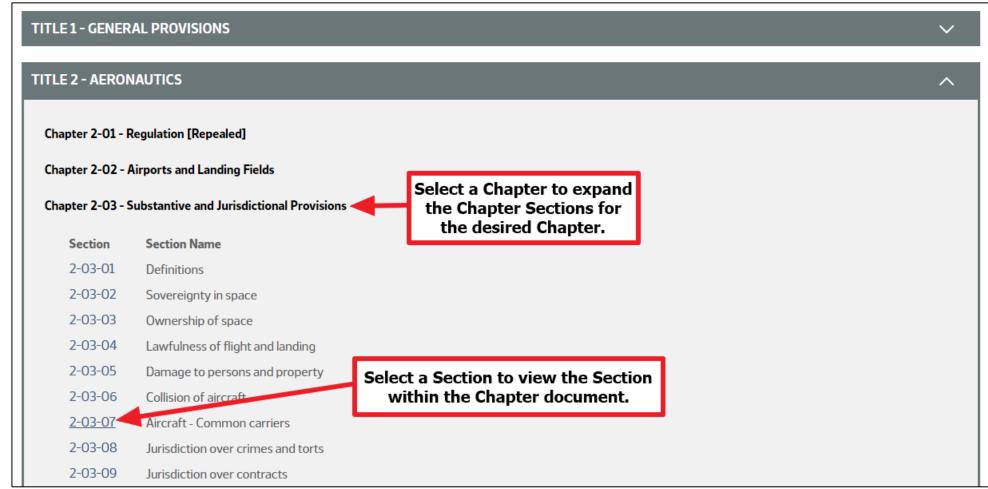






CENTURY CODE

Select a *Chapter* to view the Sections for the Chapter.





CENTURY CODE – CLASSIC VIEW

Select a *Title* heading to view Chapters, then select the desired Chapter.

Home → **Century Code**

Century Code

The North Dakota Century Code on this website contains currently effective laws of North Dakota. **Changes approved by the 68th Legislative Assembly are now reflected on this website.** Sections of law with expiration dates or delayed effective dates are indicated in the Section caption.

Century Code may vary in some respects from the text as contained in printed or online versions available from private publishers.

The table of contents to this online version of the Century Code is derived from the listing of titles of the code. Selecting the appropriate title will lead you to that title. A list of Chapters in that title will appear. Selecting a chapter leads you to the text of that Chapter. You can scroll through the Chapter on a section-by-section basis.

To copy code: If you want to place text from the code into a word processing document: (1) select the text you wish to copy; (2) Right mouse click and select copy (or Ctrl + c on your keyboard); (3) Right mouse click and select paste (or Ctrl + v on your keyboard) to paste into word processing or other document.

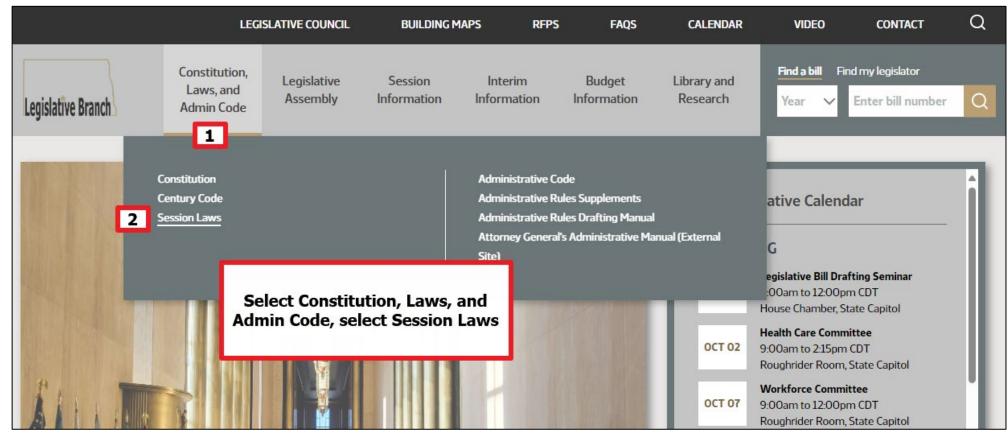
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3	Agency	23	Health and Safety	45	Partnerships
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5	Alcoholic Beverages	25	Mental and Physical Illness or Disability	48	Public Buildings
6	Banks and Banking	26	Insurance	49	Public Utilities
7	Building and Loan Associations	26.1	Insurance	50	Public Welfare
8	Carriage	27	Judicial Branch of Government	51	Sales and Exchanges
9	Contracts and Obligations	28	Judicial Procedure, Civil	52	Social Security
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SESSION LAWS

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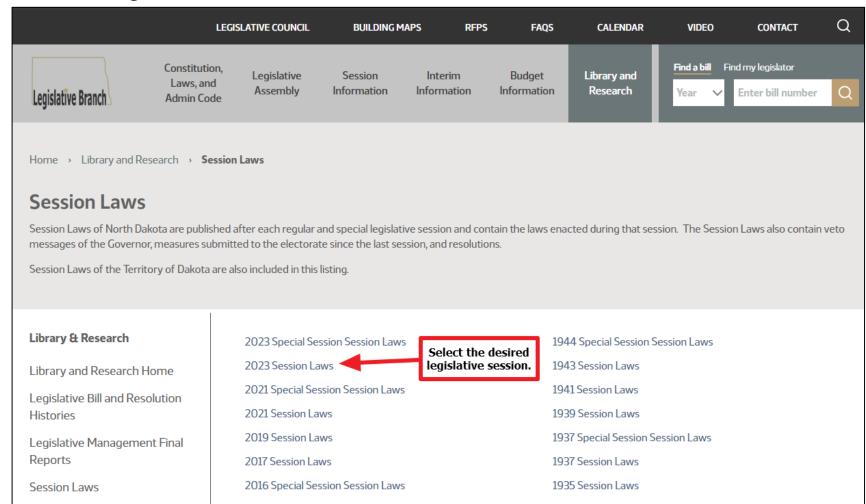






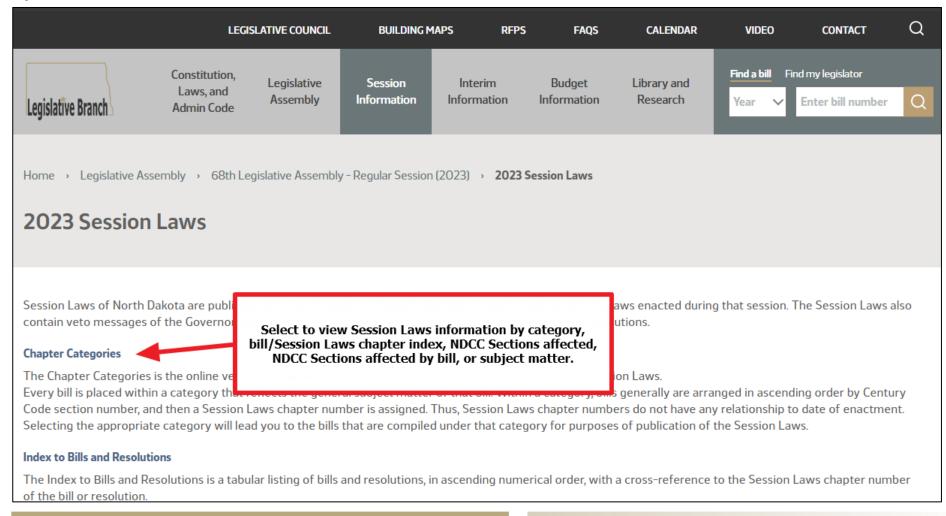
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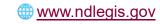


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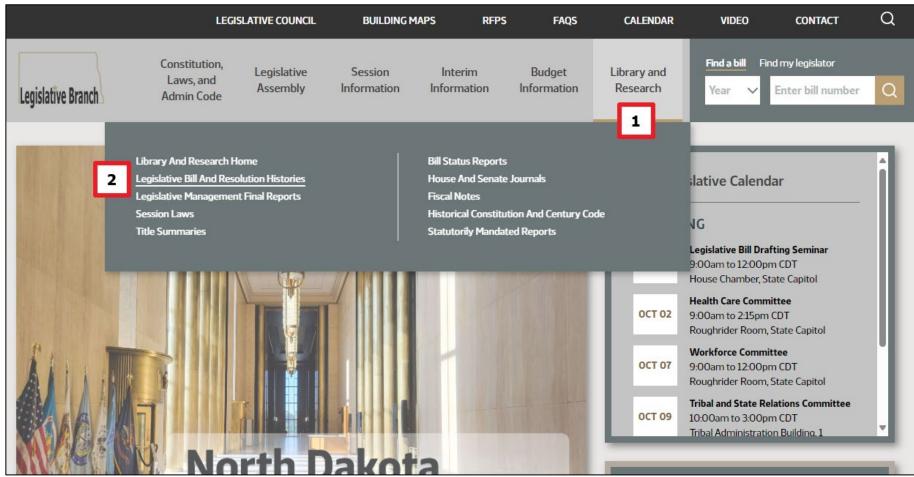






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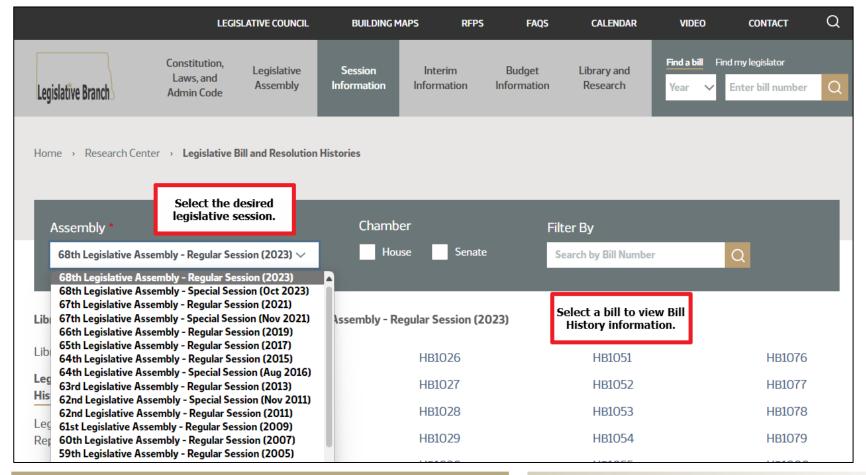
Select Library and Research, then Legislative Bill Histories.





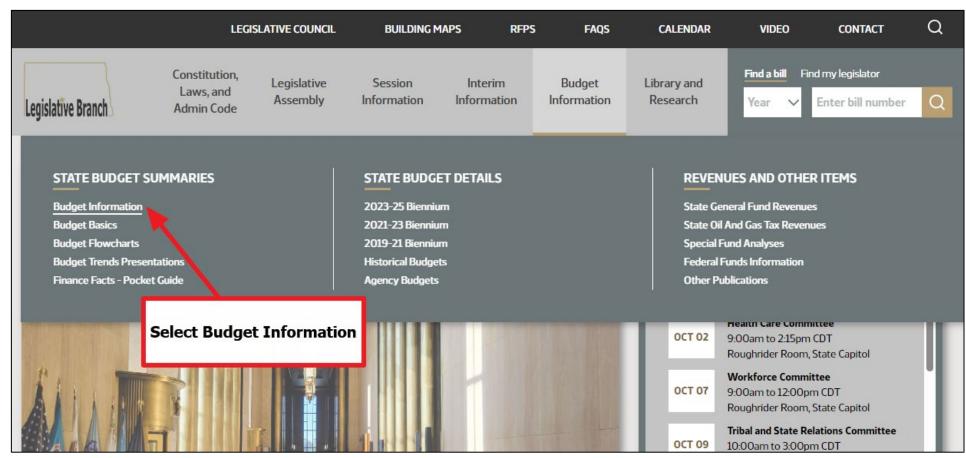
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Select the desired legislative session year, then select the *Assembly* to view the Bill History information.





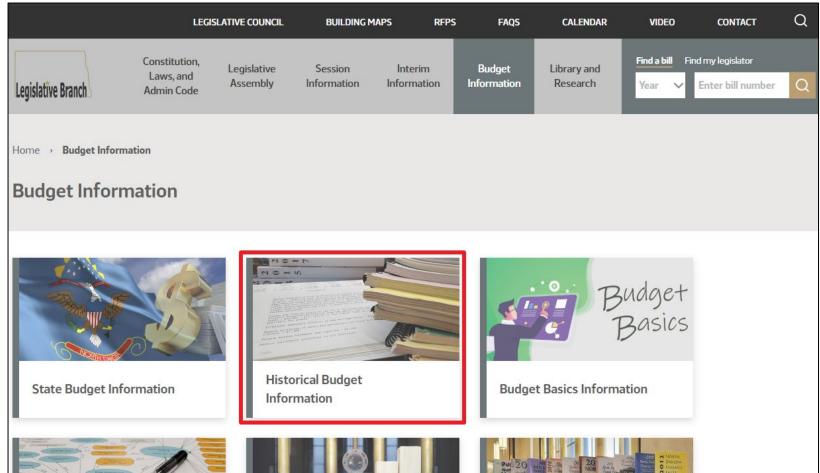
Select **Budget Information** in the page header to view/select options.





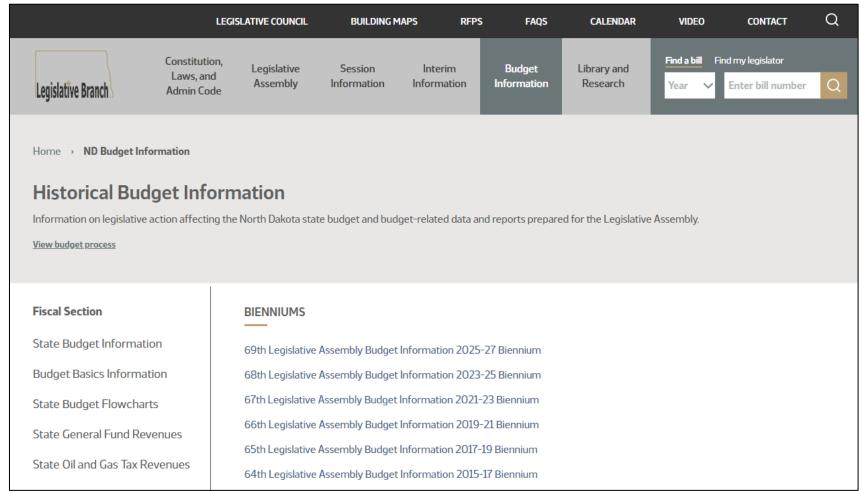


Select Historical Budget Information to view the available information.



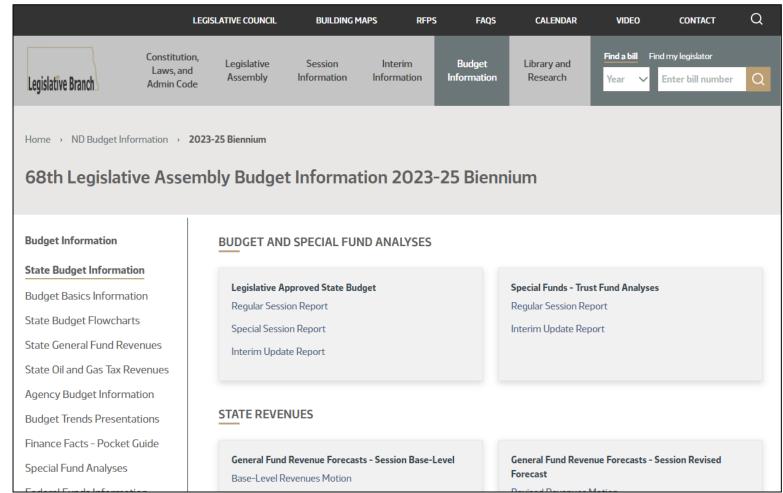


Select the Assembly year to see Budget Information.





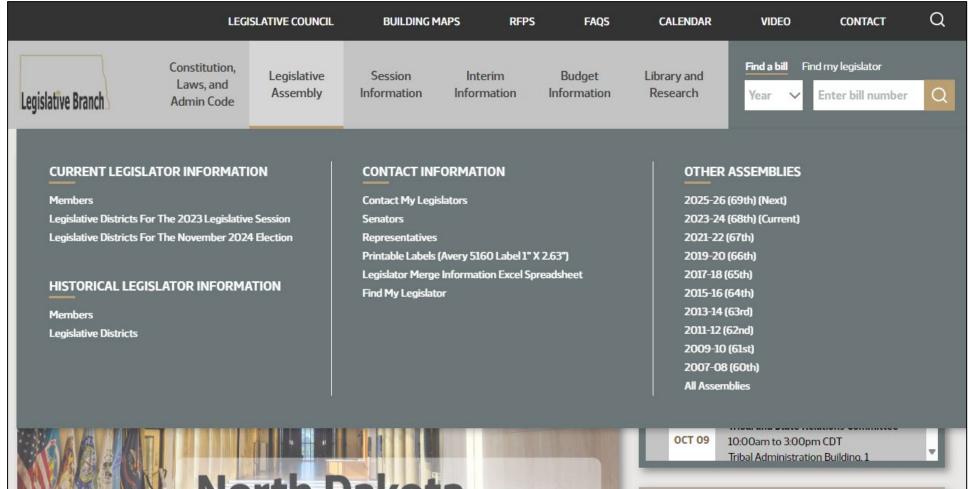
Select the information you want to view.





SESSION INFORMATION

Select Legislative Assembly, then select the assembly under Other Assemblies.

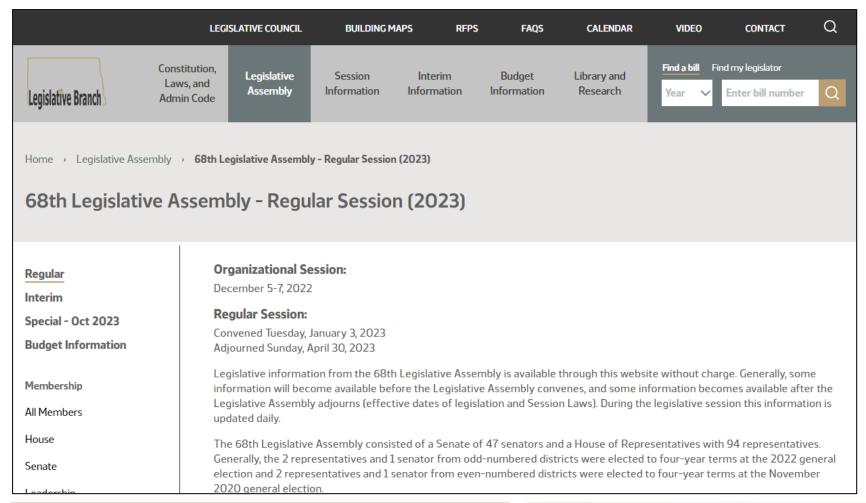






SESSION INFORMATION

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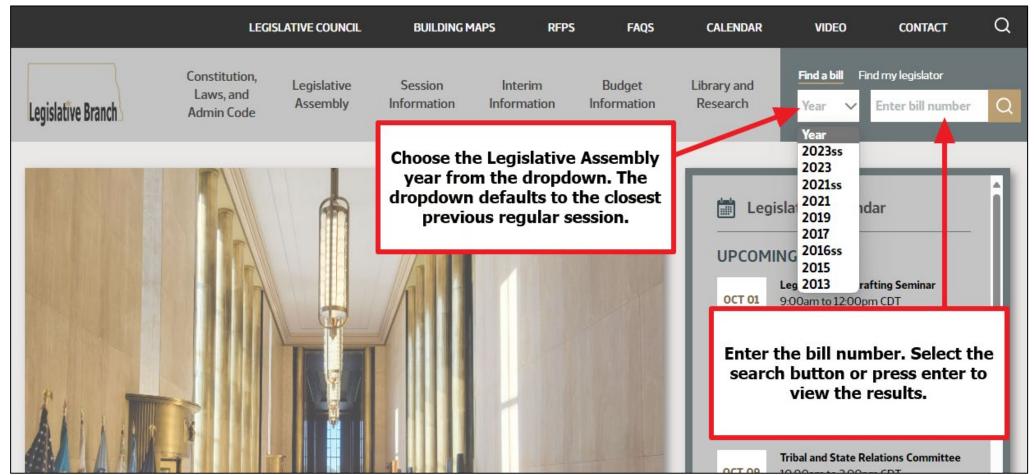
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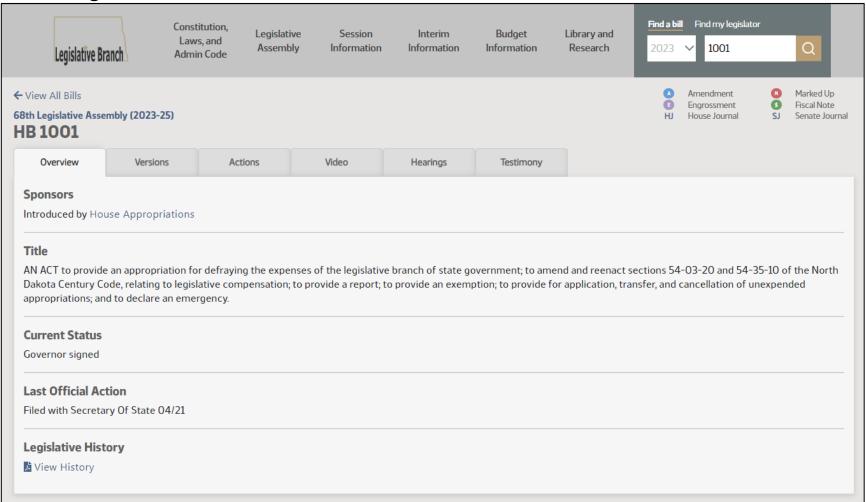


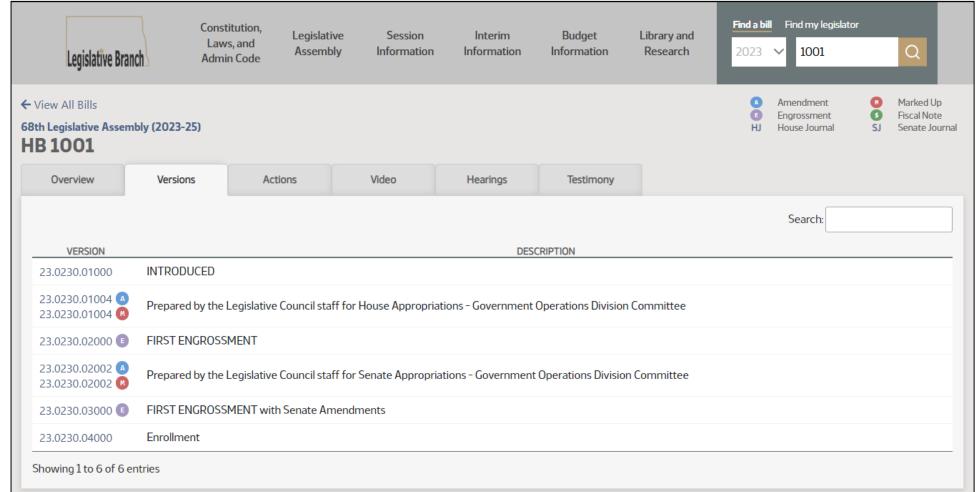


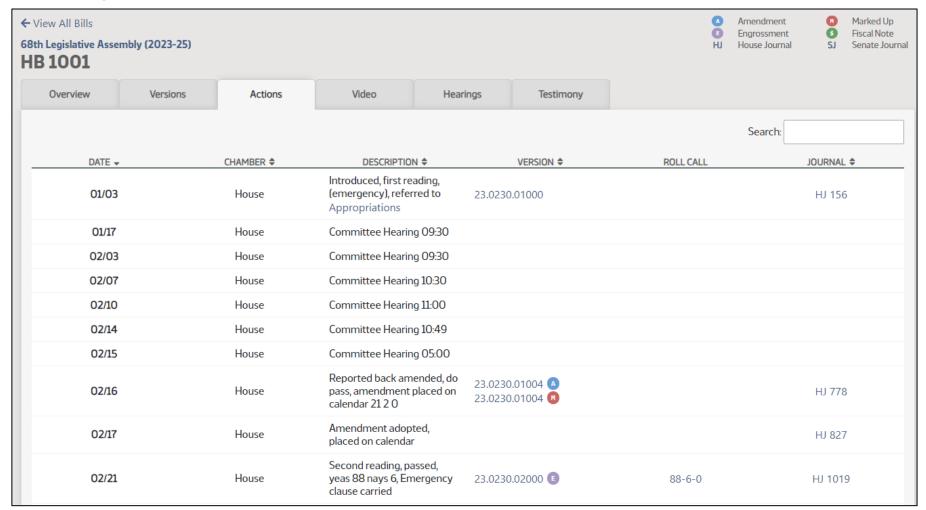
Select a **Year**, **Enter Bill Number**, and **press ENTER**.

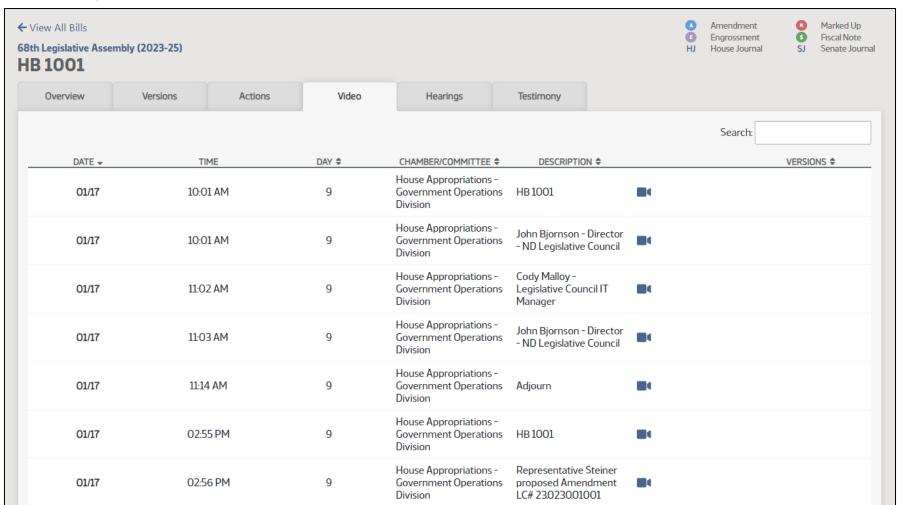


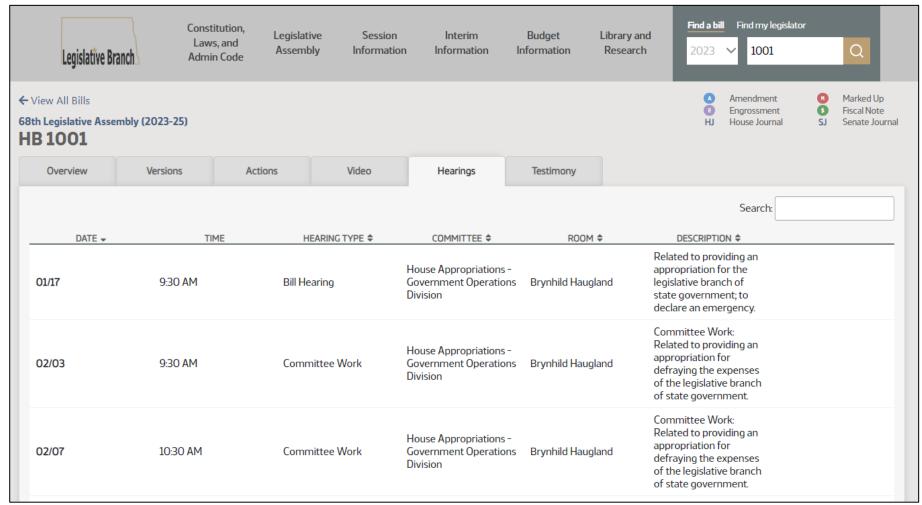


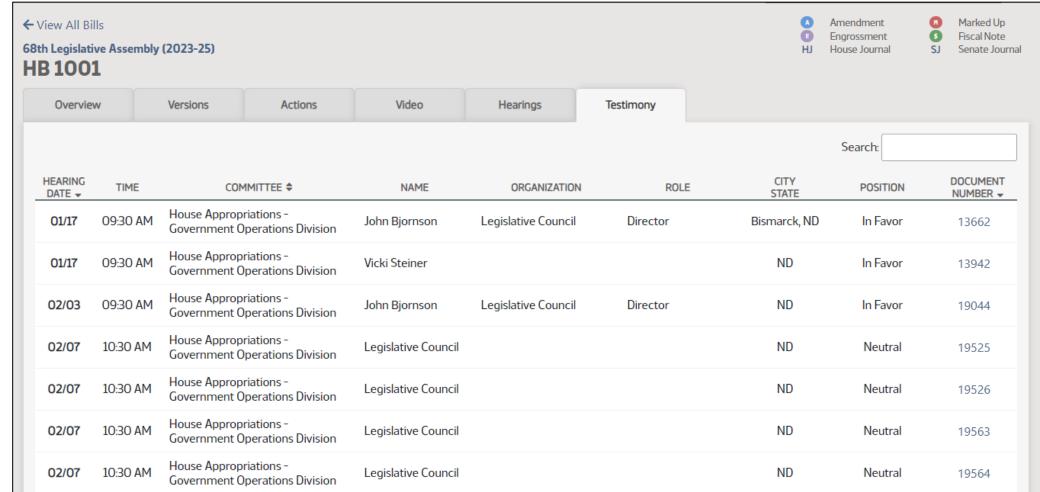








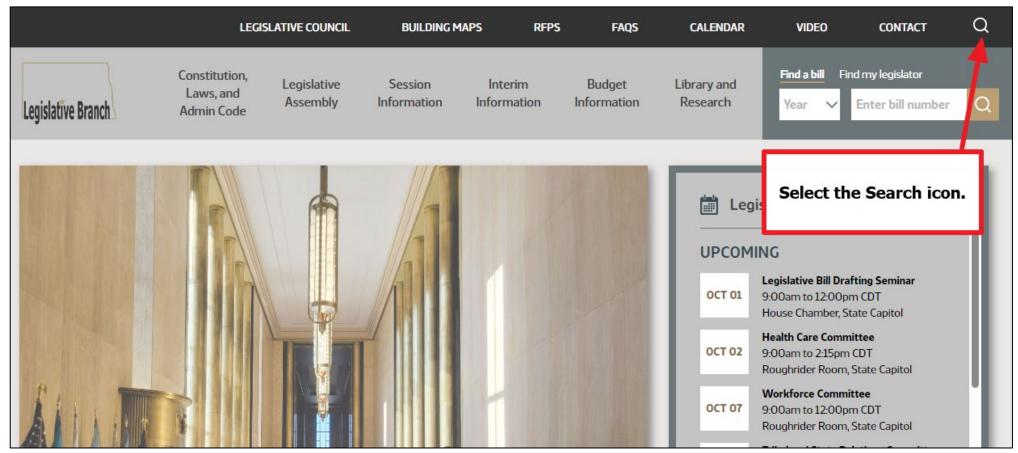






SEARCH

Select the Search icon.





SEARCH - TIPS

"AND" Searches

• By default the search engine returns content that includes all of your search terms. There is no need to include "AND" between terms. For example, to search for the words "tax" and "water", enter:

tax water

To broaden or restrict the search, include fewer or more terms.

"OR" Searches

• The search engine supports the logical "OR" operator. To retrieve content that include either word A or word B, use an uppercase "OR" between terms. For example, to search for content with "tax" or "water", enter:

tax OR water



SEARCH - TIPS

Excluding Words

You may exclude a word from your search by putting a minus sign ("-")
immediately in front of the term you want to exclude. Make sure you include a
space before the minus sign. For example:

tax -liquor

will return content containing "tax" that do not contain the word "liquor"

Does Capitalization Matter?

 Searches are not case sensitive. All letters, regardless of how you enter them, are understood as lower case. For example, searches for "north dakota," "North Dakota," and "NORTH DAKOTA" all return the same results.



SEARCH - TIPS

Phrase Searches

- You can search for phrases by adding quotation marks. Words enclosed in double quotes ("tax in lieu of") appear together in all returned documents.
- Certain characters serve as phrase connectors. Phrase connectors work like quotes because they join your search words in the same way double quotes join your search words. For example:

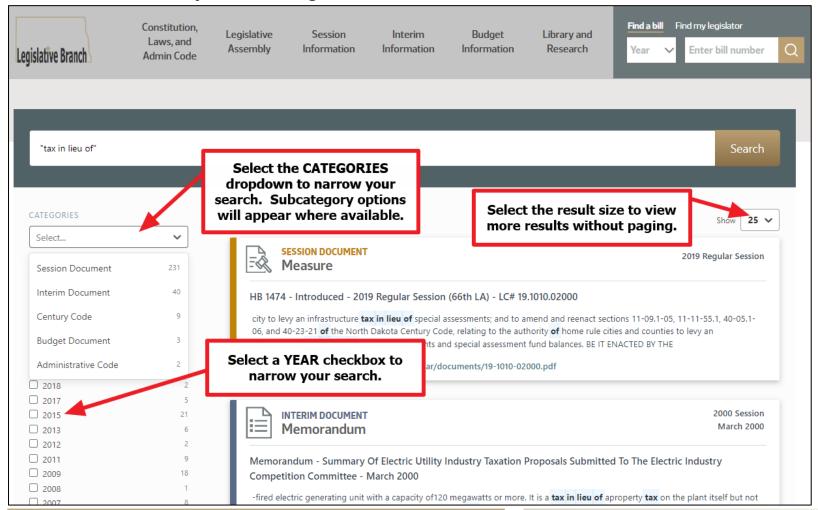
water-related

is treated as a phrase search even though the search words are not enclosed in double quotes. The search engine recognizes hyphens, slashes, periods, equal signs, and apostrophes as phrase connectors.



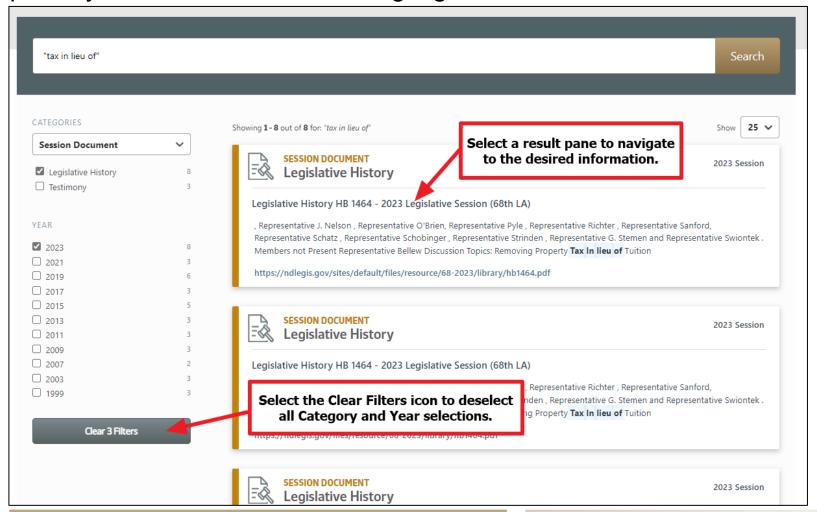
SEARCH

Search can be narrowed by selecting CATEGORIES and a YEAR.



SEARCH

Results appear by most current first, and highlight the text included in the search.



CENTURY CODE — AGENCY PREFILE BILL DRAFTING

Format

- Templates, forms, and prefile information available at:
 - www.ndlegis.gov/agency-prefile-documents
- Copy and paste Century Code from the legislative branch website.
- Draft bills using Microsoft Word or Open Office.
- Do not use line numbering.
- Ensure text flows properly by removing returns at the end of each line.
- Apply textual changes using track changes in your word processing software.

Submission Options

Drafts may be submitted in the following manner:

- **Email** Microsoft Word or Open Office document along with properly completed prefile form to lcouncil@ndlegis.gov. Limit of one draft and prefile form per email.
- Paper Paper copy of bill draft and prefile form may be delivered to the Legislative Council office.



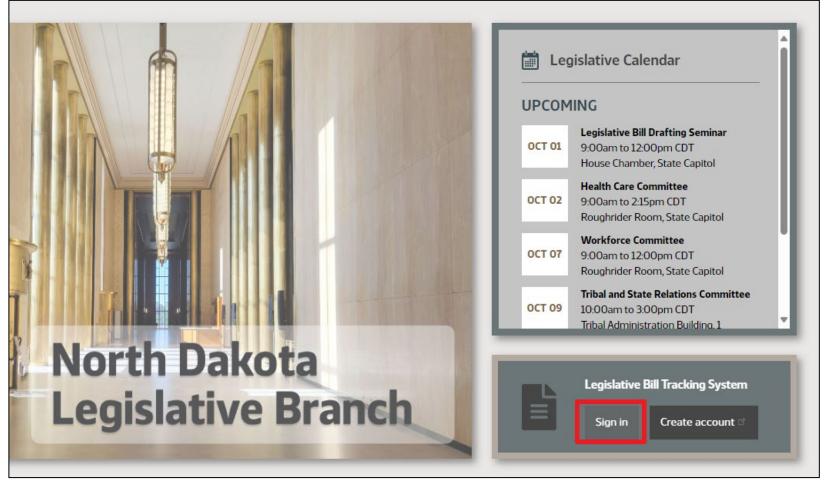
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AGENC	CY BILL PREFILING FORM
I wish to prefile a bill described as follo	ws (subject matter addressed):
	Please print AND sign name
	Agency
	Phone
	Email Address
	Contact person (if signer is not contact person)
	Contact person (ii signer is not contact person)
	Phone and email address of contact person
Optional Legislator Sponsorship:	
deadline, the bill will include the nam	r join as a sponsor of an agency bill and the bill is prefiled by the e of the requesting agency and the legislator. If a legislator is must sign this form or a copy of the bill.
I approve the prefiling of this bill with m	y name as sponsor.
Signature of legislator	(Print name here)
I approve the prefiling of this bill with m	IV name as cosponsor
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Signature of cosponsoring legislator	(Print name here)
Instructions for Submission:	



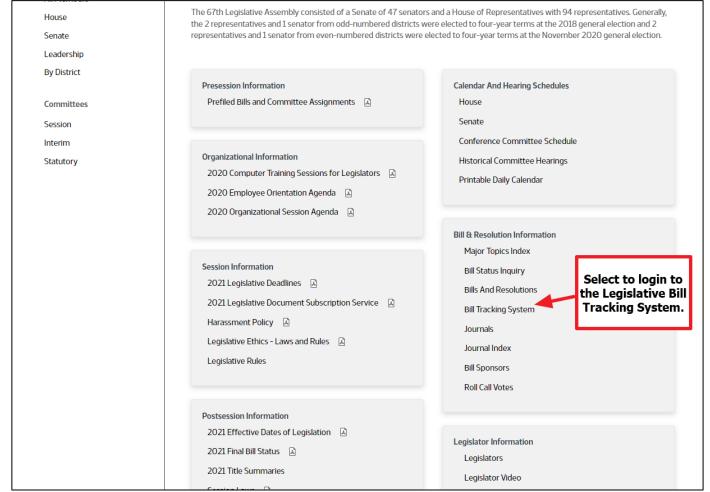
BILL TRACKING

Select Sign in on the Legislative Bill Tracking System on the homepage.



BILL TRACKING

OR, from the "Regular Session" page, select *Bill Tracking System*.

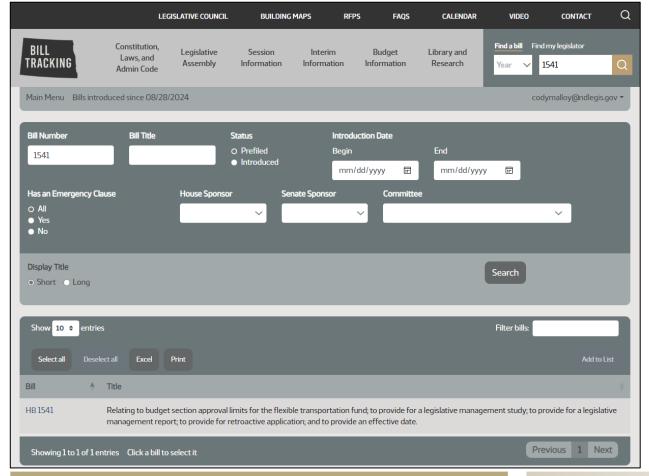




BILL TRACKING

New application releasing November 2024

The user manual will contain feature and functionality documentation.





ND LEGISLATIVE DAILY MOBILE APP



FOLLOW THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

- Schedules Standing, conference, interim, and administrative rulemaking hearings
- · Access to Bill Status and documents
- · View floor session schedules
- · View meeting rooms map
- Link the app with the Legislative Bill Tracking System and view your personalized schedule

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QUESTIONS

