

2023 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2001

**Department 101 - Governor's Office
Senate Bill No. 2001**

Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Executive Budget	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435
2023-25 Base Level	4,587,944	0	4,587,944
Increase (Decrease)	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491

Selected Budget Changes Recommended in the Executive Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$360,782 is for salary increases and \$84,420 is for health insurance increases	\$445,202	\$0	\$445,202
2. Adds 1 FTE policy advisor position and 1 FTE communications position	\$501,808	\$0	\$501,808
3. Adds one-time funding for customer relationship management software	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000
4. Adds one-time funding for Governor's transition in and out expenses	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000

A summary of the executive budget changes to the agency's base level appropriations is attached as an appendix.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill containing the executive budget recommendations is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Recommended in the Executive Budget

Additional income - Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's salary - Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend North Dakota Century Code Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, as follows:

	Current Level	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Governor	\$143,646	\$152,265	\$158,355

Lieutenant Governor's salary - Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024, as follows:

	Current Level	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Lieutenant Governor	\$111,727	\$118,431	\$123,168

Continuing Appropriations

Governor's Prevention and Advisory Council - Section 54-07-07 - Appropriates any funding obtained by the council to discourage impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse by minors.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

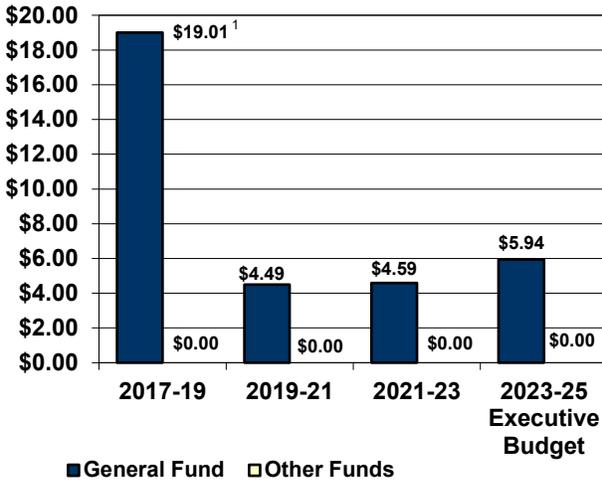
Major Related Legislation

At this time, no major related legislation affecting this agency has been introduced.

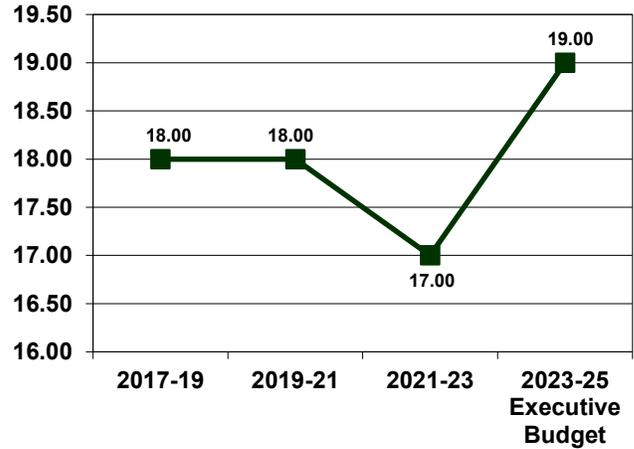
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



¹ Includes a \$15 million general fund transfer to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund.

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$4,094,559	\$4,007,758	\$4,287,298	\$4,587,944	\$5,749,435
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$86,801)	\$279,540	\$300,646	\$1,161,491
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	7.0%	7.0%	25.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	4.7%	12.0%	40.4%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for salaries and wages (\$93,004)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$45,254)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Underfunded salaries and wages (\$86,305)
2. Added funding for temporary employees \$30,000
3. Added funding for operating expenses \$60,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added funding for salary equity \$150,000
2. Added funding for event travel expenses \$50,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Adds 2 FTE positions \$501,808
2. Adds funding for a new Capitol space rent model \$159,854

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	\$110,200	\$15,000,000	\$204,808	\$0	\$195,000

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

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| 1. Provided for a \$15 million appropriation from the general fund to be transferred to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund | \$15,000,000 |
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2019-21 Biennium

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| 1. Added funding for a board and commission database project | \$139,808 |
| 2. Added funding for transition costs in the event a new Governor was elected | \$65,000 |

2021-23 Biennium

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| None | \$0 |
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2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

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| 1. Adds funding for customer relationship management software | \$130,000 |
| 2. Adds funding for Governor transition costs | \$65,000 |

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627
Salary increase		360,782		360,782
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808
New Capitol rent space model		159,854		159,854
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491
One-time funding items				
CRM software		\$130,000		\$130,000
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	25.3%		25.3%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	29.6%		29.6%

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

	Executive Budget Recommendation
Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2001
 (Governor's Recommendation)**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the governor and lieutenant governor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the office of the governor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of the governor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$3,861,034	\$1,024,322	\$4,885,356
Governor's Salary	284,475	49,473	333,948
Operating Expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Transition In	0	15,000	15,000
Transition Out	0	50,000	50,000
Roughrider Awards	<u>10,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,800</u>
Total General Fund	\$4,587,944	\$1,356,491	\$5,944,435
Full-time Equivalent Positions	17.00	2.00	19.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2021-23:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Governor's Transition Lines	\$ 0	\$65,000
Customer Relations IT Project	<u>0</u>	<u>130,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$0	\$195,000

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the governor's office in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. Any funds received under this section must be used for the specific purpose intended for the funds or transferred to the appropriate state agency or institution. Upon receipt of the funds under this section, the governor's office shall provide a report to the budget section regarding the source, amount, and purpose of the funds received.

SECTION 4. GOVERNOR'S SALARY – EXEMPTION The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$333,948 for the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-07-04. Salary of governor. The annual salary of the governor is ~~one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred forty-six dollars through June 30, 2023, and one hundred fifty-two thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars through June 30, 2024 and one hundred fifty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars thereafter.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-08-03. Salary of lieutenant governor. The annual salary of the lieutenant governor is ~~one hundred eleven thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars through June 30, 2023 and one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars through June 30, 2024 and one hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars thereafter.~~

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
1/13/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.
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8:33 am Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing on SB 2001.

Members present : Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, Mathern; Members absent: Senator Dwyer, Erbele

Discussion Topics:

- Budget overview/introduction
- Governors recommendations
- Optional packages
- Amendments requested
- Transition in/out costs
- Government staff
- Constituent relations

8:34 JoDee Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer for Governor's Office, testimony # 13202

Additional Testimony: #21229

Chairman Bekkedahl assigned this bill to the Government Operations Division.

8:54 am Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
1/23/2023

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Office of the Governor; and to provide for a report.
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2:32 PM Senator Wanzek called the meeting to order.

Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Budget changes
- Equity
- Amendments requested
- Benefits of tracking software
- Governor's salary

2:33 PM JoDee Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer for the Governor, testified in support of SB 2001. Testimony #15604, #15602, #15603, #15605, #15601

Additional Written Testimony:

Brady Larson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor, Legislative Council in neutral #21229

2:52 PM Senator Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
1/26/2023

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Office of the Governor; and to provide for a report.
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8:29 AM Chairman Wanzek called the meeting to order.
Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Health insurance increase
- Retirement cost
- Restored FTE and new hires
- Policy and communications
- Rent model and salary model
- Constituent software
- Other funds
- Governor's salary
- Donation cap
- Line-item transfers

8:38 AM JoDee Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer for the Governor, testified.
Testimony #21229

8:39 AM Stephanie Johnson, OMB Fiscal Management Analyst, testified. Testimony #15604

8:59 AM Jace Beehler, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Governor, testified. Neutral (No written testimony)

9:15 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
1/31/2023

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Office of the Governor; and to provide for a report.
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8:52 AM Chairman Wanzek opened the meeting.

Senators Wanzek, Roers, Erbele, Vedaa, and Dwyer were present.

Discussion Topics:

- Budget
- New full-time employee (FTE) positions
- Recovery Re-invented
- School program
- Continuing costs
- IT costs

9:03 AM JoDee Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer for the Governor's Office, testified in support of SB 2001. Testimony #19095

9:18 AM Sheila Sandness, Legislative Council, Senior Fiscal Analyst, testified.

9:41 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
2/1/2023

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Office of the Governor; and to provide for a report.
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3:31 PM Chairman Wanzek called the meeting to order.

Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Salaries
- Health insurance
- New FTE
- Governor's salary
- Software
- Transition costs
- Lieutenant Governor's salary

3:31 PM Adam Mathiak, LC Senior Fiscal Analyst, testified. Testimony #19094, #19095

3:40 PM Senator Erbele moved to adopt the amendment LC 23.0259.01001.
Senator Vedaa seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

3:41 PM Senator Erbele moved a Do Pass as Amended for SB 2001.
Senator Vedaa seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Erbele will carry the bill to full committee.

3:42 PM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
2/2/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.

9:38 AM Chairman Bekkedahl – Meeting called to order and roll call was taken:

Members present: Senators Bekkedahl, Krebsbach, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, Mathern, Dwyer, Erbele.

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Committee Action

9:38 AM Senator Erbele distributes and reviews amendment 23.0255.01001 (previous testimony #19094).

9:44 AM Brady Larson, Legislative Council, answers committee questions.

9:47 AM Senator Erbele – Moved to Adopt amendment 23.0255.01001
Senator J. Roers – Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	A
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion passed 15-0-1

9:49 AM Senator Erbele – Moved a Do Pass as Amended on SB 2001
Senator J. Roers – Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Senators	Vote
Senator Brad Bekkedahl	Y
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Kyle Davison	Y
Senator Dick Dever	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Curt Kreun	Y
Senator Tim Mathern	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jim P. Roers	Y
Senator David S. Rust	Y
Senator Donald Schaible	Y
Senator Ronald Sorvaag	Y
Senator Shawn Vedaa	A
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y

Motion passed 15-0-1

Senator Erbele will carry the bill.

Vote held open for Senator Vedaa to record his vote which he voted Yea on both counts changing vote totals to Motion Passed 16-0-0.

9:49 AM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the meeting on SB 2001.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor; to"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 2, after "report" insert "; and to provide an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 9 through 19 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>"Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$695,043	\$4,556,077
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Rough rider awards	10,800	0	10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	20,285	304,760
Transition in	0	15,000	15,000
Transition out	0	50,000	50,000
Total general fund	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
Full-time equivalent positions	17.00	1.00	18.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Constituent software	\$0	\$130,000
Governor transition costs	0	65,000
Total general fund	\$0	\$195,000

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The governor shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Page 2, line 4, remove "The governor's office may not expend"

Page 2, remove lines 5 and 6

Page 2, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 4. GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$304,760 for the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to

section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.

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SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-07-04. Salary of governor.

The annual salary of the governor is one hundred ~~forty thousand eight hundred twenty-nine~~forty-nine thousand three hundred ninety two dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~forty three thousand six hundred forty-six~~fifty-five thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars thereafter.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-08-03. Salary of lieutenant governor.

The annual salary of the lieutenant governor is one hundred ~~nine thousand five hundred thirty-six~~sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~eleven thousand seven hundred twenty-seven~~thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars thereafter.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority between line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION. The funding appropriated in the rough rider awards line item in section 1 of chapter 1 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$695,043	\$4,556,077
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Capital assets	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	20,285	304,760
Transition in		15,000	15,000
Transition out		50,000	50,000
Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
FTE	17.00	1.00	18.00

Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of Senate Changes

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	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll and Budget Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Adds Funding for Capitol Rent ⁴	Adds One- Time Funding for Constituent Software ⁵	Adds One- Time Funding for Transition Costs ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$123,968	\$320,171	\$250,904			
Operating expenses	(72,158)			\$159,854	\$130,000	
Capital assets						
Rough Rider Awards						
Governor's salary	2,817	17,468				
Transition in						\$15,000
Transition out						50,000
Total all funds	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Senate Changes	
Salaries and wages	\$695,043
Operating expenses	217,696
Capital assets	
Rough Rider Awards	
Governor's salary	20,285
Transition in	15,000
Transition out	50,000
Total all funds	\$998,024
Less estimated income	0
General fund	\$998,024
FTE	1.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll and budget changes.

² The following funding is added for 2023-25 biennium salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,429 to \$1,648 per month:

<u>General Fund</u>	
Salary increase	\$251,277
Health insurance increase	86,362
Total	\$337,639

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding is added for a new Capitol space rent model program.

⁵ One-time funding from the general fund is added for constituent management software.

⁶ One-time funding from the general fund is added for governor transition costs.

This amendment also:

- Amends the North Dakota Century Code sections necessary to provide the Governor and Lieutenant Governor salary increases of 4 percent each year of the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and authorizes funds in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items.
- Authorizes up to \$100,000 of line item transfers for the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to accept and expend other funds including funds of more than \$150,000 received from a single source.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2001: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2001 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

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SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Constituent software	\$0	\$130,000
Governor transition costs	0	65,000
Total general fund	\$0	\$195,000

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The governor shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Page 2, line 4, remove "The governor's office may not expend"

Page 2, remove lines 5 and 6

Page 2, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 4. GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$304,760 for the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-07-04. Salary of governor.

The annual salary of the governor is one hundred ~~forty thousand eight hundred twenty nine~~ forty-nine thousand three hundred ninety two dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~forty-three thousand six hundred forty six~~ fifty-five thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars thereafter.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-08-03. Salary of lieutenant governor.

The annual salary of the lieutenant governor is one hundred ~~nine thousand five hundred thirty six~~ sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-six dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~eleven thousand seven hundred twenty seven~~ twenty thousand eight hundred forty-four dollars thereafter.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority between line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION. The funding appropriated in the rough rider awards line item in section 1 of chapter 1 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$695,043	\$4,556,077
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Capital assets	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	20,285	304,760
Transition in		15,000	15,000
Transition out		50,000	50,000
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Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	<hr/> \$4,587,944	<hr/> \$998,024	<hr/> \$5,585,968
FTE	17.00	1.00	18.00

Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll and Budget Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Adds Funding for Capitol Rent ⁴	Adds One- Time Funding for Constituent Software ⁵	Adds One- Time Funding for Transition Costs ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$123,968	\$320,171	\$250,904			
Operating expenses	(72,158)			\$159,854	\$130,000	
Capital assets						
Rough Rider Awards						
Governor's salary	2,817	17,468				
Transition in						\$15,000
Transition out						50,000
Total all funds	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Salaries and wages	\$695,043
Operating expenses	217,696
Capital assets	
Rough Rider Awards	
Governor's salary	20,285
Transition in	15,000
Transition out	50,000
Total all funds	\$998,024
Less estimated income	0
General fund	\$998,024
FTE	1.00

Total Senate Changes	
Salaries and wages	\$695,043
Operating expenses	217,696
Capital assets	
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Transition in	15,000
Transition out	50,000
Total all funds	\$998,024
Less estimated income	0
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FTE	1.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll and budget changes.

² The following funding is added for 2023-25 biennium salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,429 to \$1,648 per month:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$251,277
Health insurance increase	86,362
Total	\$337,639

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding is added for a new Capitol space rent model program.

⁵ One-time funding from the general fund is added for constituent management software.

⁶ One-time funding from the general fund is added for governor transition costs.

This amendment also:

- Amends the North Dakota Century Code sections necessary to provide the Governor and Lieutenant Governor salary increases of 4 percent each year of the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and authorizes funds in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items.
- Authorizes up to \$100,000 of line item transfers for the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to accept and expend other funds including funds of more than \$150,000 received from a single source.

2023 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2001

Department 101 - Governor's Office
Senate Bill No. 2001

First Chamber Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 First Chamber Version	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968
2023-25 Base Level	4,587,944	0	4,587,944
Increase (Decrease)	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024

First Chamber Changes

A summary of the first chamber's changes to the agency's base level appropriations and the executive budget is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Included in the First Chamber Version

Additional income - Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's salary - Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

Lieutenant Governor's salary - Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

Line item transfer authority - Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.

Carryover authority - Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

Continuing Appropriations

Governor's Prevention and Advisory Council - Section 54-07-07 - Appropriates any funding obtained by the council to discourage impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse by minors.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

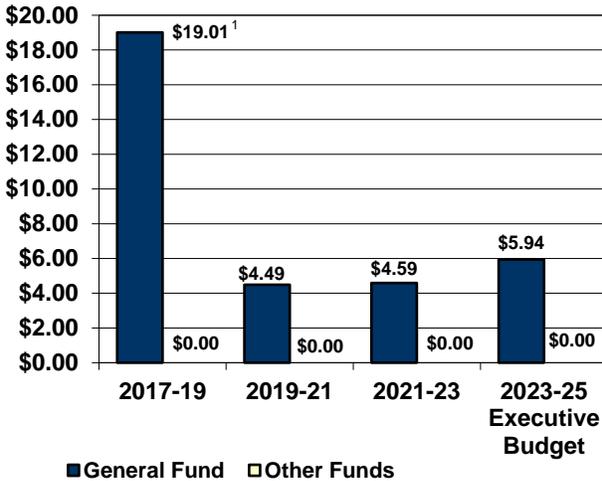
Major Related Legislation

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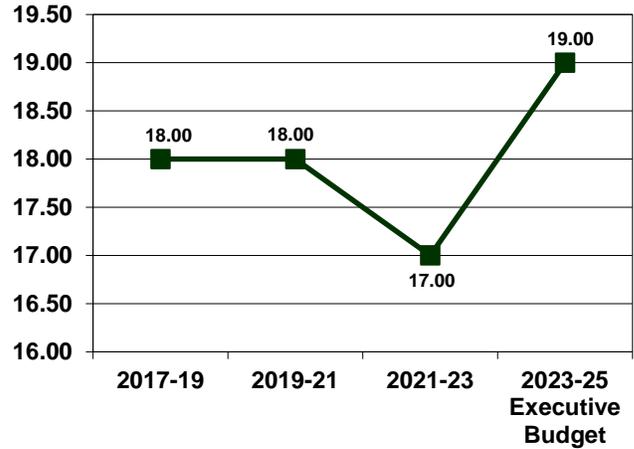
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



¹Includes a \$15 million general fund transfer to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund.

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$4,094,559	\$4,007,758	\$4,287,298	\$4,587,944	\$5,749,435
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$86,801)	\$279,540	\$300,646	\$1,161,491
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	7.0%	7.0%	25.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	4.7%	12.0%	40.4%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for salaries and wages (\$93,004)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$45,254)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Underfunded salaries and wages (\$86,305)
2. Added funding for temporary employees \$30,000
3. Added funding for operating expenses \$60,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added funding for salary equity \$150,000
2. Added funding for event travel expenses \$50,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Adds 2 FTE positions \$501,808
2. Adds funding for a new Capitol space rent model \$159,854

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	\$110,200	\$15,000,000	\$204,808	\$0	\$195,000

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

Provided for a \$15 million appropriation from the general fund to be transferred to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund \$15,000,000

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for a board and commission database project \$139,808
- 2. Added funding for transition costs in the event a new Governor was elected \$65,000

2021-23 Biennium

None \$0

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Adds funding for customer relationship management software \$130,000
- 2. Adds funding for Governor transition costs \$65,000

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627
Salary increase		360,782		360,782		251,277		251,277
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420		86,362		86,362
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808	1.00	250,904		250,904
New Capitol space rent model		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491	1.00	\$803,024	\$0	\$803,024
One-Time Funding Items								
Constituent software		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491	1.00	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435	18.00	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0				\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	25.3%		25.3%	5.9%	17.5%		17.5%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	29.6%		29.6%	5.9%	21.8%		21.8%

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Line item transfers		Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.
Rough Rider Awards		Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
3/8/2023

<p>A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.</p>
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2:15 PM Chairman Nathe started the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Nathe, Vice Chairman Swiontek,
Representatives: Martinson, Richter, Sanford, Schatz, Hanson.

Discussion Topics:

- Highlight of Accomplishments
- Red Tape Reduction Group
- Goals for the Next Biennium
- Salaries and Wages
- Operating Expenses
- Amendments Requested

Jace Beehler, Governor Chief of Staff, testified in favor of SB 2001, #22985, #22986, #22987, #22988.

Stephanie Gullickson, OMB, answered questions on SB 2001.

Alex Cronquist, explained green sheet, #24254.

2:37 PM Chairman Nathe closed the meeting.

Donna Lynn Knutson, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
3/16/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.

10:15 AM Chairman Nathe started the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Nathe, Vice Chairman Swiontek,
Representatives: Martinson, Richter, Sanford, Schatz, Hanson.

Discussion Topics:

- Governor's Office Budget
- Senate's Recommendation for FTE's

Levi Kinnischtze passed out the Governor's Office – Budget No. 101, #25581.

Committee Discussion

Representative Martinson moved to accept the original request for two FTE's reduced from the Senate.

Vice Chairman Swiontek seconded.

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N

Motion carried 7 – 1 – 0.

JoDee Hanson, Chief Administrative Officer, answered questions regarding the governor's budget.

Committee Discussion

10:30 AM Chairman Nathe closed the meeting.

Donna Lynn Knutson, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division
Prairie Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
3/31/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.

10:01 AM Chairman Nathe started the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Nathe, Vice Chairman Swiontek,
Representatives: Martinson, Richter, Sanford, Schatz, Hanson.

Discussion Topics:

- 1 FTE
- Lieutenant Governor Salary
- Rough Rider Award
- Governor's Salary
- New and Vacant Funding Pool

Representative Hanson opened the discussion on Budget No. 101, #27163.

Levi Kinnischtzke, Senior Fiscal Analyst, answered questions regarding Budget No. 101.

Representative Hanson moved to accept amendments to Budget No. 101, SB 2001.

Representative Swiontek Seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N

Motion carries 6-1-0.

Representative Hanson moved a do pass on SB 2001 as amended.

Representative Richter seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N

Motion carries 6-1-0. Representative Hanson will carry the bill.

10:13 AM Chairman Nathe closed the meeting.

Donna Lynn Knutson, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2001
4/6/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; and to provide for a report.
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4:22 PM Chairman Vigesaa Called the meeting to order and roll call was taken-

Members present; Chairman Vigesaa, Representative Kempenich, Representative B. Anderson, Representative Bellew, Representative Brandenburg, Representative Hanson, Representative Kreidt, Representative Martinson, Representative Mitskog, Representative Meier, Representative Mock, Representative Monson, Representative Nathe, Representative J. Nelson, Representative O'Brien, Representative Pyle, Representative Richter, Representative Sanford, Representative Schatz, Representative Schobinger, Representative Strinden, Representative G. Stemen and Representative Swiontek.

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Committee Action

Representative Hanson- Gives the statement of purpose and explains amendment 23.0255.02001 (Testimony # 27365)

Representative Hanson Move to adopt amendment 23.0255.02001

Representative G. Stemen Seconds the motion.

Committee discussion- Roll call vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y

Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 22-1-0

Representative Hanson Move for a Do Pass as Amended

Representative Nathe Seconds the motion.

Committee Discussion- Roll call vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	N
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	N
Representative Randy A. Schobinger	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Michelle Strinden	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y

Motion Carries 21-2-0 Representative Hanson will carry the bill.

4:36 PM Chairman Vigesaa Closed the meeting for SB 2001

Risa Berube, Committee Clerk

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
the House Appropriations - Education and
Environment Division Committee
March 31, 2023

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to"

Page 1, line 2, remove "to provide an"

Page 1, line 3, remove "appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor;"

Page 1, replace lines 13 through 21 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$427,289	\$4,288,323
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Rough rider awards	10,800	0	10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	26,146	310,621
Transition in	0	15,000	15,000
Transition out	0	50,000	50,000
Total general fund	\$4,587,944	\$736,131	\$5,324,075
Full-time equivalent positions	17.00	2.00	19.00"

Page 2, line 25, replace "\$304,760" with "\$310,621"

Page 3, line 5, replace "forty-nine thousand three hundred ninety two" with "fifty-two thousand two hundred sixty-five"

Page 3, line 6, remove "fifty-five thousand three hundred"

Page 3, line 7, replace "sixty-eight" with "fifty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-six"

Page 3, line 12, replace "sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-six" with "thirty thousand"

Page 3, line 13, replace "twenty thousand eight hundred forty-four" with "thirty-five thousand two hundred"

Page 3, remove lines 15 through 21

ReNUMBER accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$4,556,077	(\$267,754)	\$4,288,323
Operating expenses	421,635	639,331		639,331
Capital assets	10,000	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	304,760	5,861	310,621
Transition in		15,000		15,000
Transition out		50,000		50,000
Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075

FTE 17.00 18.00 1.00 19.00

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Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adds Elected Official Salary Equity Funding ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$101,702	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$267,754)
Operating expenses					
Capital assets					
Rough Rider Awards					
Governor's salary Transition in Transition out	5,861				5,861
Total all funds	<u>\$107,563</u>	<u>\$28,479</u>	<u>\$250,904</u>	<u>(\$648,839)</u>	<u>(\$261,893)</u>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
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¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

General Fund	
Salary increase	\$109,505
Health insurance adjustment	(1,942)
Total	\$107,563

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Salary equity funding is added to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$130,000 on July 1, 2023.

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

General Fund	
New FTE positions	(\$501,808)
Vacant FTE positions	(147,031)
Total	(\$648,839)

This amendment also:

- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 16.4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Removes Sections 7 and 8 which provided line item transfer authority and carryover authority.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2001, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2001 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Page 3, line 13, replace "twenty thousand eight hundred forty-four" with "thirty-five thousand two hundred"

Page 3, remove lines 15 through 21

ReNUMBER accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$4,556,077	(\$267,754)	\$4,288,323
Operating expenses	421,635	639,331		639,331
Capital assets	10,000	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	304,760	5,861	310,621
Transition in		15,000		15,000
Transition out		50,000		50,000
Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075
FTE	17.00	18.00	1.00	19.00

Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adds Elected Official Salary Equity Funding ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$101,702	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$267,754)
Operating expenses					
Capital assets					
Rough Rider Awards					
Governor's salary	5,861				5,861
Transition in					
Transition out					
Total all funds	\$107,563	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$261,893)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$107,563	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$261,893)
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$109,505
Health insurance adjustment	(1,942)
Total	\$107,563

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Salary equity funding is added to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$130,000 on July 1, 2023.

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$501,808)
Vacant FTE positions	(147,031)
Total	(\$648,839)

This amendment also:

- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 16.4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Removes Sections 7 and 8 which provided line item transfer authority and carryover authority.

TESTIMONY

SB 2001

Office of the Governor Senate Appropriations Testimony, January 13, 2023

Testimony of JoDee Hanson
In Support of
2023 SENATE BILL 2001
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Presented to
Senate Appropriations Committee
SENATOR BEKKEDAHL, CHAIRMAN
Friday, January 13, 2023

Chairman Bekkedahl and members of the Appropriations Committee, I am JoDee Hanson serving as Chief Administrative Officer for the Governor and am here to ask for your support for the budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor. The recommended budget for the Office of the Governor for the 2023-25 biennium continues existing positions and programs. The budget was prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines provided to all state agencies and is summarized on the table attached.

Salaries and wages

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- Cost to continue salary increases from last year of \$36,440
- Governor's salary cost to continue of \$2,817
- Moved \$87,528 from operating to balance the salary budget.

In addition, the Governor's Recommendation includes:

- Executive compensation plan for salary increases, health insurance changes and additional retirement contribution of \$445,202

The optional package, includes a request for two additional FTEs:

- From 17 to 19 (which includes the Governor & Lt. Governor) for communications and policy roles.
- As you may remember the Governor's Office had 1 FTE removed during last session. Prior, the Governor's Office held 18 FTE positions for 20 years, with no growth, and no reduction. Today we ask for an adjustment to account for the increasing demands of each of our team to support our constituents. Salaries and fringe for two FTE is \$501,808 for the biennium.

Operating expenses

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- The recommended funding for operating expenses is decreased by \$72,158
- Reduced to transfer \$87,528 to salary line to balance the budget
- Increase in NDIT fees of \$18,187

The optional package includes:

- Proposed rent model of \$159,854
- One-time funding for Constituent Relations Management software and policy tracking software for \$130,000 to increase efficiency and improve the constituent experience.
- One-time funding for Transition In and Transition Out costs of \$65,000, which has been included in the budget every other biennium.

Amendments requested

- LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 2023-25 BIENNIUM. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget, at the request of the Office of the Governor, may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item upon finding that the transfer is required to properly carry on the functions and duties of the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor shall notify the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Management of any transfers made pursuant to this section.
- Continuation of GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.
- Amend SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - BUDGET SECTION REPORT. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Governor's Office in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Any funds received under this section must be used for the specific purpose intended for the funds or transferred to the appropriate state agency or institution. Upon receipt of the funds under this section, the Governor's Office shall provide a report to the budget section regarding the source, amount, and purpose of the funds received.

There were no findings in our financial audit report.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I ask for your favorable consideration of this budget with our recommended amendments and am available, along with Office of Management and Budget staff, to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Office of the Governor Senate Appropriations Testimony, January 13, 2023

	2021-23 Legislative Base Level	Base Changes	Optional Requests	Compensation Package	2023-25 Recommendation
Salaries and Wages	\$3,861,034	123,968	501,808	398,546	\$4,885,356
Governor's Salary	284,475	2,817		46,656	333,948
Operating Expenses	421,635	(72,158)	289,854		639,331
Contingency	10,000				10,000
Transition In	0		15,000		15,000
Transition Out	0		50,000		50,000
Roughrider Awards	10,800				10,800
Total	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
General Fund	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
FTE	17.00		2.00		19.00

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BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford today marked the fifth anniversary of being sworn into office, reflecting on a year filled with historic progress on infrastructure, workforce, economic development and other priorities, as well as major challenges including extreme drought conditions and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"As always, North Dakotans have responded to this year's unprecedented challenges with incredible strength and resiliency," Burgum said. "Our administration continues to draw inspiration from the hardworking citizens of our great state as we strive to empower people, improve lives and inspire success."

In his January 2021 State of the State Address, Burgum called for bold action to move the state forward. He worked with the state Legislature to deliver a landmark \$680 million bonding package to support infrastructure improvements across the state. The package includes flood control, roads, bridges, water projects and an agricultural products development center – all with using Legacy Fund earnings and without raising taxes. The water project funding includes \$435.5 million for the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo area flood diversion, \$74.5 million for Mouse River Flood Control at Minot and a \$50 million revolving loan fund for water projects.

As recommended in Burgum's Accelerate ND proposal, a special session of the Legislature in November also invested hundreds of millions of dollars of federal funding into infrastructure, including a proposed west-to-east natural gas pipeline to support communities and economic growth; workforce development including career centers where high school students can pursue high-demand careers; economic development programs and energy projects; and health care and behavioral health enhancements.

Burgum proposed and signed into law an income tax relief package that will provide an estimated \$211 million in relief to approximately half a million North Dakotans in tax years 2021 and 2022. The governor also signed legislation eliminating the state income tax on Social Security income, making North Dakota the 38th state to eliminate the tax. As a result, approximately 20,000 North Dakotans will save an estimated \$14.6 million per biennium.

The administration worked closely with stakeholders to usher in several of the largest economic development project announcements in state history, with a focus on diversifying the economy and adding value to the state's raw commodities. The projects include ADM's plans to build a \$350 million soybean crush and refinery in Spiritwood, N.D.; plans by Bakken Energy LLC and Mitsubishi Power Americas Inc. to establish a world-class clean hydrogen hub; and Cerilon Inc.'s plans to build a \$2.8 billion gas-to-liquids complex in Williams County.

Sanford also spearheaded the administration's efforts on the sale of Coal Creek Station, the state's largest coal-fired power plant, to Rainbow Energy – avoiding a shutdown of the plant, saving jobs and preserving baseload power generation.

Together, these projects will play a major role in North Dakota's agriculture, energy and overall economic growth, along with efforts toward the governor's goal, announced in May, of making North Dakota the first carbon-neutral state by 2030.

Burgum also appointed several members to the governor's cabinet: Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director Nathan Davis, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Dave Krabbenhoft, Commerce Commissioner James Leiman, Parks and Recreation Director Cody Schulz, Department of Water Resources Director Andrea Travnicek, State Health Officer Dr. Nizar Wehbi, and Game and Fish Department Director Jeb Williams. Stacey Breuer also joined the cabinet as chief people officer.

Historic drought

- The governor declared a statewide drought disaster in early April, marking the second time in five years that North Dakota farmers and ranchers faced widespread extreme drought conditions that threatened crops, livestock herds and livelihoods.
- At the same time, Burgum, who chairs the State Water Commission, and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, also a member, announced the reactivation of the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program through the newly formed Department of Water Resources. So far, over \$5.6 million in cost-share assistance has been approved for over 1,400 projects submitted by more than 1,000 unique applicants, with an average approval time of less than three days from application.
- Burgum also signed an executive order waiving hours of service for haulers of livestock, hay and water to help livestock producers battling extreme drought conditions across the state.

- With its partners at the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota National Guard, the Department of Emergency Services (DES) coordinated the response to significant wildland fire events, including an April 1 fire that encroached on Medora and prompted evacuations. Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopters supported local and regional firefighting efforts to save Medora by distributing water via 600-gallon water buckets.
- Local, tribal, state and federal agencies responded to two large wildfires from April 30 to May 2. The Roosevelt Creek Fire in the Little Missouri National Grassland, north of Medora, burned more than 4,600 acres, while another fire on the Fort Berthold Reservation, about six miles south of Mandaree, burned an estimated 9,800 acres.
- Total Army National Guard support, including to Mandaree, involved distributing over 108,000 gallons of water and eight Guard members working with the North Dakota Forest Service on the ground.
- As of Dec. 2, North Dakota had experienced more than 2,400 fires burning over 125,600 acres in 2021.
- As proposed in Accelerate ND, Burgum signed legislation providing funding to convert abandoned oil wells to permanent freshwater supply wells to enhance resiliency against drought conditions in western North Dakota. It's estimated the \$3.2 million appropriation will support the conversion of up to 16 wells.
- While serving and protecting citizens at home, DES also coordinated and resourced firefighting teams to provide aid to another state. A group of 15 firefighters from the Williston, Williston Rural, Bismarck Rural and Dickinson fire departments spent two weeks supporting Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in September along the Gulf Coast. This was after Burgum approved an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request from the state of Louisiana, allowing North Dakota's firefighters to assist with fire suppression missions there.

COVID-19 pandemic response

- Since January 2021, more than 900,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in North Dakota. The percentage of adults in the state with at least one dose is 60.7%, and more than 83% of those over age 65 have started their vaccine series.

- The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) State Laboratory processed more than 692,497 tests, and its hotline responded to more than 93,000 citizen calls and 4,100 emails. The NDDoH developed the North Dakota COVID-19 Impact Wall to connect North Dakotans impacted by the disease.
- The NDDoH developed and updated communication channels for citizens, including website dashboards for COVID-19 cases and vaccine distribution, so citizens could quickly access data to make informed decisions about their health. The COVID-19 cases dashboard had more than 2 million page views this year, and the COVID-19 vaccine dashboard had more than 400,000 page views in this time frame.
- The pandemic has the North Dakota National Guard serving its longest domestic response in history – 638 days and nearly 128,000 personnel days as of Monday. Guard members have administered testing, facilitated over 103,000 doses of vaccine, conducted traffic control, partnered with local and tribal health organizations, and transported test samples to the state lab, among other duties.
- The DES has coordinated the obligation of more than \$126 million through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program. The agency assisted eligible local, state, tribal and nonprofit organizations in submitting applications to reimburse costs for medical care, testing and vaccinations, as well as costs required to perform safe opening and operations.
- Job Service North Dakota provided vital economic support to the unemployed by injecting over \$1.2 billion into the economy since the start of the pandemic. In a typical year, Job Service will pay between \$80 million to \$90 million to recipients during times of economic downturns, but payments to unemployed recipients in 2021 alone had already reached \$362 million by early December.
- Security and medical team members from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) have cared for more than 950 residents diagnosed with COVID-19 at facilities across the state. Partnering with the NDDoH, DOCR team members offered extensive testing and monoclonal antibody treatments to provide excellent care on-site to prevent serious illness. Very few COVID-positive residents required hospitalization, minimizing the impact on already strained community medical resources.
- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) helped develop the executive proposal for over \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments; managed the distribution of over \$25 million in ARPA funding to North Dakota cities; and managed the state's reporting requirements for \$1.25 billion in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds.

- Recognizing how employers play an essential role in healthy, vibrant communities, Job Service worked with policymakers to ensure that the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund remained healthy and that employers were held harmless for UI benefit charges to their employees during 2020. As importantly, the steps taken ensured there were no unemployment tax rate increases for employers in 2021. By utilizing federal Cares Act dollars to strengthen the UI Trust Fund, it positioned the UI program to again hold rates flat in the upcoming 2022 calendar year.

In addition to addressing drought and COVID challenges, the administration continued to make progress on the governor's five strategic initiatives: Main Street Initiative, Behavioral Health and Addiction, Tribal Engagement, Transforming Education and Reinventing Government.

Main Street Initiative

- The Department of Commerce worked to increase infill and reduce property taxes by updating Renaissance Zones and working across state agencies to successfully stack and align state programs for mixed use and infill.
- North Dakota was one of only six states selected for the second phase of the National Governors Association's Workforce Innovation Network, in which states will deploy cross-agency teams to identify and implement strategies that advance digital skill development and more equitable economic participation.
- Commerce's Workforce Division is implementing systematic changes with \$20 million allocated to improve talent attraction efforts. One strategy launched in 2021 involves a national project with RoleCall to address workforce needs by helping to make North Dakota a national leader in talent attraction innovation and action.
- The Main Street ND Summit, held in West Fargo this year, featured a lineup of renowned speakers and community innovators on the topic of smart, efficient infrastructure. Videos of the keynotes, breakout sessions and Main Street Awards can be viewed [here](#).
- Due to the many workforce challenges facing North Dakota, Job Service took a strategic, targeted approach to a statewide campaign called #JOBUPND. The campaign utilized several online ad platforms

generating over 3 million impressions with a 75% view rate.

- Smart, efficient infrastructure is a pillar of the Main Street Initiative, and infrastructure is vital to North Dakota's economy, commerce, agriculture, tourism and families. In 2021, the state of North Dakota made an unprecedented \$2.3 billion dollar investment in infrastructure.
- Recognizing the key role that parks play in creating healthy, vibrant communities, lawmakers approved and Burgum signed legislation during the special session investing \$17.9 million in deferred maintenance and capital improvements at state parks, plus \$5 million in matching funds to renovate and upgrade existing facilities in local park districts. The Legislature last spring also created a Challenge Grant for the Parks and Recreation Department to drive investment from the private and public sectors for parks.
- Commerce, Job Service and the DOCR worked together on The Last Mile, a collaborative effort to provide instruction on front- and back-end website design to enable DOCR residents to be workforce ready in a highly technical field of coding and website design.
- The Department of Water Resources' Cost-Share Program continued to advance critical water supply infrastructure in all areas of the state. For municipal water supply projects, \$19.7 million was approved to benefit over 15,000 water users in communities of all sizes. Rural water systems received over \$8 million for system expansions and improvements that will benefit over 20,000 water users.
- The larger regional water supply systems, including the Western Area Water Supply, Red River Valley Water Supply, Southwest Pipeline Project, and Northwest Area Water Supply were approved for \$93.6 million in state funding, and \$20.4 million in federal Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water Supply Program funding. Combined, these four regional water supply systems will one day provide water service to 75% of North Dakota's population.

Behavioral Health and Addiction

- More than 650 in-person attendees and over 3,000 online viewers participated in the fifth Recovery Reinvented, a daylong event in Bismarck focused on reinventing recovery through eliminating the stigma of addiction. The governor and First Lady Kathryn Burgum shared the results of the statewide [North Dakota Addressing Addiction survey](#), which found stigma has been reduced over the last three years.

- The Department of Human Services completed statewide implementation of a behavioral health crisis services response system that includes crisis line, mobile response and walk-in services at its eight human service centers. At the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton, the system was expanded with a specialized team who respond to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in crisis so they can continue to live successfully in their communities. Crisis response services de-escalate situations and prevent law enforcement involvement and unnecessary emergency room visits.
- Building on the success of the Free Through Recovery program, Human Services launched the Community Connect program, which provides community-based behavioral health services designed to assist individuals with care coordination, peer support and recovery services.
- Human Services also implemented a Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment, which allows North Dakota Medicaid to pay for additional in-home and community-based services to support individuals with behavioral health conditions. Services include care coordination, benefits planning, nonmedical transportation, respite, supported education, supported employment, housing and peer support.
- The DOCR partnered with Restoring Promise, an initiative of the Vera Institute of Justice, and MILPA, to create a housing unit at the State Penitentiary grounded in dignity for young adults in prison. Restoring Promise helps transform correctional culture through training, presentations, workshops and healing circles – setting a new tone for the entire system. Young adults participate in meaningful daily activities, experience healing, cultivate an ideology of self-determination and restore relationships with family and community. Mentors over the age of 25 support them in their personal growth, and staff undergo intensive training to become agents of change within the system.
- The Highway Patrol created a two-member crash assistance program that will provide enhanced services to victims of crashes, including providing information about understanding grief; reducing stress reactions after trauma; tools to process reactions to crisis and trauma; and information to support children as they process grief and trauma.

Tribal Engagement

- The North Dakota National Guard finished signing memorandums of agreement with all five tribal colleges in North Dakota to make the State Tuition Assistance program available to qualified student service members attending college.

- Burgum signed legislation providing a framework for the state and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation to share tax revenue from oil wells that straddle the boundary of the Fort Berthold Reservation, settling an unresolved issue from the state's historic 2019 tax agreement with the MHA Nation.
- The North Dakota Highway Patrol entered an agreement with the MHA Nation to enhance emergency response on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The agreement, signed by Burgum and MHA Chairman Mark Fox, allows the closest available peace officer to respond to an emergency call for service until the agency with primary jurisdiction arrives and assumes the lead. The agreement to allow mutual aid across reservation boundaries was made possible by legislation signed in 2019 and 2021.
- Burgum also signed legislation to allow NDIT to enter into agreements with tribes and other government entities to assist with cybersecurity incident response, and to allow NDDOT to enter into agreements with tribal governments to assist with federally funded safety improvement projects on tribal-owned highways, streets, roads and bridges.
- The Highway Patrol created and implemented a five-member criminal interdiction team that focuses on drug and human trafficking and other criminal activity occurring on roadways in the state. The team is tasked with working closely with tribal law enforcement to intercept illegal substances destined for North Dakota reservations.
- A pilot program that aims to ensure all justice-involved, at-risk tribal and non-tribal youth have access to similar services was extended for two years.

Transforming Education

- Burgum signed "pathways to graduation" legislation that capped a four-year collaborative effort to pave the way for authentic learning and flexibility in pathways for North Dakota students to achieve graduation. Creating personalized graduation pathways to complement the traditional credit-hour K-12 education system was the No. 1 recommendation from the Governor's Innovative Education Task Force created through executive order in 2017.
- Burgum proposed and ultimately signed legislation providing \$38 million to Bismarck State College to create the state's first polytechnic institution. This new approach to higher education will equip students with the skills needed to fill in-demand careers throughout the state.

- The North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) Cybersecurity Team enhanced IT security services for the K-12 education community as part of the IT Shared Services/Unification initiative. This increased cybersecurity posture for the K-12 community sets the stage for better response planning and defense, and better security around school and student data. NDIT also expanded Extended Detection Response in schools, added protection to 10,000 Chromebooks, and provided Security User Awareness training to over 2,500 users.
- NDIT also enabled a 24-hour service desk supported by live agents for all state agencies and school districts. In the past year, NDIT has processed an average of 12,000 incidents per month. By offering around-the-clock support, NDIT is better equipped to handle support queries more quickly while improving customer service and creating long-lasting relationships.

Reinventing Government

- The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) increased driver's license and motor vehicle kiosks to 52 locations across North Dakota. Citizens are now able to print their motor vehicle tabs, renew or request a replacement license or ID card, schedule a road test, pay a reinstatement fee, change their address and edit donor registry information without visiting an office. The department also increased online appointments and reduced customer wait times for driver's license and motor vehicle services from nearly 30 minutes to less than 10 minutes.
- The NDDOT also launched driver's license online knowledge tests, allowing North Dakotans an easy and convenient way to get their learner's permit 24/7 from anywhere with internet access.
- The Highway Patrol's unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) program became fully active in 2021 following several months of planning and officer training. The UAS program will provide enhanced crash reconstruction services and allow officers to assess dangerous incidents from a safe distance, such as fire hot spots, unknown package identification or quickly locating missing or dangerous individuals in rough terrain.
- The DES completed a new streamlined system to provide a one-stop shop for energy industry producers, transporters and developers, as well as the public, to report hazardous material spills and releases instead of reporting spills to multiple state agencies. The reporting system, available at www.spill.nd.gov or by calling 1-833-99SPILL (1-833-997-7455), was supported by the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture and the Industrial Commission's Oil and Gas Division.

- Wildfire response by the DES led to some dramatic improvements leveraging technology. One of those innovations was a GPS-configured wildland fire dashboard that provided leaders, planners and firefighters with better situational awareness. It was the first time data could be compiled through reports from local emergency managers and 9-1-1 calls, as well as historical data from the Integrated Reporting of Wildland-Fire Information (IRWIN) system used by fire departments.
- The DES also initiated a program to augment the state's firefighting capabilities and resources by creating a wildland task force for the state. The task force concept was adopted to allow local fire departments the ability to respond outside their jurisdictions, if needed. Departments that volunteer will coordinate directly with the Forest Service to preposition personnel and equipment for potential state wildfire suppression missions.
- The North Dakota Game and Fish Department became the first state in the nation to allow electronic posting of private land with the passage of Senate Bill 2144. The bill gives landowners and hunters alike a convenient option for posting private land and checking its status for hunting, while also leaving the traditional physical posting process in place for those who wish to continue using it.
- The Department of Human Services implemented the Safety Framework Practice model, which redesigned in-home child and family support services and foster care services to increase the number of children remaining safely in their homes.
- Human Services also launched statewide centralized intake for child abuse and neglect reporting in January 2021. Overall, the number of children living in foster care has decreased in 2021. Efforts are underway to continue shifting resources to in-home services to support children and their families together.
- The pandemic's challenges provided an opportunity for Job Service to reinvent how it ensures benefits are getting to those who need it and not to identity thieves and criminal enterprises. By implementing an industry-leading ID proofing/verification service and by expanding utilization of fraud detection data analytics, Job Service prevented over 8,000 fraudulent claims, which could have resulted in over \$150 million in fraudulent payments.
- The North Dakota Healthcare Directive Registry development by NDIR was completed and is available at <https://apps.nd.gov/itd/hin/hdir/login>. This system allows citizens to store, maintain and retrieve

important health care documents, such as advance directive documents that are key when determining proper patient care. Users can share documents with providers and family as they choose.

- Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) successfully deployed upgrades to its myWSI and CAPS systems, providing better customer experience for internal and external customers through automation of manual tasks and online accessibility.
- The Department of Water Resources expanded the utility and functionality of PRESENS (Pushing REmote SENSors), a real-time water level monitoring program. The program now has a much broader range of data collection opportunities to include soil moisture, soil temperature and precipitation measurements. This real-time data will assist with water management into the future and will be used for modeling efforts and analysis. The department deployed more than 220 PRESENS units at peak operation, and aims to grow that number to around 1,000 units in the coming years.
- The Securities Department completed two significant technology projects designed to improve efficiency and the service experience for constituents. A new case management system facilitates the timely, effective and impactful execution of examinations and investigations to support the department's mission of protecting investors. And the new ND Securities Filing Portal delivers a fully electronic filing experience for issuers of securities and other filers, while completing the department's conversion to electronic systems for all securities and investment industry filings, which totaled approximately 148,000 in the last fiscal year.
- Five state agencies – the NDDOT, Department of Water Resources, Department of Environmental Quality, Public Finance Authority and Bank of North Dakota – collaborated to create Funding for Infrastructure in North Dakota (FIND), a central hub for local governments to apply for infrastructure funding. With five different infrastructure funding programs in the state, knowing which fund to apply for and completing multiple applications was a strain for city and county staff, but FIND provides a one-stop shop for applications. The site was gradually rolled out starting in June and has already received 13 applications.

Citizen-focused agencies make progress

In addition, state agencies worked hard to deliver core services and improve outcomes in many areas:

- Human Services launched a new early childhood division to focus resources on school readiness; strong, stable families; and quality early childhood experiences. To date, the division has awarded federal grant dollars to 713 North Dakota child care programs for financial stabilization.
- Human Services worked with housing partners to implement the new, more comprehensive ND Rent Help program to support housing stability and financial stability and promote strong, stable families. In 2021, 3,295 renter households received emergency rent or utility assistance from ND Rent Help, and 1,095 unique housing providers and utility providers received direct payments from the program. Total assistance disbursed through Nov. 30, 2021, was \$13,428,408.
- Human Services improved access to in-home and community-based long-term support services so that older adults and adults with physical disabilities who qualify for skilled nursing care can live at home if they choose. North Dakotans can easily apply online or by phone through the [Aging and Disability Resource LINK](#) (ADRL) to get connected to in-home services.
- Human Service provided all Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households with the maximum benefit amount for households their size. During 2021, approximately 17,800 North Dakota households benefited each month during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- During the 67th Legislative Assembly, Burgum signed a bill to redesign the way nursing homes are paid by North Dakota Medicaid. Under this new payment system, nursing homes will be incentivized to provide cost-effective care and to renovate rather than build facilities. The new payment system will reduce overall expenses in the future, making it advantageous to taxpayers as well.
- In January 2021, Human Services assumed administration and operation of resettlement support services from contracted vendor Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Services help individuals adjust to life in North Dakota and become self-sufficient. The goal is to see New Americans accepted, integrated and supported as they add value to North Dakota and enrich the culture of their new communities. In 2021, 35 refugees resettled in North Dakota.
- The statewide cancer registry maintained by the NDDoH was recognized by the CDC as a "Registry of Excellence." For the period December 2020 through November 2021, Women's Way screened 284 people for breast and/or cervical cancer. The program provides these important services to more than 70 women per month.

- The Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program provided healthy food and support to more than 15,000 North Dakotans. The oral health program distributed 47,000 toothbrushes to 188 schools; 14 workplaces were designated as infant friendly, benefiting 3,821 employees; and the child passenger safety program launched new interactive maps and certified 67 technicians.
- The NDDoH distributed 1,560 state-of-the-art automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to law enforcement via a partnership with the Helmsley Charitable Trust. One of these AEDs was successfully deployed in August 2021 in Grand Forks and helped save a life.
- OMB launched Team ND Connect, a statewide intranet available to all state team members, and delivered Leadership Everywhere training to over 1,500 Team ND members. The agency also led a statewide change management initiative, launched a new website on the statewide platform and centralized certain printing and procurement services.
- Parks and Recreation began offering a new option for North Dakota State park annual permit holders. The family permit, authorized by the 67th Legislative Assembly, allows members of the same household to buy two annual permits at a discounted price of \$55.
- The NDDOT finalized the long-range transportation plan, "Transportation Connection." The 25-year plan helps identify future transportation needs in the state.
- The NDDOT and Parks and Recreation partnered to replace and install various signs to promote recreational opportunities across the state. The project is designed to increase visibility of state parks and help guide visitors to parks and recreational areas.
- Parks and Recreation also partnered with the State Historical Society to offer the North Dakota Passport. The goal is to help residents and out-of-state travelers make the most of their visits to recreational and historical sites throughout the state. The passport is an all-in-one guide to adventure as users collect stamps at 37 featured destinations, varying from state parks and recreation areas to state historic sites and museums.
- North Dakota's regulatory framework for geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide led the nation as the state Industrial Commission in October approved the first Class VI carbon capture and storage project

under state primacy in North Dakota and in the United States. North Dakota was the first state to receive primacy of Class VI wells from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2018, followed only by Wyoming in 2020.

- An exhibit featuring Dakota, a mummified hadrosaur, opened at the North Dakota Heritage Center with over 600 families and friends of paleontology at the grand opening in October. The new interactive exhibit includes a 3D print of Dakota's mummified dinosaur skin and a large mural depicting what Dakota looked like when she roamed North Dakota.
- Bank of North Dakota transferred the servicing of most of its residential loan portfolio to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, taking advantage of an opportunity to consolidate residential lending, streamline service to consumers and increase efficiency in state government. On April 1, BND discontinued its residential lending program by the end of the year. BND's residential portfolio was just over \$535 million on Dec. 31, 2020, compared to NDHFA's portfolio of \$1.4 billion.
- Game and Fish unveiled the [Meadowlark Initiative](#), a statewide strategy that teams landowners, conservation groups, biologists and others to enhance, restore and sustain native grasslands in North Dakota.
- The Heart River Correctional Center (HRCC) opened its doors to minimum custody women on June 15 in Mandan, the result of a team approach to ensure the facility was prepared for adult women. HRCC focuses on providing person-centered rehabilitative and recovery services in a safe, consistent and structured environment of support where women can develop lifelong skills and experience long-term success.
- Burgum signed bipartisan [legislation aimed at increasing access to services and improving outcomes for youth](#) involved in the juvenile justice system. It was the first major overhaul of state law covering juvenile justice issues since 1969.
- The North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights entered a space-sharing agreement with the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's Office to utilize office space and tax dollars effectively while continuing to work on a rotating remote basis and in a completely paperless system.

- In just the past six months, the NDIT Cybersecurity Team has defended against 187 million threats that were prevented or detected; over 72 million vulnerability attacks that were blocked; and more than 7 million spam and phishing messages.
- The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) spent considerable efforts modernizing outdated laws affecting banks and credit unions and oversaw a 17% increase in financial service providers doing business in North Dakota, now licensing 8,300 entities. Banks and credit unions under DFI's supervision grew their assets by 18% to a total of \$43 billion.
- WSI reported that workplace injury rates have been reduced by 30% over the last decade, with a rate of 4.6 claims filed per 100 covered workers in 2021. The agency issued nearly \$26 million in safety premium discounts to employers for successful participation in safety programs in fiscal year 2021.
- North Dakota maintains one of the nation's highest drinking water compliance rates, with 99% of public water systems meeting all health-based standards overseen by the Department of Environmental Quality. The state also ranked No. 3 in cleanest air and water in US News and World Report's Best States for Air and Water Quality.
- The Happy Hooligans of the North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing accepted the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) for the 22nd time on March 6 and is among the most decorated Air National Guard wings in the nation.

Burgum will deliver his 2022 State of the State Address at 10 a.m. Jan. 19 in Festival Concert Hall at the Reineke Fine Arts Center at North Dakota State University in Fargo. The address will be livestreamed from the Governor's Office website at www.governor.nd.gov.

Census 2020 results released in April showed North Dakota's population at a record high of 779,094, with a 15.8% growth rate that was the fourth-highest among states from 2010 to 2020.

"Working together, we are overcoming the challenges facing our state and emerging stronger than ever before," Burgum said.

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WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

EMPOWER PEOPLE | IMPROVE LIVES | INSPIRE SUCCESS

Protecting the rights of the state and advocating the interests of our citizens.

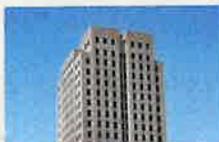
WHO WE SERVE

ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE NORTH DAKOTANS



WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON

FIVE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



Reinventing Government

- Unification & Shared Services
- Digital & Cultural Transformation
- Delivery of Service



Behavioral Health & Addiction

- Prevention
- Early Intervention
- Treatment
- Recovery



Tribal Engagement

- Respect
- Restore
- Revitalize



Transforming Education

- Innovation
- Governance
- Choice
- Readiness



Main Street Initiative

- Skilled workforce
- Smart, efficient infrastructure
- Healthy, vibrant communities
- Economic diversification

GRATITUDE

CURIOSITY

COURAGE

HUMILITY

WHAT WE DO



Set the vision for the state
Oversee operation of state executive branch, annual State of the State Address.



Appoint citizens to Boards and Commissions
Provide citizens the opportunity to represent their community and peers, helping influence policies and programs.



Drive agenda for the administration
Set policy, develop and submit biennial budget, enact new and existing law.



Serve constituents
Create a more accessible and responsive state government.



Deliver constitutional and statutory duties
Protect state's rights, issue executive orders and emergency declarations, chair Industrial Commission, Land Board, Water Commission, State Investment Board, State Board of Equalization.



Provide consistent communication
Ensure effective and efficient constituent communications to inform about the Administration's actions, policies, positions and initiatives.

HOW WE DO IT

Listen and inform

Create relationships

Set strategy

Build alignment

Empower TeamND

WHO WE ARE

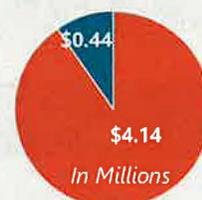
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Full-time Team Members + Governor and Lt. Governor

AGENCY BUDGET

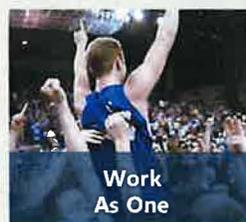
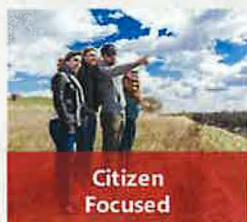
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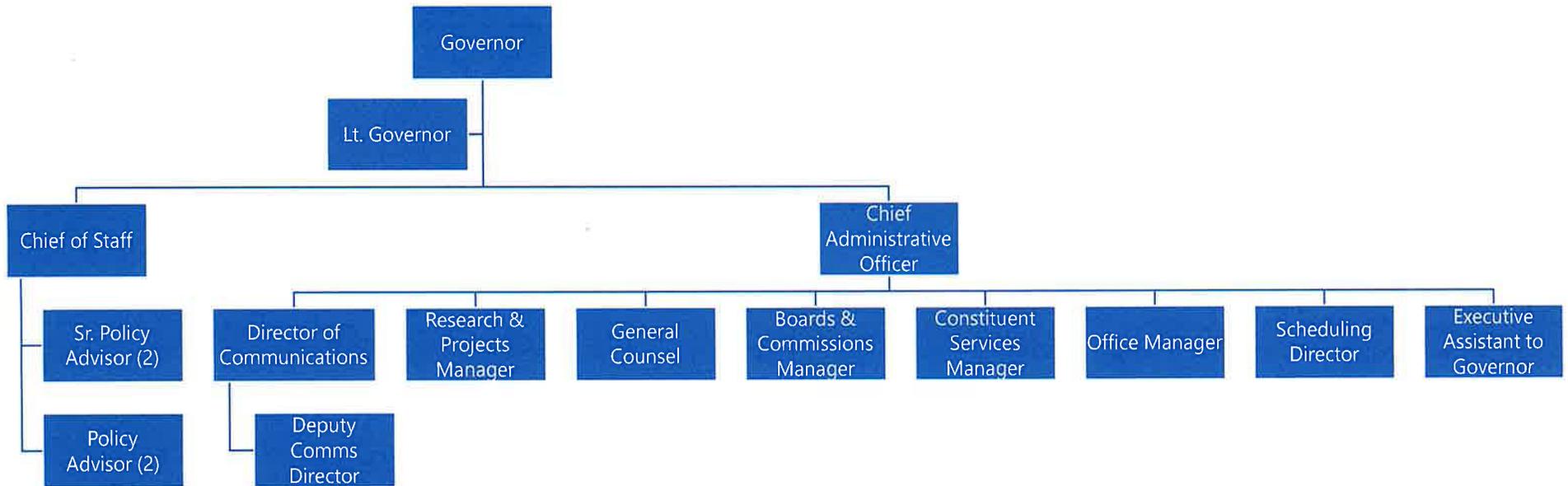
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CULTURAL ASPIRATIONS



"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing,"
-Theodore Roosevelt

Office of the Governor



Office of the Governor Senate Appropriations – Government Operations Testimony, Jan. 23, 2023

Testimony of JoDee Hanson
In Support of
2023 SENATE BILL 2001
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Presented to
Senate Appropriations Government Operations Committee
SENATOR WANZEK, CHAIRMAN
Monday, January 23, 2023

Chairman Wanzek and members of the Government Ops Committee, I am JoDee Hanson serving as Chief Administrative Officer for the Governor and am here to ask for your support for the budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor (N.D.C.C §54.07.01-12).

We will start today by sharing more about our agency. In your packet, you'll find our one-pager that describes who we are and what we do.

Our team is made up of 17 FTEs (which includes the Governor & Lt. Governor). As requested, an org chart is in your packet.

Highlight of Accomplishments

In your packet you will find our "year in review" press release for an in-depth review. Here are a few items of special note:

- Launched the new website for Boards & Commissions. User friendly – constituents can now submit applications via mobile device, and have full visibility into upcoming appointments. Our team has gained greater efficiency in our internal process.
- Made 4 appointments for statewide vacancies – Tax Commissioner, Attorney General, Public Service Commissioner; Supreme Court Justice.
- Hired multiple cabinet leaders and Governor's Office staff due to retirements, in state promotion, and private sector opportunities.
- Provided leadership for the merger of Department of Health & Human Services.
- Issued Executive Order for Red Tape Reduction Working Group.
- Hosted several key conferences with private sector sponsorships: Recovery Reinvented, Main Street Summit; Government to Government Partnerships and Relationships, Innovative Education Summit; State of the State in Fargo – with

thousands of participants across all conferences – extending the reach of these important initiatives.

- Inducted the 47th Rough Rider – Dr. Merton Utgaard for founding the International Music Camp.

Goals For Next Biennium

- Implement CRM software to enhance constituent service responsiveness.
- Retention of staff and cabinet – as they are highly sought after by the private sector.
- Support cabinet and executive branch to fulfill respective roles in state government as prescribed by the legislature.

Budget Recommendation

The recommended budget for the Office of the Governor for the 2023-25 biennium continues existing positions and programs. The budget was prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines provided to all state agencies and is summarized on the table attached.

Salaries and wages

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- Cost to continue salary increases from last year of \$36,440
- Governor's salary cost to continue of \$2,817
- Moved \$87,528 from operating to balance the salary budget.

In addition, the Governor's recommendation includes:

- Executive compensation plan for salary increases, health insurance changes and additional retirement contribution of \$445,202.

The optional package includes a request for two additional FTEs:

- From 17 to 19 (which includes the Governor & Lt. Governor) for communications and policy roles.
- As you may remember the Governor's Office had 1 FTE removed during last session. Prior, the Governor's Office held 18 FTE positions for 20 years, with no growth, and no reduction. Today we ask for an adjustment to account for the increasing demands on each of our team members to support our constituents. Salaries and fringe for two FTE is \$501,808 for the biennium.

Operating expenses

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- The recommended funding for operating expenses is decreased by \$72,158
- Reduced to transfer \$87,528 to salary line to balance the budget
- Increase in NDIT fees of \$18,187.

The optional package includes:

- Proposed rent model of \$159,854
- One-time funding for Constituent Relations Management software and policy tracking software for \$130,000 to increase efficiency and improve the constituent experience.
- One-time funding for Transition In and Transition Out costs of \$65,000, which has been included in the budget every other biennium.

Amendments requested

- LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 2023-25 BIENNIUM. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget, at the request of the Office of the Governor, may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item upon finding that the transfer is required to properly carry on the functions and duties of the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor shall notify the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Management of any transfers made pursuant to this section.
- Continuation of GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.
- Amend SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - BUDGET SECTION REPORT. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Governor's Office in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Any funds received under this section must be used for the specific purpose intended for the funds or transferred to the appropriate state agency or institution. Upon receipt of the funds under this section, the Governor's Office shall provide a report to the budget section regarding the source, amount, and purpose of the funds received.

There were no findings in our financial audit report.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Government Operations Committee, I ask for your favorable consideration of this budget with our recommended amendments and am available, along with Office of Management and Budget staff, to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Office of the Governor Senate Appropriations Testimony, January 23, 2023

	2021-23 Legislative Base Level	Base Changes	Optional Requests	Compensation Package	2023-25 Recommendation
Salaries and Wages	\$3,861,034	123,968	501,808	398,546	\$4,885,356
Governor's Salary	284,475	2,817		46,656	333,948
Operating Expenses	421,635	(72,158)	289,854		639,331
Contingency	10,000				10,000
Transition In	0		15,000		15,000
Transition Out	0		50,000		50,000
Roughrider Awards	10,800				10,800
Total	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
General Fund	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
FTE	17.00		2.00		19.00

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BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford this week marked the completion of their sixth year in office, reflecting on a year of addressing workforce challenges and other priorities, making progress on diversifying the economy and adding value to farm commodities, and supporting key developments in the state's energy industry.

"This past year has proven yet again that North Dakotans are resilient in the face of challenges, from weather to workforce, and continue to believe and invest in the unlimited potential of our great state," Burgum said. "As our administration strives to empower people, improve lives and inspire success, we are inspired by the hard work and innovative spirit of North Dakota citizens."

Burgum will deliver his 2023 State of the State Address at 1 p.m. Jan. 3 in the House chamber of the Capitol.

Addressing workforce

North Dakota's workforce shortage – the state's No. 1 barrier to economic growth – was a top focus throughout the year.

- In his State of the State Address in February, Burgum outlined \$250 million in workforce investment approved during the November 2021 special legislative session – including \$88 million for career centers – and pledged increased efforts to address child care as a barrier to employment. Those efforts, which included several months of meetings with child care providers, parents, business leaders and other stakeholders, culminated with Burgum and Sanford joining over a dozen state lawmakers to announce the framework for what is now a \$76 million [child care proposal](#) to the legislature to support working families by addressing child care availability, affordability and quality.

- Workforce was the focus of the successful Main Street ND Summit in October attended by nearly 1,000 people from across North Dakota, dozens of states and several countries. During the summit, Burgum and Sanford joined members of the state's Workforce Development Council to announce the ND Works Investment Plan, a package of proposals totaling over \$50 million. The proposals include \$20 million for grants through the competitive Regional Workforce Impact Program (RWIP) and nearly \$25 million for a strategic marketing and recruitment campaign. In 2022, RWIP will award \$13 million for 60 projects that provide additional access to job training and workforce support.
- Burgum also kicked off the Main Street Summit by announcing the Energizing Our Communities plan, a package of proposed investments in community development, such as housing and parks and recreation, to help cities attract and retain workforce.
- The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) also supported the state's workforce this past year by investing in child care infrastructure, including providing \$37 million to child care programs to promote stabilization and help address health and safety, technology and inclusion, as well as start-up and quality improvement needs, and increasing the qualifying income level of the Child Care Assistance Program in February 2022, with the number of participating families growing by 24%.
- To make North Dakota an even more attractive and affordable place to live and work, Burgum and Sanford joined with State Tax Commissioner Brian Kroshus and legislators in August to propose historic income tax reforms that would save North Dakota taxpayers an estimated \$250 million annually and establish North Dakota as the lowest flat-tax state in the nation. The proposal expands upon the income tax relief package – proposed in the Burgum-Sanford Accelerate ND plan – that state lawmakers approved and Burgum signed into law last November. That package was estimated to provide \$211 million in relief for North Dakotans in the 2021 and 2022 tax years.

Diversifying the economy

The administration continued working to diversify the economy and add value to the state's raw agricultural commodities that historically have been shipped out of state for processing.

- Burgum participated in groundbreakings for two soybean processing plants last summer and helped announce a third processing facility this month, further cementing North Dakota's status as a soybean powerhouse and creating new market opportunities for farmers. Upon completion of ADM's \$350 million Green Bison Soy Processing plant in Spiritwood, the North Dakota Soybean Processors' \$400 million plant near Casselton and the \$400 million Epitome Energy LLC plant in Grand Forks announced just last week, North Dakota will have gone from having no soybean processing plants to three soybean crushing plants with the capacity to process nearly 75% of the state's annual soybean production.
- Throughout 2022, North Dakota built upon its status as the place to invest in data centers, with total committed investment of roughly \$2 billion in the state. Projects include the Atlas Power Data Center in Williston, Applied Blockchain's 100-megawatt hosting facility in Jamestown, Core Scientific's expansion in Grand Forks and Bitzero's selection of North Dakota as its North American headquarters, which led to

the company's decision to acquire and redevelop the historic Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex in Nekoma into a highly secure data center for high-performance computing and data processing.

- In October, Burgum led a delegation of North Dakota officials and business representatives on a weeklong trade and investment mission to Japan, highlighting the state's many trade, investment and business opportunities in a presentation to the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and promoting the state during a reception with Japanese businesses at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Tokyo. On the last day of the mission, Burgum and Sumitomo Corp.'s president and CEO celebrated the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the state and Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (SCOA), creating a partnership to evaluate and develop businesses within the energy transition market to accelerate decarbonization in North Dakota and beyond.
- The North Dakota Department of Commerce in February selected the Grand Farm Education and Research Initiative for a \$10 million matching grant to advance autonomous agriculture technology in North Dakota. In October, Burgum participated in the Grand Farm Innovation Facility groundbreaking near Casselton, highlighting how autonomous technology commercialized at the facility will improve productivity for farmers and help address the state's workforce challenge through automation.
- Commerce's "Find the Good Life in North Dakota" workforce attraction campaign also was refreshed and expanded to support a comprehensive workforce initiative. The marketing drives interested relocators into a pipeline which connects job seekers with community champions. In less than six months, the marketing campaign has delivered 7.8 million impressions and driven 43,000 visitors to the website resulting in 3,582 potential residents. Workforce staff and community champions are working with over 1,000 leads in the pipeline; 77% of those individuals have not been to North Dakota, with 65% looking to relocate in the next six months.

Supporting energy

Burgum and Sanford also continued to support energy development and carbon capture, storage and utilization (CCUS) as part of a long-term path forward to preserve baseload coal power and the state's oil and gas industry and achieve the goal of making North Dakota a carbon-neutral state by 2030 through innovation and no new regulations or mandates.

- In May, Burgum and Sanford joined officials and workers at Coal Creek Station near Underwood to celebrate the finalized sale of the coal-fired power plant and a related high-voltage transmission line, highlighting the benefits of reliable, affordable baseload coal power and innovative technologies such as carbon capture. Minnesota-based Great River Energy (GRE) sold the 1,151-megawatt power plant – North Dakota's largest – to Rainbow Energy Center LLC, and sold the transmission system that runs from central North Dakota to Minnesota to Nexus Line LLC. Rainbow Energy Center and Nexus Line are both affiliates of Bismarck-based Rainbow Energy Marketing Corp.

Leading up to the sale, the Burgum-Sanford administration worked with the Legislature to approve several bills in 2021 to support the lignite industry and created the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority and Fund to support clean energy projects and help provide a long-term, viable path forward for the state's critical energy industry. The Authority provided a \$3 million grant to Midwest Ag Energy for a carbon capture project at the Blue Flint Ethanol plant next to Coal Creek and \$7 million to the Energy & Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks for front-end engineering and design of Coal Creek's carbon capture project.

The Coal Creek project also received a \$150 million loan from the Bank of North Dakota's Match Program, which provides low-interest rates to encourage and attract financially strong companies and is funded through the Legacy Fund per the passage of House Bill 1425 last year.

- In July, Burgum and Sanford applauded the start of the first carbon storage project in North Dakota at the Red Trail Energy LLC ethanol plant near Richardton, which was made possible by North Dakota being the first state in the nation to obtain regulatory authority from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over Class VI underground storage wells in 2018.
- They also continued to advocate for increased American energy production in order to reduce prices at the pump and strengthen U.S. energy security, with Burgum joining 24 fellow governors in March to call on the White House to unleash U.S. oil and gas production.
- North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin began working together to develop a regional clean hydrogen hub to help meet the nation's clean energy, transportation and agricultural needs. Under the memorandum of understanding (MOU), the four states agree to develop a proposal for a Heartland Hydrogen Hub, with the goal of obtaining federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's \$7 billion program to create regional clean hydrogen (H2Hubs) across the country.

Weather and emergency response

- An unprecedented severe winter weather event gripped the state in April, knocking out power to tens of thousands of residents and dropping up to 40 inches of snow in some areas making it the state's fifth-largest disaster on record and the largest since 2011 flooding. The severe weather caused damage to infrastructure including roads, bridges and railways and threatened the stability of flood control structures including the Bourbanis Dam near Cavalier, where North Dakota National Guard Black Hawk helicopters placed 213 one-ton sandbags to stabilize areas of concern around the dam. North Dakota Guard members also assisted in placing two 5-ton water pumps provided by a Minnesota National Guard Chinook helicopter.

Burgum declared a statewide emergency resulting in an estimated \$97 million in federal assistance after President Biden granted Burgum's request for a presidential major disaster declaration.

State agencies worked together to coordinate efforts in a whole-of-government response. This included:

- The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) dispatching 355 snowplow operators to clear over 8,500 miles of roadway;
- The North Dakota Highway Patrol coordinating with the Parks and Recreation Department to pre-position snowmobiles and other snow equipment around the state;
- NDDOT and Highway Patrol partnering on over 25 emergency runs for ambulances or stranded motorists;
- State Radio handling double the call volume;
- The Department of Emergency Services (DES) assisting local and tribal jurisdictions in identifying needs and coordinating resources;
- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) establishing the Northwest North Dakota Emergency Housing Stability Program for qualified homeowners and renters impacted by power outages.

The team was recognized with a Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service Roaming Bison team award in September.

- As parts of the state experienced drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided \$1.2 million in reimbursements for 340 drought resiliency projects for agricultural producers through the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program.
- DES and North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) brought together representatives from multiple state agencies in collaboration with rural electric cooperatives, internet providers, hospital facilities and others during a tabletop exercise in June. The event was hosted to share plans and identify interdependencies that might exist during a response to a cyber incident. The participants talked through potential cascading effects that might occur after a scenario in which a cyberattack disables the electrical grid for an extended period during cold weather conditions.

Reducing red tape, filling roles

- In August, Burgum issued an [executive order](#) creating a Red Tape Reduction Working Group to bolster ongoing efforts to identify antiquated, unnecessary and burdensome regulations, rules and policies that could be changed or eliminated to reduce burdens and lower costs for North Dakota citizens and the private sector and make state government more efficient, effective and nimble. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group received about 500 ideas from the public, agencies and team members. The Working Group acted on nearly 400 submissions that resulted in draft bills to be acted on during the upcoming legislative session and through administrative rule changes and process improvement.
- Burgum made several key appointments to fill vacancies in statewide offices. Public Service Commissioner Brian Kroshus was appointed state tax commissioner effective Jan. 4. Former U.S. attorney and lieutenant governor Drew Wrigley was appointed in February to serve as North Dakota attorney general after the passing of longtime Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem on Jan. 28. And the governor appointed Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. board chairwoman Sheri Haugen-Hoffart in February to fill

the Public Service Commission seat vacated by Kroshus. Haugen-Hoffart, Kroshus and Wrigley all were elected to four-year terms in November. Burgum also appointed Minot entrepreneur Kevin Black and reappointed business consultant Danite Bye of Stanley to the state Board of Higher Education in June. University of North Dakota student Sadie Hanson was appointed as the board's student member.

Tribal engagement

- At the fourth Strengthening Government to Government Partnerships and Relationships Conference in June, organized by the state Indian Affairs Commission, Burgum highlighted progress made through collaboration between the state and tribal nations, including that the North Dakota Highway Patrol entered agreements with the Spirit Lake Nation and MHA Nation to enhance emergency response on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The agreements allow the closest available peace officer to respond to an emergency call for service until the agency with primary jurisdiction arrives and assumes the lead. The North Dakota National Guard also finished signing memorandums of agreement with all five tribal colleges in North Dakota to make the State Tuition Assistance program available to qualified student service members attending college.
- Earlier this month, Burgum and the chairpersons of the five tribal nations with whom North Dakota shares geography completed the signing of new tribal-state gaming compacts, which are now under review by the U.S. Department of the Interior for final approval.
- DHHS partnered with the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board (GPTLHB) to implement the Cappa Health 360 platform, which provides individualized and culturally adapted chronic disease management and prevention programming for all GPTLHB partner tribes. This platform includes the first diabetes prevention curriculum in the country to be adapted for American Indians, co-developed with Cappa Health and the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board – which is now available in 18 tribal communities in the four-state region of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa, which covers more than 160,000 enrolled members.
- A population of bighorn sheep transplanted to the Three Affiliated Tribes grew from 30 in 2020 to 75 in 2022, bringing the state's total bighorn sheep to 335. The state will get three licenses in alternating years starting in 2026. An MOU with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe continues to foster a successful elk management program for both state and tribal citizens.
- Hoefer RV in Dunseith invested over \$4 million to open a 100,000-square-foot U.S. production site that led to a new CTE Center in Dunseith, including a dedicated RV tech shop, plus additional modules for the RV tech program which will run in other classrooms in the center. In April, Hoefer RV was awarded \$2.25 million from the North Dakota Development Fund for a revolving line for inventory financing. This is the first major workforce step to revitalizing Dunseith as Hoefer RV is committed to hiring high school and adult program grads.
- The North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance continued to evolve with dedicated funding and staff from Commerce. Growth in tribal tourism offerings, product development and cultural experiences is of great

interest for visitors, especially those from international target markets.

- A memorandum of understanding was signed between NDIT and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation to provide managed security services for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality, availability and integrity of tribal information systems and data. The partnership was made possible by House Bill 1417, which was approved last year by the Legislature and signed into law by Burgum. The new law allows NDIT to enter into agreements with tribes and other governmental entities to assist with cybersecurity strategy, prevention and response.
- Parks and Recreation continued to increase tribal engagement, including providing a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa for a splash pad.

National security and border security/access

- Burgum signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) in April with 25 fellow governors to create the American Governors' Border Strike Force to better address the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and the negative effects of increased illegal immigration on public safety and crime in states including North Dakota. The strike force aims to disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal organizations and combat human trafficking and drug smuggling activities.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol, state Bureau of Criminal Investigation and State & Local Intelligence Center participated in a joint Border Strike Force enforcement detail in North Dakota on Aug. 22-28, seizing more than 50 pounds of illegal drugs, including enough fentanyl to kill every North Dakotan more than twice over.

- Last December, Gov. Burgum and the North Dakota National Guard's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann, visited 125 soldiers from the Bismarck-based 957th Engineer Company who served a yearlong mission along the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). During the deployment, two [Guardsmen rescued migrants](#) from drowning while crossing the Rio Grande on March 22. The company arrived home last month.
- Burgum also pushed the CPB and U.S. Homeland Security to restore pre-pandemic hours of operation at several ports of entry on the U.S.-Canada border where hours were reduced in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CBP [agreed in September to temporarily expand operating hours](#) at three ports of entry and to continue evaluating northern border hours of operation.
- The North Dakota National Guard saw about 270 soldiers and airmen deploy and about 420 return from deployment, including deployments to the National Capital Region, U.S. Central Command and the southwest border.
- North Dakota National Guard members in March completed their largest and longest mobilization ever with the conclusion of their COVID-19 support mission. The mission totaled 736 days and over 133,000 personnel days, with Guard members assisting in administering 467,000 tests and administering more than 100,000 vaccine doses.

- The North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing, known as the Happy Hooligans, earned their 23rd Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the most among Air National Guard units. The Happy Hooligans also earned the 2021 Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies' General Atomics Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) award, presented annually for outstanding performance by RPA squadrons in achieving intelligence, surveillance, persistent attack and reconnaissance over the preceding year.
- Burgum authorized a North Dakota National Guard Black Hawk helicopter with a water bucket to provide fire suppression between Minot and Des Lacs where more than a dozen train cars carrying paper products and frozen foods derailed and caught fire.

Supporting health and well-being

- The Department of Health and Department of Human Services successfully integrated to become the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on Sept. 1, 2022. As one HHS, the team will work to help North Dakota become the healthiest state in the nation by focusing on the three foundations of well-being: physical, economic, and behavioral health.
- In August, DHHS launched a new Children in Need of Services Team to divert children and youth from the juvenile justice system and foster care and instead connect children and families to support services in their communities. Through Dec. 1, this specialized team of human service zone child welfare professionals had received 917 referrals and assisted 784 children and their families.
- DHHS also launched new dashboards and communications channels – the State Health Assessment dashboard, State Alzheimer's dashboard and Knowtify blog – to provide information and data so North Dakotans can make more informed health care decisions.
- The governor and First Lady Kathryn Burgum hosted the sixth Recovery Reinvented on Nov. 3, a daylong in-person and online event focused on reinventing recovery through eliminating the stigma of the disease of addiction. They were joined by national and state addiction recovery experts and more than 700 in-person attendees at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks as well as over 900 online viewers who spanned the state and nation, with some international audience members in Indonesia, Portugal and South Africa. They highlighted the state's progress in addressing the disease of addiction over the past six years, including the training of nearly 800 peer support specialists and the success of the Free Through Recovery program.
- A mental health program directory to help North Dakotans better locate and access mental health resources was launched by DHHS. To date, there are 172 approved organizations registered in the directory representing 215 locations. DHHS also launched the new national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to supplement the state's behavioral health crisis support for North Dakotans. 988 provides 24/7 access to a trained crisis counselor who can help North Dakotans.
- DHHS launched workforce incentive grants in March 2022 for agency and individual direct care professionals to expand access to in-home and community care services for people with disabilities. A total of 53 agencies in the Development Disabilities and Aging categories received retention incentives,

36 agencies received recruitment incentives and 200 Qualified Service Providers (QSPs) and 300 self-directed support employees received incentives.

- DHHS also launched the Help for Homeowners program to support financial stability of homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage and other related housing costs. The department has approved \$7.6 million and helped 566 homeowners since July 2022.
- Together with Money Follows the Person partners, DHHS helped over 100 North Dakotans with disabilities move from institutions to homes in the community with support, exceeding the two-year transition benchmark required in a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice.
- DHHS also worked to expand Medicaid health care coverage from 60 days to 12 months for new moms after pregnancy starting Jan. 1, 2023. Coverage includes checkups after birth, behavioral health services, dental care and other services.

Strengthening Main Street and community development

- The Main Street Initiative team administered four grant programs throughout 2022 which resulted in more than \$680,000 of grant funds being awarded in communities throughout North Dakota. The programs address the four Main Street Initiative pillars: healthy, vibrant communities; 21st century workforce; smart, efficient infrastructure; and economic diversification.
- The Main Street Tourism Outdoor Recreation grant program awarded \$100,000 to six projects in 2022. A mix of seasonal projects received grants, including the Citizens Alley Pocket Park Ice Rink in Minot offering unique winter experiences. These experiences help to build healthy, vibrant communities and attract workforce.
- The first Tribal Main Street visit was hosted by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in Belcourt on Sept. 16 with the governor, first lady and Commerce team members. This resulted in the formation of a youth council to provide insight on attracting a 21st century workforce to their communities.

Transforming education

- At the sixth annual Governor's Summit on Innovative Education in June, Burgum and other speakers emphasized the importance of equipping students with the essential skills for life and learning and ensuring that graduates are choice-ready for college, career or the military. The governor welcomed nearly 300 educators, students, administrators and community leaders to the daylong summit at Dickinson Middle School – the first time the summit has been held west of Bismarck. Legislation approved in 2021 gave school districts new opportunities to implement personalized, competency-based education and capitalize on innovation to drive student results, Burgum noted.
- DHHS continued to support quality early learning experiences and school readiness by funding multiple rounds of "Best in Class" grants to programs serving children the year before kindergarten.

- Parks and Recreation and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) announced a partnership designed to expand, enhance and support outdoor learning opportunities for all North Dakota public, private and homeschooled students through September 2024. The partnership provides funding and support for 24 outdoor educational field days for students at the sixth-grade level (10-12 years of age); individualized student field-trip experiences for all grade levels; and funding assistance for program fees and transportation to state parks.
- Gov. Burgum and National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC) Chairman Jake "Body by Jake" Steinfeld announced the three North Dakota schools that were selected to each receive a state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center. The multimillion-dollar DON'T QUIT! Campaign named Jim Hill Middle School in Minot, Rolla School in Rolla and Solen School in Solen as the state's most outstanding schools for demonstrating leadership in getting and keeping their students fit.
- Burgum in July announced the late Dr. Merton Utgaard, award-winning musician, educator, and founder and long-time director of the International Music Camp, as the 47th recipient of the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, the state's highest commendation for its citizens. The official portrait of Utgaard was unveiled at the Capitol on Nov. 18.

Improving infrastructure

The state continued to make major investments and improvements in critical infrastructure to better serve citizens.

- The NDDOT has aggressively pursued federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary funding to advance transportation infrastructure projects in North Dakota. To date, \$135 million has been successfully awarded by federal funding sources available through IIJA and application has been made for an additional \$320 million.
- In 2022, over 200 construction projects took place across North Dakota resulting in a \$564 million investment to improve the state's transportation infrastructure.
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) continued to make progress on the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) project that is planned to one day serve up to 81,000 water users in North Dakota. Progress included completion of the Lansford Reservoir and Pump Station, service to the City of Bottineau, and continued advancements at the Biota Water Treatment Plant, Minot Water Treatment Plant, and other project elements.
- DWR provided \$105 million in State Water Commission project approvals through its Cost-Share Program, including \$96 million to support water supply efforts in 21 cities and 17 rural/regional systems and \$9 million for 60 different flood protection, water conveyance and general water projects benefitting citizens across the state. The agency also completed a year-long effort with public input to update the Commission's cost-share policy and modernize the program.
- The Office of Management and Budget completed several Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates around the Capitol to make the 88-year-old complex more accessible for all citizens, as well as a facilities management and optimization study.

Reinventing government

Cabinet agencies continued to make progress in becoming more effective and efficient in serving citizens and meeting their needs:

- In 2022, Vision Zero continued growing a program called ND Sober Ride. ND Sober Ride is aimed at reducing the number of impaired drivers on North Dakota roads through ride-hailing vouchers. In 2022, the program successfully provided 366 sober rides statewide with another campaign planned Dec. 19 to Jan. 1.
- In the last year, 7,600 driver license knowledge tests have been completed using a new online system. Tests are conveniently done online at dot.nd.gov and are available 24/7 immediately from anywhere with internet access. The NDDOT's Driver License and Motor Vehicle divisions were awarded the Reinventing the Customer Experience award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for their work to expand customer service and convenience.
- The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department launched a new [state snowmobile trail app](#) that gives users a new way to enjoy North Dakota's 13 state snowmobile trails totaling just over 2,800 miles. Snowmobile enthusiasts can download the Snowmobile North Dakota app to track trips, track current location on a trail using GPS, get updates on trail conditions, locate nearby amenities, and save and load itineraries.
- DWR continued to greatly improve North Dakota's ability to monitor the state's water resources through innovation, including management of 368 PRESENS (Pushing RE mote SENSors) units across the state. PRESENS was developed in-house by DWR to collect environmental data such as water levels, precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, barometric pressure and air temperature – at a fraction of the cost of more traditional means.
- DWR operated the Devils Lake outlets to provide ongoing flood relief for areas surrounding the greater Devils Lake system. The outlets removed over 60,000 acre-feet of floodwater during the 2022 operating season. Since outlet operations began in 2007, almost 1.4 million acre-feet of floodwater have been removed from the big lake.
- OMB managed the distribution of over \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to cities in North Dakota and assisted cities in meeting their reporting obligations.
- OMB launched an interagency mentorship program and led a statewide change management initiative, training over 728 team members in 2022; completed implementation of new state budget development and tracking solution to improve the state budgeting process; and launched two new ways to [experience a tour of the Capitol](#): self-guided kiosks and virtual Capitol tour enhancements.
- To further provide students with valuable experience and education from the perspective of working in a 9-1-1 communications center, State Radio rejuvenated its internship program in spring 2022 with local area colleges and universities. Students pursuing careers in the criminal justice field can now intern under the supervision of an emergency communications specialist to integrate classroom theory with real-life practices.

- The Cyber Madness team was recognized for developing and delivering a first-of-its-kind high school state championship for cybersecurity and creating valuable opportunities for students and future workforce to explore the cybersecurity industry. Cyber Madness is a joint effort of NDIR, North Dakota Career and Technical Education, the Department of Public Instruction and EduTech.
- NDIR announced an expanded partnership with the Cisco Networking Academy skills-to-job program called Skills for All that will be available to all residents in North Dakota. North Dakota is the first state in the nation to provide these courses statewide at no cost to all residents. The Cisco Networking Academy Skills for All program provides free, quality, mobile, self-paced, online learning aligned to industry jobs, providing a pathway to a career in technology.
- WSI engaged in two multi-year projects: an internal system replacement project, Claims and Policy System (CAPS), and development of an online portal, myWSI. The goal is to improve internal and external customer experiences through automation of manual tasks and online accessibility. These releases started in June 2021 and involved staff from WSI, NDIR and vendor ServiceLogix.
- The Department of Environmental Quality adopted [revised regulations to improve air quality](#) in national parks and wilderness areas in August. North Dakota continues to be one of the few states that meet or exceed all federal air quality standards.
- The Department of Financial Institutions provided [guidance](#) to assist those who are considering providing digital asset and virtual currency services. The department encourages any bank that is intending to engage in, or is currently engaged in, activities involving or related to digital assets to consult their legal counsel and federal regulators.
- As part of a pilot program with NDIR, the websites for both Job Service North Dakota and the Department of Health and Human Services were made accessible in 16 languages, offering easier accessibility to New Americans. Internet viewers can select their preferred language from a dropdown at the top of any page. The initial offerings are English, Arabic, Basque, Bosnian, Chinese, French, Hindi, Hmong, Kurdish, Nepali, Pashto, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Swahili and Vietnamese. More languages and other state agency websites are expected to be added.
- Job Service North Dakota partnered with North Dakota-based virtual reality studio Be More Colorful to help career seekers explore different career paths. Be More Colorful's career exploration product, CareerViewXR, (CVXR), was made available to Job Service clients starting in July. The 12-month pilot project will bring immersive media and virtual reality content into the Bismarck Workforce Center.
- Parks and Recreation also completed an update of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2022-2027 and recorded record participation in the 12-for-12 Hiking Challenge, with 1,947 people participating and over 13,000 hikes logged as of November. After a slow start to the camping season due to record snowstorms in April and significant flooding in May, Parks and Recreation's system still recorded its third-highest overnight visitation on record.
- With the Environmental Quality Restoration Fund, the Department of Environmental Quality can now help local communities pay for environmental cleanup when other funds are unavailable. This is especially important when the risk to human or environmental health is high. Environmental Quality will

work with local communities for input on solutions. The first project to use money from the fund is in Napoleon, where the goal is to remove gasoline contamination from groundwater.

- The Securities Department is on track for record revenues for the year and for the 2021-23 biennium, at \$12 million and \$23 million respectively, and has recovered over \$5.4 million for investors who have been harmed by securities fraud and misconduct.

Enhancing safety and corrections

- The newly created Highway Patrol Interdiction Team, consisting of four troopers and a sergeant, have been successful in preventing deadly narcotics from reaching North Dakota communities. In July, an Interdiction Team trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation and found 2,629 grams of methamphetamine, 926 grams of counterfeit Fentanyl pills, and weapons.
- The Highway Patrol hosted roundtable discussions in four cities across the state to reignite the conversation about opioids and related overdoses. Discussion were held in Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo with 94 total public and private entities in attendance.
- The Highway Patrol planned and hosted the inaugural Midwest Summit for Women in Law Enforcement in May in Fargo. The summit was attended by over 160 individuals from 35 law enforcement agencies from North Dakota and surrounding states.
- At the North Dakota State Penitentiary, the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) established the Restoring Promise Unit in collaboration with the VERA Institute of Justice. The Restoring Promise Unit focuses on peer mentoring and restorative practices, including pairing elder mentors with young adults 18 to 24.
- At the Missouri River Correctional Center, there has been renewed focus to reconnect and enhance DOCR's relationship with community partners. MRCC participated in the United Way Day of Caring this year after a pause due to COVID. The involvement of Runners Against Destructive Decisions (RADD), a running group formed to help those recovering from addiction and other destructive decisions, also has increased and expanded at MRCC, with RADD volunteers coming into the facility twice a month now, instead of only once.
- The education department at the DOCR had three students graduate at the Youth Correctional Center with the newly approved Option 2 high school diplomas. Option 2 is a pathway where students can take up to two GED tests to count as core content credit toward a high school diploma – an opportunity to reduce dropouts in North Dakota.
- The NDIT Cybersecurity Team has worked tirelessly to protect and defend the state from adversaries. So far in 2022, the cybersecurity team has prevented or detected 822 million network threats; defended against more than 4 million malware, phishing and spam messages; investigated over 2 million security alerts; and resolved over 51,000 security incidents.
- NDIT improved cybersecurity collaboration with other states by growing membership of the Joint-Cyber Security Operations Center (J-CSOC) to 11 states across the nation.

- In fiscal year 2022, Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) issued nearly \$22 million in safety premium discounts to employers for successful participation in safety programs. Injury rates have been reduced by over 30% over the last decade, with a rate of 4.46 claims filed per 100 covered workers in FY 2022.

Serving hunters and anglers

- The North Dakota Game and Fish Department created a chronic wasting disease task force and developed a management and surveillance plan to guide the agency's efforts moving forward. The agency also transitioned to online harvest surveys and online mandatory harvest reporting for quota harvest furbearer species.
- No new infestations of aquatic nuisance species were found in North Dakota in 2022. Game and Fish personnel conducted 5,292 general aquatic nuisance species watercraft inspections and 400+ tournament angler inspections. In addition, maintained and supported a dozen public ANS prevention devices including Internet Landing Installed Device Sensors (ILIDS); waterless decontamination devices for Clean, Drain, Dry (CD3), and wash stations.
- Approximately 4,000 landowners used an electronic database to post 7 million acres of private land in 2022, with 56% providing some form of contact information.
- Game and Fish shipped a record 12.5 million walleye to 176 waters across the state, including partnering with Wyoming which provided over 3,000 pounds of catchable trout to community fisheries.
- District game wardens made 43,300 field contacts in 2022, with the smallest number of game wardens per land mass in the nation.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor; to"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

Page 1, line 2, after "report" insert "; and to provide an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 9 through 19 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>"Adjustments or Enhancements"</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$695,043	\$4,556,077
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Rough rider awards	10,800	0	10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	20,285	304,760
Transition in	0	15,000	15,000
Transition out	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total general fund	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
Full-time equivalent positions	17.00	1.00	18.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Constituent software	\$0	\$130,000
Governor transition costs	<u>0</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Total general fund	\$0	\$195,000

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The governor shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Page 2, line 4, remove "The governor's office may not expend"

Page 2, remove lines 5 and 6

Page 2, after line 10, insert:

"SECTION 4. GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$304,760 for the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to

section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-07-04. Salary of governor.

The annual salary of the governor is one hundred forty thousand eight hundred ~~twenty-nine~~forty-nine thousand three hundred ~~ninety two~~ninety two dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred forty three thousand six hundred ~~forty-six~~forty-six ~~fifty-five~~fifty-five thousand three hundred ~~sixty-eight~~sixty-eight dollars thereafter.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-08-03. Salary of lieutenant governor.

The annual salary of the lieutenant governor is one hundred nine thousand five hundred ~~thirty-six~~sixteen thousand one hundred ~~ninety-six~~ninety-six dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred eleven thousand seven hundred ~~twenty-seven~~twenty thousand eight hundred ~~forty-four~~forty-four dollars thereafter.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority between line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION. The funding appropriated in the rough rider awards line item in section 1 of chapter 1 of the 2021 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$695,043	\$4,556,077
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Capital assets	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	20,285	304,760
Transition in		15,000	15,000
Transition out		50,000	50,000
Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$4,587,944	\$998,024	\$5,585,968
FTE	17.00	1.00	18.00

Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll and Budget Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Adds Funding for Capitol Rent ⁴	Adds One- Time Funding for Constituent Software ⁵	Adds One- Time Funding for Transition Costs ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$123,968	\$320,171	\$250,904			
Operating expenses	(72,158)			\$159,854	\$130,000	
Capital assets						
Rough Rider Awards						
Governor's salary	2,817	17,468				
Transition in						\$15,000
Transition out						50,000
Total all funds	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$54,627	\$337,639	\$250,904	\$159,854	\$130,000	\$65,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$695,043
Operating expenses	217,696
Capital assets	
Rough Rider Awards	
Governor's salary	20,285
Transition in	15,000
Transition out	50,000
Total all funds	\$998,024
Less estimated income	0
General fund	\$998,024
FTE	1.00

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll and budget changes.

² The following funding is added for 2023-25 biennium salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,429 to \$1,648 per month:

<u>General Fund</u>	
Salary increase	\$251,277
Health insurance increase	86,362
Total	\$337,639

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding is added for a new Capitol space rent model program.

⁵ One-time funding from the general fund is added for constituent management software.

⁶ One-time funding from the general fund is added for governor transition costs.

This amendment also:

- Amends the North Dakota Century Code sections necessary to provide the Governor and Lieutenant Governor salary increases of 4 percent each year of the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and authorizes funds in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items.
- Authorizes up to \$100,000 of line item transfers for the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.
- Allows the Governor to accept and expend other funds including funds of more than \$150,000 received from a single source.

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627				\$0
Salary increase		360,782		360,782		251,277		251,277		(109,505)		(109,505)
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420		86,362		86,362		1,942		1,942
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808	1.00	250,904		250,904	(1.00)	(250,904)		(250,904)
New Capitol rent space model		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854				0
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491	1.00	\$803,024	\$0	\$803,024	(1.00)	(\$358,467)	\$0	(\$358,467)
One-Time Funding Items												
Constituent software		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000				\$0
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491	1.00	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024	(1.00)	(\$358,467)	\$0	(\$358,467)
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435	18.00	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968	(1.00)	(\$358,467)	\$0	(\$358,467)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0				\$0				\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	25.3%		25.3%	5.9%	17.5%		17.5%				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	29.6%		29.6%	5.9%	21.8%		21.8%				

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Line item transfers		Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.
Rough rider awards		Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for rough rider awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

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**Department 101 - Governor's Office
Senate Bill No. 2001**

Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Executive Budget	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435
2023-25 Base Level	4,587,944	0	4,587,944
Increase (Decrease)	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491

Selected Budget Changes Recommended in the Executive Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$360,782 is for salary increases and \$84,420 is for health insurance increases	\$445,202	\$0	\$445,202
2. Adds 1 FTE policy advisor position and 1 FTE communications position	\$501,808	\$0	\$501,808
3. Adds one-time funding for customer relationship management software	\$130,000	\$0	\$130,000
4. Adds one-time funding for Governor's transition in and out expenses	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000

A summary of the executive budget changes to the agency's base level appropriations is attached as an appendix.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill containing the executive budget recommendations is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Recommended in the Executive Budget

Additional income - Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's salary - Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend North Dakota Century Code Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, as follows:

	Current Level	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Governor	\$143,646	\$152,265	\$158,355

Lieutenant Governor's salary - Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024, as follows:

	Current Level	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024
Lieutenant Governor	\$111,727	\$118,431	\$123,168

Continuing Appropriations

Governor's Prevention and Advisory Council - Section 54-07-07 - Appropriates any funding obtained by the council to discourage impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse by minors.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

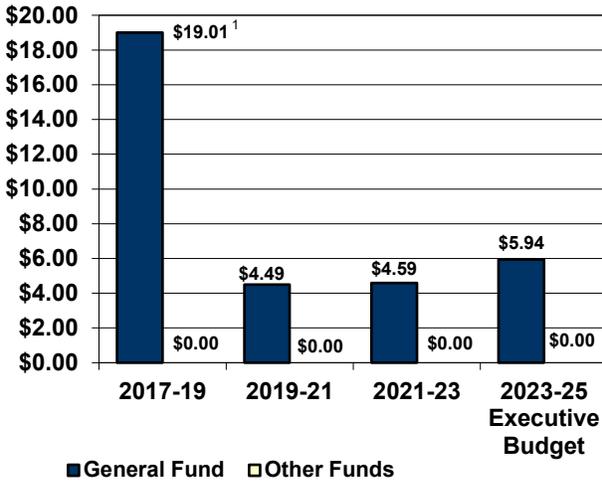
Major Related Legislation

At this time, no major related legislation affecting this agency has been introduced.

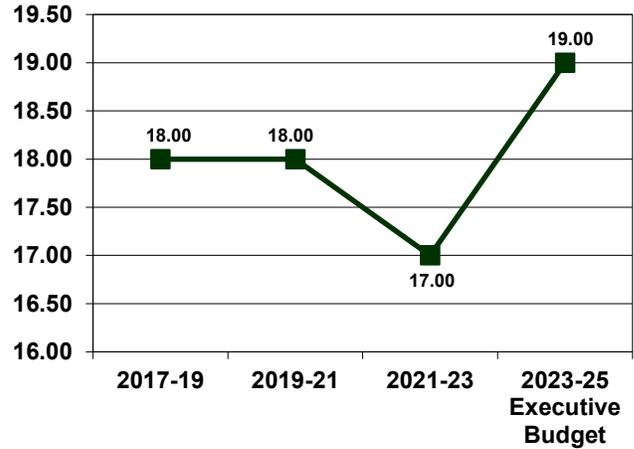
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



¹ Includes a \$15 million general fund transfer to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund.

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$4,094,559	\$4,007,758	\$4,287,298	\$4,587,944	\$5,749,435
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$86,801)	\$279,540	\$300,646	\$1,161,491
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	7.0%	7.0%	25.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	4.7%	12.0%	40.4%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for salaries and wages (\$93,004)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$45,254)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Underfunded salaries and wages (\$86,305)
2. Added funding for temporary employees \$30,000
3. Added funding for operating expenses \$60,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added funding for salary equity \$150,000
2. Added funding for event travel expenses \$50,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Adds 2 FTE positions \$501,808
2. Adds funding for a new Capitol space rent model \$159,854

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	\$110,200	\$15,000,000	\$204,808	\$0	\$195,000

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

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| 1. Provided for a \$15 million appropriation from the general fund to be transferred to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund | \$15,000,000 |
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2019-21 Biennium

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| 1. Added funding for a board and commission database project | \$139,808 |
| 2. Added funding for transition costs in the event a new Governor was elected | \$65,000 |

2021-23 Biennium

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| None | \$0 |
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2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

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| 1. Adds funding for customer relationship management software | \$130,000 |
| 2. Adds funding for Governor transition costs | \$65,000 |

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627
Salary increase		360,782		360,782
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808
New Capitol rent space model		159,854		159,854
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491
One-time funding items				
CRM software		\$130,000		\$130,000
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			<i>\$0</i>	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>25.3%</i>		<i>25.3%</i>
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>11.8%</i>	<i>29.6%</i>		<i>29.6%</i>

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

	Executive Budget Recommendation
Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

**SENATE BILL NO. 2001
 (Governor's Recommendation)**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the governor and lieutenant governor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the office of the governor for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office of the governor, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$3,861,034	\$1,024,322	\$4,885,356
Governor's Salary	284,475	49,473	333,948
Operating Expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Transition In	0	15,000	15,000
Transition Out	0	50,000	50,000
Roughrider Awards	<u>10,800</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,800</u>
Total General Fund	\$4,587,944	\$1,356,491	\$5,944,435
Full-time Equivalent Positions	17.00	2.00	19.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2021-23:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Governor's Transition Lines	\$ 0	\$65,000
Customer Relations IT Project	<u>0</u>	<u>130,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$0	\$195,000

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the governor's office in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. Any funds received under this section must be used for the specific purpose intended for the funds or transferred to the appropriate state agency or institution. Upon receipt of the funds under this section, the governor's office shall provide a report to the budget section regarding the source, amount, and purpose of the funds received.

SECTION 4. GOVERNOR'S SALARY – EXEMPTION The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$333,948 for the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the office of management and budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-07-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-07-04. Salary of governor. The annual salary of the governor is ~~one hundred forty-three thousand six hundred forty-six dollars through June 30, 2023, and one hundred fifty-two thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars through June 30, 2024 and one hundred fifty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars thereafter.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-08-03. Salary of lieutenant governor. The annual salary of the lieutenant governor is ~~one hundred eleven thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars through June 30, 2023 and one hundred eighteen thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars through June 30, 2024 and one hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars thereafter.~~

Office of the Governor House E&E Appropriations – Testimony, March 8, 2023

Testimony of Jace Beehler
In Support of
2023 SENATE BILL 2001
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Presented to
House E & E Appropriations Committee
REP. MIKE NATHE, CHAIRMAN
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Chairman Nathe and members of the E & E Committee, I am Jace Beehler serving as Chief of Staff for the Governor and am here to ask for your support for the budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor (N.D.C.C §54.07.01-12).

We will start today by sharing more about our agency. In your packet, you'll find our one-pager that describes who we are and what we do.

Our team is made up of 17 FTEs (which includes the Governor & Lt. Governor).

Highlight of Accomplishments

In your packet you will find our "year in review" press release for an in-depth review. Here are a few items of special note:

- Launched the new website for Boards & Commissions. User friendly – constituents can now submit applications via mobile device, and have full visibility into upcoming appointments. Our team has gained greater efficiency in our internal process.
- Made 4 appointments for statewide vacancies – Tax Commissioner, Attorney General, Public Service Commissioner; Supreme Court Justice.
- Hired multiple cabinet leaders and Governor's Office staff due to retirements, in state promotion, and private sector opportunities.
- Provided leadership for the merger of Department of Health & Human Services.
- Issued Executive Order for Red Tape Reduction Working Group.
- Hosted several key conferences with private sector sponsorships: Recovery Reinvented, Main Street Summit; Government to Government Partnerships and Relationships, Innovative Education Summit; State of the State in Fargo – with

thousands of participants across all conferences – extending the reach of these important initiatives.

- Inducted the 47th Rough Rider – Dr. Merton Utgaard for founding the International Music Camp.

Goals For Next Biennium

- Implement CRM software to enhance constituent service responsiveness.
- Retention of staff and cabinet – as they are highly sought after by the private sector.
- Support cabinet and executive branch to fulfill respective roles in state government as prescribed by the legislature.

Budget Recommendation

The recommended budget for the Office of the Governor for the 2023-25 biennium continues existing positions and programs. The budget was prepared in accordance with the budget guidelines provided to all state agencies and is summarized on the table attached.

Salaries and wages

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- Cost to continue salary increases from last year of \$36,440
- Governor’s salary cost to continue of \$2,817
- Moved \$87,528 from operating to balance the salary budget.

In addition, the Governor’s recommendation includes:

- Executive compensation plan for salary increases, health insurance changes and additional retirement contribution of \$445,202.

The optional package includes a request for two additional FTEs:

- From 17 to 19 (which includes the Governor & Lt. Governor) for communications and policy roles.
- As you may remember the Governor’s Office had 1 FTE removed during last session. Prior, the Governor’s Office held 18 FTE positions for 20 years, with no growth, and no reduction. Today we ask for an adjustment to account for the increasing demands on each of our team members to support our constituents. Salaries and fringe for two FTE is \$501,808 for the biennium.
- Respectfully ask to maintain the one FTE the Senate added and increase a second FTE bringing our office total (including the Governor and Lt. Governor to 19)

Operating expenses

The base budget includes the following adjustments:

- The recommended funding for operating expenses is decreased by \$72,158
- Reduced to transfer \$87,528 to salary line to balance the budget
- Increase in NDIT fees of \$18,187.

The optional package includes:

- Proposed rent model of \$159,854
- One-time funding for Constituent Relations Management software and policy tracking software for \$130,000 to increase efficiency and improve the constituent experience.
- One-time funding for Transition In and Transition Out costs of \$65,000, which has been included in the budget every other biennium.

Amendments requested

- LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – 2023-25 BIENNIUM. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget, at the request of the Office of the Governor, may transfer up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority from the operating expenses line item to the salaries and wages line item upon finding that the transfer is required to properly carry on the functions and duties of the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor shall notify the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Management of any transfers made pursuant to this section.
- Continuation of GOVERNOR'S SALARY - EXEMPTION. The governor's salary line item in section 1 of this Act includes the salary of the governor for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. If the governor chooses not to accept the salary or any portion of the salary pursuant to section 54-07-04, section 54-07-04 does not apply to the portion of the salary not accepted. Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the Office of Management and Budget may transfer appropriation authority from the governor's salary line item to other line items in section 1 of this Act.
- Amend SECTION 2. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - BUDGET SECTION REPORT. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Governor's Office in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. Any funds received under this section must be used for the specific purpose intended for the funds or transferred to the appropriate state agency or institution. Upon receipt of the funds under this section, the Governor's Office shall provide a report to the budget section regarding the source, amount, and purpose of the funds received.

- A new amendment that we would like to request and that was not in the original executive recommendation would be increasing the salary of the Lieutenant Governor to be in line with the salaries of the majority of the elected officials (SOS, Tax, Ag, etc). In the Senate the salaries were increased to \$130,000 through June 30, 2024 and \$135,200 thereafter.

There were no findings in our financial audit report.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Government Operations Committee, I ask for your favorable consideration of this budget with our recommended amendments and am available, along with Office of Management and Budget staff, to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Office of the Governor House E&E Appropriations Testimony, March 8, 2023

	2021-23 Legislative Base Level	Base Changes	Optional Requests	Compensation Package	2023-25 Recommendation
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Roughrider Awards	10,800				10,800
Total	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
General Fund	\$4,587,944	54,627	856,662	445,202	\$5,944,435
FTE	17.00		2.00		19.00

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BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford today marked the fifth anniversary of being sworn into office, reflecting on a year filled with historic progress on infrastructure, workforce, economic development and other priorities, as well as major challenges including extreme drought conditions and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"As always, North Dakotans have responded to this year's unprecedented challenges with incredible strength and resiliency," Burgum said. "Our administration continues to draw inspiration from the hardworking citizens of our great state as we strive to empower people, improve lives and inspire success."

In his January 2021 State of the State Address, Burgum called for bold action to move the state forward. He worked with the state Legislature to deliver a landmark \$680 million bonding package to support infrastructure improvements across the state. The package includes flood control, roads, bridges, water projects and an agricultural products development center – all with using Legacy Fund earnings and without raising taxes. The water project funding includes \$435.5 million for the Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo area flood diversion, \$74.5 million for Mouse River Flood Control at Minot and a \$50 million revolving loan fund for water projects.

As recommended in Burgum's Accelerate ND proposal, a special session of the Legislature in November also invested hundreds of millions of dollars of federal funding into infrastructure, including a proposed west-to-east natural gas pipeline to support communities and economic growth; workforce development including career centers where high school students can pursue high-demand careers; economic development programs and energy projects; and health care and behavioral health enhancements.

Burgum proposed and signed into law an income tax relief package that will provide an estimated \$211 million in relief to approximately half a million North Dakotans in tax years 2021 and 2022. The governor also signed legislation eliminating the state income tax on Social Security income, making North Dakota the 38th state to eliminate the tax. As a result, approximately 20,000 North Dakotans will save an estimated \$14.6 million per biennium.

The administration worked closely with stakeholders to usher in several of the largest economic development project announcements in state history, with a focus on diversifying the economy and adding value to the state's raw commodities. The projects include ADM's plans to build a \$350 million soybean crush and refinery in Spiritwood, N.D.; plans by Bakken Energy LLC and Mitsubishi Power Americas Inc. to establish a world-class clean hydrogen hub; and Cerilon Inc.'s plans to build a \$2.8 billion gas-to-liquids complex in Williams County.

Sanford also spearheaded the administration's efforts on the sale of Coal Creek Station, the state's largest coal-fired power plant, to Rainbow Energy – avoiding a shutdown of the plant, saving jobs and preserving baseload power generation.

Together, these projects will play a major role in North Dakota's agriculture, energy and overall economic growth, along with efforts toward the governor's goal, announced in May, of making North Dakota the first carbon-neutral state by 2030.

Burgum also appointed several members to the governor's cabinet: Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director Nathan Davis, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director Dave Krabbenhoft, Commerce Commissioner James Leiman, Parks and Recreation Director Cody Schulz, Department of Water Resources Director Andrea Travnicek, State Health Officer Dr. Nizar Wehbi, and Game and Fish Department Director Jeb Williams. Stacey Breuer also joined the cabinet as chief people officer.

Historic drought

- The governor declared a statewide drought disaster in early April, marking the second time in five years that North Dakota farmers and ranchers faced widespread extreme drought conditions that threatened crops, livestock herds and livelihoods.
- At the same time, Burgum, who chairs the State Water Commission, and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, also a member, announced the reactivation of the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Project Assistance Program through the newly formed Department of Water Resources. So far, over \$5.6 million in cost-share assistance has been approved for over 1,400 projects submitted by more than 1,000 unique applicants, with an average approval time of less than three days from application.
- Burgum also signed an executive order waiving hours of service for haulers of livestock, hay and water to help livestock producers battling extreme drought conditions across the state.

- With its partners at the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota National Guard, the Department of Emergency Services (DES) coordinated the response to significant wildland fire events, including an April 1 fire that encroached on Medora and prompted evacuations. Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopters supported local and regional firefighting efforts to save Medora by distributing water via 600-gallon water buckets.
- Local, tribal, state and federal agencies responded to two large wildfires from April 30 to May 2. The Roosevelt Creek Fire in the Little Missouri National Grassland, north of Medora, burned more than 4,600 acres, while another fire on the Fort Berthold Reservation, about six miles south of Mandaree, burned an estimated 9,800 acres.
- Total Army National Guard support, including to Mandaree, involved distributing over 108,000 gallons of water and eight Guard members working with the North Dakota Forest Service on the ground.
- As of Dec. 2, North Dakota had experienced more than 2,400 fires burning over 125,600 acres in 2021.
- As proposed in Accelerate ND, Burgum signed legislation providing funding to convert abandoned oil wells to permanent freshwater supply wells to enhance resiliency against drought conditions in western North Dakota. It's estimated the \$3.2 million appropriation will support the conversion of up to 16 wells.
- While serving and protecting citizens at home, DES also coordinated and resourced firefighting teams to provide aid to another state. A group of 15 firefighters from the Williston, Williston Rural, Bismarck Rural and Dickinson fire departments spent two weeks supporting Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in September along the Gulf Coast. This was after Burgum approved an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request from the state of Louisiana, allowing North Dakota's firefighters to assist with fire suppression missions there.

COVID-19 pandemic response

- Since January 2021, more than 900,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in North Dakota. The percentage of adults in the state with at least one dose is 60.7%, and more than 83% of those over age 65 have started their vaccine series.

- The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) State Laboratory processed more than 692,497 tests, and its hotline responded to more than 93,000 citizen calls and 4,100 emails. The NDDoH developed the North Dakota COVID-19 Impact Wall to connect North Dakotans impacted by the disease.
- The NDDoH developed and updated communication channels for citizens, including website dashboards for COVID-19 cases and vaccine distribution, so citizens could quickly access data to make informed decisions about their health. The COVID-19 cases dashboard had more than 2 million page views this year, and the COVID-19 vaccine dashboard had more than 400,000 page views in this time frame.
- The pandemic has the North Dakota National Guard serving its longest domestic response in history – 638 days and nearly 128,000 personnel days as of Monday. Guard members have administered testing, facilitated over 103,000 doses of vaccine, conducted traffic control, partnered with local and tribal health organizations, and transported test samples to the state lab, among other duties.
- The DES has coordinated the obligation of more than \$126 million through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program. The agency assisted eligible local, state, tribal and nonprofit organizations in submitting applications to reimburse costs for medical care, testing and vaccinations, as well as costs required to perform safe opening and operations.
- Job Service North Dakota provided vital economic support to the unemployed by injecting over \$1.2 billion into the economy since the start of the pandemic. In a typical year, Job Service will pay between \$80 million to \$90 million to recipients during times of economic downturns, but payments to unemployed recipients in 2021 alone had already reached \$362 million by early December.
- Security and medical team members from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) have cared for more than 950 residents diagnosed with COVID-19 at facilities across the state. Partnering with the NDDoH, DOCR team members offered extensive testing and monoclonal antibody treatments to provide excellent care on-site to prevent serious illness. Very few COVID-positive residents required hospitalization, minimizing the impact on already strained community medical resources.
- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) helped develop the executive proposal for over \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments; managed the distribution of over \$25 million in ARPA funding to North Dakota cities; and managed the state's reporting requirements for \$1.25 billion in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds.

- Recognizing how employers play an essential role in healthy, vibrant communities, Job Service worked with policymakers to ensure that the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund remained healthy and that employers were held harmless for UI benefit charges to their employees during 2020. As importantly, the steps taken ensured there were no unemployment tax rate increases for employers in 2021. By utilizing federal Cares Act dollars to strengthen the UI Trust Fund, it positioned the UI program to again hold rates flat in the upcoming 2022 calendar year.

In addition to addressing drought and COVID challenges, the administration continued to make progress on the governor's five strategic initiatives: Main Street Initiative, Behavioral Health and Addiction, Tribal Engagement, Transforming Education and Reinventing Government.

Main Street Initiative

- The Department of Commerce worked to increase infill and reduce property taxes by updating Renaissance Zones and working across state agencies to successfully stack and align state programs for mixed use and infill.
- North Dakota was one of only six states selected for the second phase of the National Governors Association's Workforce Innovation Network, in which states will deploy cross-agency teams to identify and implement strategies that advance digital skill development and more equitable economic participation.
- Commerce's Workforce Division is implementing systematic changes with \$20 million allocated to improve talent attraction efforts. One strategy launched in 2021 involves a national project with RoleCall to address workforce needs by helping to make North Dakota a national leader in talent attraction innovation and action.
- The Main Street ND Summit, held in West Fargo this year, featured a lineup of renowned speakers and community innovators on the topic of smart, efficient infrastructure. Videos of the keynotes, breakout sessions and Main Street Awards can be viewed [here](#).
- Due to the many workforce challenges facing North Dakota, Job Service took a strategic, targeted approach to a statewide campaign called #JOBUPND. The campaign utilized several online ad platforms

generating over 3 million impressions with a 75% view rate.

- Smart, efficient infrastructure is a pillar of the Main Street Initiative, and infrastructure is vital to North Dakota's economy, commerce, agriculture, tourism and families. In 2021, the state of North Dakota made an unprecedented \$2.3 billion dollar investment in infrastructure.
- Recognizing the key role that parks play in creating healthy, vibrant communities, lawmakers approved and Burgum signed legislation during the special session investing \$17.9 million in deferred maintenance and capital improvements at state parks, plus \$5 million in matching funds to renovate and upgrade existing facilities in local park districts. The Legislature last spring also created a Challenge Grant for the Parks and Recreation Department to drive investment from the private and public sectors for parks.
- Commerce, Job Service and the DOCR worked together on The Last Mile, a collaborative effort to provide instruction on front- and back-end website design to enable DOCR residents to be workforce ready in a highly technical field of coding and website design.
- The Department of Water Resources' Cost-Share Program continued to advance critical water supply infrastructure in all areas of the state. For municipal water supply projects, \$19.7 million was approved to benefit over 15,000 water users in communities of all sizes. Rural water systems received over \$8 million for system expansions and improvements that will benefit over 20,000 water users.
- The larger regional water supply systems, including the Western Area Water Supply, Red River Valley Water Supply, Southwest Pipeline Project, and Northwest Area Water Supply were approved for \$93.6 million in state funding, and \$20.4 million in federal Municipal, Rural and Industrial Water Supply Program funding. Combined, these four regional water supply systems will one day provide water service to 75% of North Dakota's population.

Behavioral Health and Addiction

- More than 650 in-person attendees and over 3,000 online viewers participated in the fifth Recovery Reinvented, a daylong event in Bismarck focused on reinventing recovery through eliminating the stigma of addiction. The governor and First Lady Kathryn Burgum shared the results of the statewide [North Dakota Addressing Addiction survey](#), which found stigma has been reduced over the last three years.

- The Department of Human Services completed statewide implementation of a behavioral health crisis services response system that includes crisis line, mobile response and walk-in services at its eight human service centers. At the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton, the system was expanded with a specialized team who respond to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities in crisis so they can continue to live successfully in their communities. Crisis response services de-escalate situations and prevent law enforcement involvement and unnecessary emergency room visits.
- Building on the success of the Free Through Recovery program, Human Services launched the Community Connect program, which provides community-based behavioral health services designed to assist individuals with care coordination, peer support and recovery services.
- Human Services also implemented a Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment, which allows North Dakota Medicaid to pay for additional in-home and community-based services to support individuals with behavioral health conditions. Services include care coordination, benefits planning, nonmedical transportation, respite, supported education, supported employment, housing and peer support.
- The DOCR partnered with Restoring Promise, an initiative of the Vera Institute of Justice, and MILPA, to create a housing unit at the State Penitentiary grounded in dignity for young adults in prison. Restoring Promise helps transform correctional culture through training, presentations, workshops and healing circles – setting a new tone for the entire system. Young adults participate in meaningful daily activities, experience healing, cultivate an ideology of self-determination and restore relationships with family and community. Mentors over the age of 25 support them in their personal growth, and staff undergo intensive training to become agents of change within the system.
- The Highway Patrol created a two-member crash assistance program that will provide enhanced services to victims of crashes, including providing information about understanding grief; reducing stress reactions after trauma; tools to process reactions to crisis and trauma; and information to support children as they process grief and trauma.

Tribal Engagement

- The North Dakota National Guard finished signing memorandums of agreement with all five tribal colleges in North Dakota to make the State Tuition Assistance program available to qualified student service members attending college.

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- The North Dakota Highway Patrol entered an agreement with the MHA Nation to enhance emergency response on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The agreement, signed by Burgum and MHA Chairman Mark Fox, allows the closest available peace officer to respond to an emergency call for service until the agency with primary jurisdiction arrives and assumes the lead. The agreement to allow mutual aid across reservation boundaries was made possible by legislation signed in 2019 and 2021.
- Burgum also signed legislation to allow NDIT to enter into agreements with tribes and other government entities to assist with cybersecurity incident response, and to allow NDDOT to enter into agreements with tribal governments to assist with federally funded safety improvement projects on tribal-owned highways, streets, roads and bridges.
- The Highway Patrol created and implemented a five-member criminal interdiction team that focuses on drug and human trafficking and other criminal activity occurring on roadways in the state. The team is tasked with working closely with tribal law enforcement to intercept illegal substances destined for North Dakota reservations.
- A pilot program that aims to ensure all justice-involved, at-risk tribal and non-tribal youth have access to similar services was extended for two years.

Transforming Education

- Burgum signed "pathways to graduation" legislation that capped a four-year collaborative effort to pave the way for authentic learning and flexibility in pathways for North Dakota students to achieve graduation. Creating personalized graduation pathways to complement the traditional credit-hour K-12 education system was the No. 1 recommendation from the Governor's Innovative Education Task Force created through executive order in 2017.
- Burgum proposed and ultimately signed legislation providing \$38 million to Bismarck State College to create the state's first polytechnic institution. This new approach to higher education will equip students with the skills needed to fill in-demand careers throughout the state.

- The North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) Cybersecurity Team enhanced IT security services for the K-12 education community as part of the IT Shared Services/Unification initiative. This increased cybersecurity posture for the K-12 community sets the stage for better response planning and defense, and better security around school and student data. NDIT also expanded Extended Detection Response in schools, added protection to 10,000 Chromebooks, and provided Security User Awareness training to over 2,500 users.
- NDIT also enabled a 24-hour service desk supported by live agents for all state agencies and school districts. In the past year, NDIT has processed an average of 12,000 incidents per month. By offering around-the-clock support, NDIT is better equipped to handle support queries more quickly while improving customer service and creating long-lasting relationships.

Reinventing Government

- The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) increased driver's license and motor vehicle kiosks to 52 locations across North Dakota. Citizens are now able to print their motor vehicle tabs, renew or request a replacement license or ID card, schedule a road test, pay a reinstatement fee, change their address and edit donor registry information without visiting an office. The department also increased online appointments and reduced customer wait times for driver's license and motor vehicle services from nearly 30 minutes to less than 10 minutes.
- The NDDOT also launched driver's license online knowledge tests, allowing North Dakotans an easy and convenient way to get their learner's permit 24/7 from anywhere with internet access.
- The Highway Patrol's unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) program became fully active in 2021 following several months of planning and officer training. The UAS program will provide enhanced crash reconstruction services and allow officers to assess dangerous incidents from a safe distance, such as fire hot spots, unknown package identification or quickly locating missing or dangerous individuals in rough terrain.
- The DES completed a new streamlined system to provide a one-stop shop for energy industry producers, transporters and developers, as well as the public, to report hazardous material spills and releases instead of reporting spills to multiple state agencies. The reporting system, available at www.spill.nd.gov or by calling 1-833-99SPILL (1-833-997-7455), was supported by the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Agriculture and the Industrial Commission's Oil and Gas Division.

- Wildfire response by the DES led to some dramatic improvements leveraging technology. One of those innovations was a GPS-configured wildland fire dashboard that provided leaders, planners and firefighters with better situational awareness. It was the first time data could be compiled through reports from local emergency managers and 9-1-1 calls, as well as historical data from the Integrated Reporting of Wildland-Fire Information (IRWIN) system used by fire departments.
- The DES also initiated a program to augment the state's firefighting capabilities and resources by creating a wildland task force for the state. The task force concept was adopted to allow local fire departments the ability to respond outside their jurisdictions, if needed. Departments that volunteer will coordinate directly with the Forest Service to preposition personnel and equipment for potential state wildfire suppression missions.
- The North Dakota Game and Fish Department became the first state in the nation to allow electronic posting of private land with the passage of Senate Bill 2144. The bill gives landowners and hunters alike a convenient option for posting private land and checking its status for hunting, while also leaving the traditional physical posting process in place for those who wish to continue using it.
- The Department of Human Services implemented the Safety Framework Practice model, which redesigned in-home child and family support services and foster care services to increase the number of children remaining safely in their homes.
- Human Services also launched statewide centralized intake for child abuse and neglect reporting in January 2021. Overall, the number of children living in foster care has decreased in 2021. Efforts are underway to continue shifting resources to in-home services to support children and their families together.
- The pandemic's challenges provided an opportunity for Job Service to reinvent how it ensures benefits are getting to those who need it and not to identity thieves and criminal enterprises. By implementing an industry-leading ID proofing/verification service and by expanding utilization of fraud detection data analytics, Job Service prevented over 8,000 fraudulent claims, which could have resulted in over \$150 million in fraudulent payments.
- The North Dakota Healthcare Directive Registry development by NDIR was completed and is available at <https://apps.nd.gov/itd/hin/hdir/login>. This system allows citizens to store, maintain and retrieve

important health care documents, such as advance directive documents that are key when determining proper patient care. Users can share documents with providers and family as they choose.

- Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) successfully deployed upgrades to its myWSI and CAPS systems, providing better customer experience for internal and external customers through automation of manual tasks and online accessibility.
- The Department of Water Resources expanded the utility and functionality of PRESENS (Pushing REmote SENSors), a real-time water level monitoring program. The program now has a much broader range of data collection opportunities to include soil moisture, soil temperature and precipitation measurements. This real-time data will assist with water management into the future and will be used for modeling efforts and analysis. The department deployed more than 220 PRESENS units at peak operation, and aims to grow that number to around 1,000 units in the coming years.
- The Securities Department completed two significant technology projects designed to improve efficiency and the service experience for constituents. A new case management system facilitates the timely, effective and impactful execution of examinations and investigations to support the department's mission of protecting investors. And the new ND Securities Filing Portal delivers a fully electronic filing experience for issuers of securities and other filers, while completing the department's conversion to electronic systems for all securities and investment industry filings, which totaled approximately 148,000 in the last fiscal year.
- Five state agencies – the NDDOT, Department of Water Resources, Department of Environmental Quality, Public Finance Authority and Bank of North Dakota – collaborated to create Funding for Infrastructure in North Dakota (FIND), a central hub for local governments to apply for infrastructure funding. With five different infrastructure funding programs in the state, knowing which fund to apply for and completing multiple applications was a strain for city and county staff, but FIND provides a one-stop shop for applications. The site was gradually rolled out starting in June and has already received 13 applications.

Citizen-focused agencies make progress

In addition, state agencies worked hard to deliver core services and improve outcomes in many areas:

- Human Services launched a new early childhood division to focus resources on school readiness; strong, stable families; and quality early childhood experiences. To date, the division has awarded federal grant dollars to 713 North Dakota child care programs for financial stabilization.
- Human Services worked with housing partners to implement the new, more comprehensive ND Rent Help program to support housing stability and financial stability and promote strong, stable families. In 2021, 3,295 renter households received emergency rent or utility assistance from ND Rent Help, and 1,095 unique housing providers and utility providers received direct payments from the program. Total assistance disbursed through Nov. 30, 2021, was \$13,428,408.
- Human Services improved access to in-home and community-based long-term support services so that older adults and adults with physical disabilities who qualify for skilled nursing care can live at home if they choose. North Dakotans can easily apply online or by phone through the [Aging and Disability Resource LINK](#) (ADRL) to get connected to in-home services.
- Human Service provided all Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households with the maximum benefit amount for households their size. During 2021, approximately 17,800 North Dakota households benefited each month during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- During the 67th Legislative Assembly, Burgum signed a bill to redesign the way nursing homes are paid by North Dakota Medicaid. Under this new payment system, nursing homes will be incentivized to provide cost-effective care and to renovate rather than build facilities. The new payment system will reduce overall expenses in the future, making it advantageous to taxpayers as well.
- In January 2021, Human Services assumed administration and operation of resettlement support services from contracted vendor Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Services help individuals adjust to life in North Dakota and become self-sufficient. The goal is to see New Americans accepted, integrated and supported as they add value to North Dakota and enrich the culture of their new communities. In 2021, 35 refugees resettled in North Dakota.
- The statewide cancer registry maintained by the NDDoH was recognized by the CDC as a "Registry of Excellence." For the period December 2020 through November 2021, Women's Way screened 284 people for breast and/or cervical cancer. The program provides these important services to more than 70 women per month.

- The Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program provided healthy food and support to more than 15,000 North Dakotans. The oral health program distributed 47,000 toothbrushes to 188 schools; 14 workplaces were designated as infant friendly, benefiting 3,821 employees; and the child passenger safety program launched new interactive maps and certified 67 technicians.
- The NDDoH distributed 1,560 state-of-the-art automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to law enforcement via a partnership with the Helmsley Charitable Trust. One of these AEDs was successfully deployed in August 2021 in Grand Forks and helped save a life.
- OMB launched Team ND Connect, a statewide intranet available to all state team members, and delivered Leadership Everywhere training to over 1,500 Team ND members. The agency also led a statewide change management initiative, launched a new website on the statewide platform and centralized certain printing and procurement services.
- Parks and Recreation began offering a new option for North Dakota State park annual permit holders. The family permit, authorized by the 67th Legislative Assembly, allows members of the same household to buy two annual permits at a discounted price of \$55.
- The NDDOT finalized the long-range transportation plan, "Transportation Connection." The 25-year plan helps identify future transportation needs in the state.
- The NDDOT and Parks and Recreation partnered to replace and install various signs to promote recreational opportunities across the state. The project is designed to increase visibility of state parks and help guide visitors to parks and recreational areas.
- Parks and Recreation also partnered with the State Historical Society to offer the North Dakota Passport. The goal is to help residents and out-of-state travelers make the most of their visits to recreational and historical sites throughout the state. The passport is an all-in-one guide to adventure as users collect stamps at 37 featured destinations, varying from state parks and recreation areas to state historic sites and museums.
- North Dakota's regulatory framework for geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide led the nation as the state Industrial Commission in October approved the first Class VI carbon capture and storage project

under state primacy in North Dakota and in the United States. North Dakota was the first state to receive primacy of Class VI wells from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2018, followed only by Wyoming in 2020.

- An exhibit featuring Dakota, a mummified hadrosaur, opened at the North Dakota Heritage Center with over 600 families and friends of paleontology at the grand opening in October. The new interactive exhibit includes a 3D print of Dakota's mummified dinosaur skin and a large mural depicting what Dakota looked like when she roamed North Dakota.
- Bank of North Dakota transferred the servicing of most of its residential loan portfolio to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, taking advantage of an opportunity to consolidate residential lending, streamline service to consumers and increase efficiency in state government. On April 1, BND discontinued its residential lending program by the end of the year. BND's residential portfolio was just over \$535 million on Dec. 31, 2020, compared to NDHFA's portfolio of \$1.4 billion.
- Game and Fish unveiled the [Meadowlark Initiative](#), a statewide strategy that teams landowners, conservation groups, biologists and others to enhance, restore and sustain native grasslands in North Dakota.
- The Heart River Correctional Center (HRCC) opened its doors to minimum custody women on June 15 in Mandan, the result of a team approach to ensure the facility was prepared for adult women. HRCC focuses on providing person-centered rehabilitative and recovery services in a safe, consistent and structured environment of support where women can develop lifelong skills and experience long-term success.
- Burgum signed bipartisan [legislation aimed at increasing access to services and improving outcomes for youth](#) involved in the juvenile justice system. It was the first major overhaul of state law covering juvenile justice issues since 1969.
- The North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights entered a space-sharing agreement with the Gaming Division of the Attorney General's Office to utilize office space and tax dollars effectively while continuing to work on a rotating remote basis and in a completely paperless system.

- In just the past six months, the NDIT Cybersecurity Team has defended against 187 million threats that were prevented or detected; over 72 million vulnerability attacks that were blocked; and more than 7 million spam and phishing messages.
- The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) spent considerable efforts modernizing outdated laws affecting banks and credit unions and oversaw a 17% increase in financial service providers doing business in North Dakota, now licensing 8,300 entities. Banks and credit unions under DFI's supervision grew their assets by 18% to a total of \$43 billion.
- WSI reported that workplace injury rates have been reduced by 30% over the last decade, with a rate of 4.6 claims filed per 100 covered workers in 2021. The agency issued nearly \$26 million in safety premium discounts to employers for successful participation in safety programs in fiscal year 2021.
- North Dakota maintains one of the nation's highest drinking water compliance rates, with 99% of public water systems meeting all health-based standards overseen by the Department of Environmental Quality. The state also ranked No. 3 in cleanest air and water in US News and World Report's Best States for Air and Water Quality.
- The Happy Hooligans of the North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing accepted the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) for the 22nd time on March 6 and is among the most decorated Air National Guard wings in the nation.

Burgum will deliver his 2022 State of the State Address at 10 a.m. Jan. 19 in Festival Concert Hall at the Reineke Fine Arts Center at North Dakota State University in Fargo. The address will be livestreamed from the Governor's Office website at www.governor.nd.gov.

Census 2020 results released in April showed North Dakota's population at a record high of 779,094, with a 15.8% growth rate that was the fourth-highest among states from 2010 to 2020.

"Working together, we are overcoming the challenges facing our state and emerging stronger than ever before," Burgum said.

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BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Doug Burgum and Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford this week marked the completion of their sixth year in office, reflecting on a year of addressing workforce challenges and other priorities, making progress on diversifying the economy and adding value to farm commodities, and supporting key developments in the state's energy industry.

"This past year has proven yet again that North Dakotans are resilient in the face of challenges, from weather to workforce, and continue to believe and invest in the unlimited potential of our great state," Burgum said. "As our administration strives to empower people, improve lives and inspire success, we are inspired by the hard work and innovative spirit of North Dakota citizens."

Burgum will deliver his 2023 State of the State Address at 1 p.m. Jan. 3 in the House chamber of the Capitol.

Addressing workforce

North Dakota's workforce shortage – the state's No. 1 barrier to economic growth – was a top focus throughout the year.

- In his State of the State Address in February, Burgum outlined \$250 million in workforce investment approved during the November 2021 special legislative session – including \$88 million for career centers – and pledged increased efforts to address child care as a barrier to employment. Those efforts, which included several months of meetings with child care providers, parents, business leaders and other stakeholders, culminated with Burgum and Sanford joining over a dozen state lawmakers to announce the framework for what is now a \$76 million [child care proposal](#) to the legislature to support working families by addressing child care availability, affordability and quality.

- Workforce was the focus of the successful Main Street ND Summit in October attended by nearly 1,000 people from across North Dakota, dozens of states and several countries. During the summit, Burgum and Sanford joined members of the state's Workforce Development Council to announce the ND Works Investment Plan, a package of proposals totaling over \$50 million. The proposals include \$20 million for grants through the competitive Regional Workforce Impact Program (RWIP) and nearly \$25 million for a strategic marketing and recruitment campaign. In 2022, RWIP will award \$13 million for 60 projects that provide additional access to job training and workforce support.
- Burgum also kicked off the Main Street Summit by announcing the Energizing Our Communities plan, a package of proposed investments in community development, such as housing and parks and recreation, to help cities attract and retain workforce.
- The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) also supported the state's workforce this past year by investing in child care infrastructure, including providing \$37 million to child care programs to promote stabilization and help address health and safety, technology and inclusion, as well as start-up and quality improvement needs, and increasing the qualifying income level of the Child Care Assistance Program in February 2022, with the number of participating families growing by 24%.
- To make North Dakota an even more attractive and affordable place to live and work, Burgum and Sanford joined with State Tax Commissioner Brian Kroshus and legislators in August to propose historic income tax reforms that would save North Dakota taxpayers an estimated \$250 million annually and establish North Dakota as the lowest flat-tax state in the nation. The proposal expands upon the income tax relief package – proposed in the Burgum-Sanford Accelerate ND plan – that state lawmakers approved and Burgum signed into law last November. That package was estimated to provide \$211 million in relief for North Dakotans in the 2021 and 2022 tax years.

Diversifying the economy

The administration continued working to diversify the economy and add value to the state's raw agricultural commodities that historically have been shipped out of state for processing.

- Burgum participated in groundbreakings for two soybean processing plants last summer and helped announce a third processing facility this month, further cementing North Dakota's status as a soybean powerhouse and creating new market opportunities for farmers. Upon completion of ADM's \$350 million Green Bison Soy Processing plant in Spiritwood, the North Dakota Soybean Processors' \$400 million plant near Casselton and the \$400 million Epitome Energy LLC plant in Grand Forks announced just last week, North Dakota will have gone from having no soybean processing plants to three soybean crushing plants with the capacity to process nearly 75% of the state's annual soybean production.
- Throughout 2022, North Dakota built upon its status as the place to invest in data centers, with total committed investment of roughly \$2 billion in the state. Projects include the Atlas Power Data Center in Williston, Applied Blockchain's 100-megawatt hosting facility in Jamestown, Core Scientific's expansion in Grand Forks and Bitzero's selection of North Dakota as its North American headquarters, which led to

the company's decision to acquire and redevelop the historic Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex in Nekoma into a highly secure data center for high-performance computing and data processing.

- In October, Burgum led a delegation of North Dakota officials and business representatives on a weeklong trade and investment mission to Japan, highlighting the state's many trade, investment and business opportunities in a presentation to the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and promoting the state during a reception with Japanese businesses at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Tokyo. On the last day of the mission, Burgum and Sumitomo Corp.'s president and CEO celebrated the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the state and Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (SCOA), creating a partnership to evaluate and develop businesses within the energy transition market to accelerate decarbonization in North Dakota and beyond.
- The North Dakota Department of Commerce in February selected the Grand Farm Education and Research Initiative for a \$10 million matching grant to advance autonomous agriculture technology in North Dakota. In October, Burgum participated in the Grand Farm Innovation Facility groundbreaking near Casselton, highlighting how autonomous technology commercialized at the facility will improve productivity for farmers and help address the state's workforce challenge through automation.
- Commerce's "Find the Good Life in North Dakota" workforce attraction campaign also was refreshed and expanded to support a comprehensive workforce initiative. The marketing drives interested relocators into a pipeline which connects job seekers with community champions. In less than six months, the marketing campaign has delivered 7.8 million impressions and driven 43,000 visitors to the website resulting in 3,582 potential residents. Workforce staff and community champions are working with over 1,000 leads in the pipeline; 77% of those individuals have not been to North Dakota, with 65% looking to relocate in the next six months.

Supporting energy

Burgum and Sanford also continued to support energy development and carbon capture, storage and utilization (CCUS) as part of a long-term path forward to preserve baseload coal power and the state's oil and gas industry and achieve the goal of making North Dakota a carbon-neutral state by 2030 through innovation and no new regulations or mandates.

- In May, Burgum and Sanford joined officials and workers at Coal Creek Station near Underwood to celebrate the finalized sale of the coal-fired power plant and a related high-voltage transmission line, highlighting the benefits of reliable, affordable baseload coal power and innovative technologies such as carbon capture. Minnesota-based Great River Energy (GRE) sold the 1,151-megawatt power plant – North Dakota's largest – to Rainbow Energy Center LLC, and sold the transmission system that runs from central North Dakota to Minnesota to Nexus Line LLC. Rainbow Energy Center and Nexus Line are both affiliates of Bismarck-based Rainbow Energy Marketing Corp.

Leading up to the sale, the Burgum-Sanford administration worked with the Legislature to approve several bills in 2021 to support the lignite industry and created the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority and Fund to support clean energy projects and help provide a long-term, viable path forward for the state's critical energy industry. The Authority provided a \$3 million grant to Midwest Ag Energy for a carbon capture project at the Blue Flint Ethanol plant next to Coal Creek and \$7 million to the Energy & Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks for front-end engineering and design of Coal Creek's carbon capture project.

The Coal Creek project also received a \$150 million loan from the Bank of North Dakota's Match Program, which provides low-interest rates to encourage and attract financially strong companies and is funded through the Legacy Fund per the passage of House Bill 1425 last year.

- In July, Burgum and Sanford applauded the start of the first carbon storage project in North Dakota at the Red Trail Energy LLC ethanol plant near Richardton, which was made possible by North Dakota being the first state in the nation to obtain regulatory authority from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency over Class VI underground storage wells in 2018.
- They also continued to advocate for increased American energy production in order to reduce prices at the pump and strengthen U.S. energy security, with Burgum joining 24 fellow governors in March to call on the White House to unleash U.S. oil and gas production.
- North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin began working together to develop a regional clean hydrogen hub to help meet the nation's clean energy, transportation and agricultural needs. Under the memorandum of understanding (MOU), the four states agree to develop a proposal for a Heartland Hydrogen Hub, with the goal of obtaining federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's \$7 billion program to create regional clean hydrogen (H2Hubs) across the country.

Weather and emergency response

- An unprecedented severe winter weather event gripped the state in April, knocking out power to tens of thousands of residents and dropping up to 40 inches of snow in some areas making it the state's fifth-largest disaster on record and the largest since 2011 flooding. The severe weather caused damage to infrastructure including roads, bridges and railways and threatened the stability of flood control structures including the Bourbanis Dam near Cavalier, where North Dakota National Guard Black Hawk helicopters placed 213 one-ton sandbags to stabilize areas of concern around the dam. North Dakota Guard members also assisted in placing two 5-ton water pumps provided by a Minnesota National Guard Chinook helicopter.

Burgum declared a statewide emergency resulting in an estimated \$97 million in federal assistance after President Biden granted Burgum's request for a presidential major disaster declaration.

State agencies worked together to coordinate efforts in a whole-of-government response. This included:

- The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) dispatching 355 snowplow operators to clear over 8,500 miles of roadway;
- The North Dakota Highway Patrol coordinating with the Parks and Recreation Department to pre-position snowmobiles and other snow equipment around the state;
- NDDOT and Highway Patrol partnering on over 25 emergency runs for ambulances or stranded motorists;
- State Radio handling double the call volume;
- The Department of Emergency Services (DES) assisting local and tribal jurisdictions in identifying needs and coordinating resources;
- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) establishing the Northwest North Dakota Emergency Housing Stability Program for qualified homeowners and renters impacted by power outages.

The team was recognized with a Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service Roaming Bison team award in September.

- As parts of the state experienced drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) provided \$1.2 million in reimbursements for 340 drought resiliency projects for agricultural producers through the Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program.
- DES and North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT) brought together representatives from multiple state agencies in collaboration with rural electric cooperatives, internet providers, hospital facilities and others during a tabletop exercise in June. The event was hosted to share plans and identify interdependencies that might exist during a response to a cyber incident. The participants talked through potential cascading effects that might occur after a scenario in which a cyberattack disables the electrical grid for an extended period during cold weather conditions.

Reducing red tape, filling roles

- In August, Burgum issued an [executive order](#) creating a Red Tape Reduction Working Group to bolster ongoing efforts to identify antiquated, unnecessary and burdensome regulations, rules and policies that could be changed or eliminated to reduce burdens and lower costs for North Dakota citizens and the private sector and make state government more efficient, effective and nimble. The Red Tape Reduction Working Group received about 500 ideas from the public, agencies and team members. The Working Group acted on nearly 400 submissions that resulted in draft bills to be acted on during the upcoming legislative session and through administrative rule changes and process improvement.
- Burgum made several key appointments to fill vacancies in statewide offices. Public Service Commissioner Brian Kroshus was appointed state tax commissioner effective Jan. 4. Former U.S. attorney and lieutenant governor Drew Wrigley was appointed in February to serve as North Dakota attorney general after the passing of longtime Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem on Jan. 28. And the governor appointed Capital Electric Cooperative Inc. board chairwoman Sheri Haugen-Hoffart in February to fill

the Public Service Commission seat vacated by Kroshus. Haugen-Hoffart, Kroshus and Wrigley all were elected to four-year terms in November. Burgum also appointed Minot entrepreneur Kevin Black and reappointed business consultant Danite Bye of Stanley to the state Board of Higher Education in June. University of North Dakota student Sadie Hanson was appointed as the board's student member.

Tribal engagement

- At the fourth Strengthening Government to Government Partnerships and Relationships Conference in June, organized by the state Indian Affairs Commission, Burgum highlighted progress made through collaboration between the state and tribal nations, including that the North Dakota Highway Patrol entered agreements with the Spirit Lake Nation and MHA Nation to enhance emergency response on the Fort Berthold Reservation. The agreements allow the closest available peace officer to respond to an emergency call for service until the agency with primary jurisdiction arrives and assumes the lead. The North Dakota National Guard also finished signing memorandums of agreement with all five tribal colleges in North Dakota to make the State Tuition Assistance program available to qualified student service members attending college.
- Earlier this month, Burgum and the chairpersons of the five tribal nations with whom North Dakota shares geography completed the signing of new tribal-state gaming compacts, which are now under review by the U.S. Department of the Interior for final approval.
- DHHS partnered with the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board (GPTLHB) to implement the Cappa Health 360 platform, which provides individualized and culturally adapted chronic disease management and prevention programming for all GPTLHB partner tribes. This platform includes the first diabetes prevention curriculum in the country to be adapted for American Indians, co-developed with Cappa Health and the Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board – which is now available in 18 tribal communities in the four-state region of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa, which covers more than 160,000 enrolled members.
- A population of bighorn sheep transplanted to the Three Affiliated Tribes grew from 30 in 2020 to 75 in 2022, bringing the state's total bighorn sheep to 335. The state will get three licenses in alternating years starting in 2026. An MOU with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe continues to foster a successful elk management program for both state and tribal citizens.
- Hoefer RV in Dunseith invested over \$4 million to open a 100,000-square-foot U.S. production site that led to a new CTE Center in Dunseith, including a dedicated RV tech shop, plus additional modules for the RV tech program which will run in other classrooms in the center. In April, Hoefer RV was awarded \$2.25 million from the North Dakota Development Fund for a revolving line for inventory financing. This is the first major workforce step to revitalizing Dunseith as Hoefer RV is committed to hiring high school and adult program grads.
- The North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance continued to evolve with dedicated funding and staff from Commerce. Growth in tribal tourism offerings, product development and cultural experiences is of great

interest for visitors, especially those from international target markets.

- A memorandum of understanding was signed between NDIT and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation to provide managed security services for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality, availability and integrity of tribal information systems and data. The partnership was made possible by House Bill 1417, which was approved last year by the Legislature and signed into law by Burgum. The new law allows NDIT to enter into agreements with tribes and other governmental entities to assist with cybersecurity strategy, prevention and response.
- Parks and Recreation continued to increase tribal engagement, including providing a Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa for a splash pad.

National security and border security/access

- Burgum signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) in April with 25 fellow governors to create the American Governors' Border Strike Force to better address the humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and the negative effects of increased illegal immigration on public safety and crime in states including North Dakota. The strike force aims to disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal organizations and combat human trafficking and drug smuggling activities.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol, state Bureau of Criminal Investigation and State & Local Intelligence Center participated in a joint Border Strike Force enforcement detail in North Dakota on Aug. 22-28, seizing more than 50 pounds of illegal drugs, including enough fentanyl to kill every North Dakotan more than twice over.

- Last December, Gov. Burgum and the North Dakota National Guard's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann, visited 125 soldiers from the Bismarck-based 957th Engineer Company who served a yearlong mission along the U.S.-Mexico border in Texas in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). During the deployment, two [Guardsmen rescued migrants](#) from drowning while crossing the Rio Grande on March 22. The company arrived home last month.
- Burgum also pushed the CPB and U.S. Homeland Security to restore pre-pandemic hours of operation at several ports of entry on the U.S.-Canada border where hours were reduced in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CBP [agreed in September to temporarily expand operating hours](#) at three ports of entry and to continue evaluating northern border hours of operation.
- The North Dakota National Guard saw about 270 soldiers and airmen deploy and about 420 return from deployment, including deployments to the National Capital Region, U.S. Central Command and the southwest border.
- North Dakota National Guard members in March completed their largest and longest mobilization ever with the conclusion of their COVID-19 support mission. The mission totaled 736 days and over 133,000 personnel days, with Guard members assisting in administering 467,000 tests and administering more than 100,000 vaccine doses.

- The North Dakota Air National Guard's 119th Wing, known as the Happy Hooligans, earned their 23rd Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the most among Air National Guard units. The Happy Hooligans also earned the 2021 Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies' General Atomics Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) award, presented annually for outstanding performance by RPA squadrons in achieving intelligence, surveillance, persistent attack and reconnaissance over the preceding year.
- Burgum authorized a North Dakota National Guard Black Hawk helicopter with a water bucket to provide fire suppression between Minot and Des Lacs where more than a dozen train cars carrying paper products and frozen foods derailed and caught fire.

Supporting health and well-being

- The Department of Health and Department of Human Services successfully integrated to become the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on Sept. 1, 2022. As one HHS, the team will work to help North Dakota become the healthiest state in the nation by focusing on the three foundations of well-being: physical, economic, and behavioral health.
- In August, DHHS launched a new Children in Need of Services Team to divert children and youth from the juvenile justice system and foster care and instead connect children and families to support services in their communities. Through Dec. 1, this specialized team of human service zone child welfare professionals had received 917 referrals and assisted 784 children and their families.
- DHHS also launched new dashboards and communications channels – the State Health Assessment dashboard, State Alzheimer's dashboard and Knowtify blog – to provide information and data so North Dakotans can make more informed health care decisions.
- The governor and First Lady Kathryn Burgum hosted the sixth Recovery Reinvented on Nov. 3, a daylong in-person and online event focused on reinventing recovery through eliminating the stigma of the disease of addiction. They were joined by national and state addiction recovery experts and more than 700 in-person attendees at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks as well as over 900 online viewers who spanned the state and nation, with some international audience members in Indonesia, Portugal and South Africa. They highlighted the state's progress in addressing the disease of addiction over the past six years, including the training of nearly 800 peer support specialists and the success of the Free Through Recovery program.
- A mental health program directory to help North Dakotans better locate and access mental health resources was launched by DHHS. To date, there are 172 approved organizations registered in the directory representing 215 locations. DHHS also launched the new national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline to supplement the state's behavioral health crisis support for North Dakotans. 988 provides 24/7 access to a trained crisis counselor who can help North Dakotans.
- DHHS launched workforce incentive grants in March 2022 for agency and individual direct care professionals to expand access to in-home and community care services for people with disabilities. A total of 53 agencies in the Development Disabilities and Aging categories received retention incentives,

36 agencies received recruitment incentives and 200 Qualified Service Providers (QSPs) and 300 self-directed support employees received incentives.

- DHHS also launched the Help for Homeowners program to support financial stability of homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage and other related housing costs. The department has approved \$7.6 million and helped 566 homeowners since July 2022.
- Together with Money Follows the Person partners, DHHS helped over 100 North Dakotans with disabilities move from institutions to homes in the community with support, exceeding the two-year transition benchmark required in a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice.
- DHHS also worked to expand Medicaid health care coverage from 60 days to 12 months for new moms after pregnancy starting Jan. 1, 2023. Coverage includes checkups after birth, behavioral health services, dental care and other services.

Strengthening Main Street and community development

- The Main Street Initiative team administered four grant programs throughout 2022 which resulted in more than \$680,000 of grant funds being awarded in communities throughout North Dakota. The programs address the four Main Street Initiative pillars: healthy, vibrant communities; 21st century workforce; smart, efficient infrastructure; and economic diversification.
- The Main Street Tourism Outdoor Recreation grant program awarded \$100,000 to six projects in 2022. A mix of seasonal projects received grants, including the Citizens Alley Pocket Park Ice Rink in Minot offering unique winter experiences. These experiences help to build healthy, vibrant communities and attract workforce.
- The first Tribal Main Street visit was hosted by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in Belcourt on Sept. 16 with the governor, first lady and Commerce team members. This resulted in the formation of a youth council to provide insight on attracting a 21st century workforce to their communities.

Transforming education

- At the sixth annual Governor's Summit on Innovative Education in June, Burgum and other speakers emphasized the importance of equipping students with the essential skills for life and learning and ensuring that graduates are choice-ready for college, career or the military. The governor welcomed nearly 300 educators, students, administrators and community leaders to the daylong summit at Dickinson Middle School – the first time the summit has been held west of Bismarck. Legislation approved in 2021 gave school districts new opportunities to implement personalized, competency-based education and capitalize on innovation to drive student results, Burgum noted.
- DHHS continued to support quality early learning experiences and school readiness by funding multiple rounds of "Best in Class" grants to programs serving children the year before kindergarten.

- Parks and Recreation and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) announced a partnership designed to expand, enhance and support outdoor learning opportunities for all North Dakota public, private and homeschooled students through September 2024. The partnership provides funding and support for 24 outdoor educational field days for students at the sixth-grade level (10-12 years of age); individualized student field-trip experiences for all grade levels; and funding assistance for program fees and transportation to state parks.
- Gov. Burgum and National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC) Chairman Jake "Body by Jake" Steinfeld announced the three North Dakota schools that were selected to each receive a state-of-the-art \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center. The multimillion-dollar DON'T QUIT! Campaign named Jim Hill Middle School in Minot, Rolla School in Rolla and Solen School in Solen as the state's most outstanding schools for demonstrating leadership in getting and keeping their students fit.
- Burgum in July announced the late Dr. Merton Utgaard, award-winning musician, educator, and founder and long-time director of the International Music Camp, as the 47th recipient of the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award, the state's highest commendation for its citizens. The official portrait of Utgaard was unveiled at the Capitol on Nov. 18.

Improving infrastructure

The state continued to make major investments and improvements in critical infrastructure to better serve citizens.

- The NDDOT has aggressively pursued federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary funding to advance transportation infrastructure projects in North Dakota. To date, \$135 million has been successfully awarded by federal funding sources available through IIJA and application has been made for an additional \$320 million.
- In 2022, over 200 construction projects took place across North Dakota resulting in a \$564 million investment to improve the state's transportation infrastructure.
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) continued to make progress on the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) project that is planned to one day serve up to 81,000 water users in North Dakota. Progress included completion of the Lansford Reservoir and Pump Station, service to the City of Bottineau, and continued advancements at the Biota Water Treatment Plant, Minot Water Treatment Plant, and other project elements.
- DWR provided \$105 million in State Water Commission project approvals through its Cost-Share Program, including \$96 million to support water supply efforts in 21 cities and 17 rural/regional systems and \$9 million for 60 different flood protection, water conveyance and general water projects benefitting citizens across the state. The agency also completed a year-long effort with public input to update the Commission's cost-share policy and modernize the program.
- The Office of Management and Budget completed several Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates around the Capitol to make the 88-year-old complex more accessible for all citizens, as well as a facilities management and optimization study.

Reinventing government

Cabinet agencies continued to make progress in becoming more effective and efficient in serving citizens and meeting their needs:

- In 2022, Vision Zero continued growing a program called ND Sober Ride. ND Sober Ride is aimed at reducing the number of impaired drivers on North Dakota roads through ride-hailing vouchers. In 2022, the program successfully provided 366 sober rides statewide with another campaign planned Dec. 19 to Jan. 1.
- In the last year, 7,600 driver license knowledge tests have been completed using a new online system. Tests are conveniently done online at dot.nd.gov and are available 24/7 immediately from anywhere with internet access. The NDDOT's Driver License and Motor Vehicle divisions were awarded the Reinventing the Customer Experience award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators for their work to expand customer service and convenience.
- The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department launched a new [state snowmobile trail app](#) that gives users a new way to enjoy North Dakota's 13 state snowmobile trails totaling just over 2,800 miles. Snowmobile enthusiasts can download the Snowmobile North Dakota app to track trips, track current location on a trail using GPS, get updates on trail conditions, locate nearby amenities, and save and load itineraries.
- DWR continued to greatly improve North Dakota's ability to monitor the state's water resources through innovation, including management of 368 PRESENS (Pushing RE mote SENSors) units across the state. PRESENS was developed in-house by DWR to collect environmental data such as water levels, precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, barometric pressure and air temperature – at a fraction of the cost of more traditional means.
- DWR operated the Devils Lake outlets to provide ongoing flood relief for areas surrounding the greater Devils Lake system. The outlets removed over 60,000 acre-feet of floodwater during the 2022 operating season. Since outlet operations began in 2007, almost 1.4 million acre-feet of floodwater have been removed from the big lake.
- OMB managed the distribution of over \$25 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to cities in North Dakota and assisted cities in meeting their reporting obligations.
- OMB launched an interagency mentorship program and led a statewide change management initiative, training over 728 team members in 2022; completed implementation of new state budget development and tracking solution to improve the state budgeting process; and launched two new ways to [experience a tour of the Capitol](#): self-guided kiosks and virtual Capitol tour enhancements.
- To further provide students with valuable experience and education from the perspective of working in a 9-1-1 communications center, State Radio rejuvenated its internship program in spring 2022 with local area colleges and universities. Students pursuing careers in the criminal justice field can now intern under the supervision of an emergency communications specialist to integrate classroom theory with real-life practices.

- The Cyber Madness team was recognized for developing and delivering a first-of-its-kind high school state championship for cybersecurity and creating valuable opportunities for students and future workforce to explore the cybersecurity industry. Cyber Madness is a joint effort of NDIT, North Dakota Career and Technical Education, the Department of Public Instruction and EduTech.
- NDIT announced an expanded partnership with the Cisco Networking Academy skills-to-job program called Skills for All that will be available to all residents in North Dakota. North Dakota is the first state in the nation to provide these courses statewide at no cost to all residents. The Cisco Networking Academy Skills for All program provides free, quality, mobile, self-paced, online learning aligned to industry jobs, providing a pathway to a career in technology.
- WSI engaged in two multi-year projects: an internal system replacement project, Claims and Policy System (CAPS), and development of an online portal, myWSI. The goal is to improve internal and external customer experiences through automation of manual tasks and online accessibility. These releases started in June 2021 and involved staff from WSI, NDIT and vendor ServiceLogix.
- The Department of Environmental Quality adopted [revised regulations to improve air quality](#) in national parks and wilderness areas in August. North Dakota continues to be one of the few states that meet or exceed all federal air quality standards.
- The Department of Financial Institutions provided [guidance](#) to assist those who are considering providing digital asset and virtual currency services. The department encourages any bank that is intending to engage in, or is currently engaged in, activities involving or related to digital assets to consult their legal counsel and federal regulators.
- As part of a pilot program with NDIT, the websites for both Job Service North Dakota and the Department of Health and Human Services were made accessible in 16 languages, offering easier accessibility to New Americans. Internet viewers can select their preferred language from a dropdown at the top of any page. The initial offerings are English, Arabic, Basque, Bosnian, Chinese, French, Hindi, Hmong, Kurdish, Nepali, Pashto, Punjabi, Somali, Spanish, Swahili and Vietnamese. More languages and other state agency websites are expected to be added.
- Job Service North Dakota partnered with North Dakota-based virtual reality studio Be More Colorful to help career seekers explore different career paths. Be More Colorful's career exploration product, CareerViewXR, (CVXR), was made available to Job Service clients starting in July. The 12-month pilot project will bring immersive media and virtual reality content into the Bismarck Workforce Center.
- Parks and Recreation also completed an update of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2022-2027 and recorded record participation in the 12-for-12 Hiking Challenge, with 1,947 people participating and over 13,000 hikes logged as of November. After a slow start to the camping season due to record snowstorms in April and significant flooding in May, Parks and Recreation's system still recorded its third-highest overnight visitation on record.
- With the Environmental Quality Restoration Fund, the Department of Environmental Quality can now help local communities pay for environmental cleanup when other funds are unavailable. This is especially important when the risk to human or environmental health is high. Environmental Quality will

work with local communities for input on solutions. The first project to use money from the fund is in Napoleon, where the goal is to remove gasoline contamination from groundwater.

- The Securities Department is on track for record revenues for the year and for the 2021-23 biennium, at \$12 million and \$23 million respectively, and has recovered over \$5.4 million for investors who have been harmed by securities fraud and misconduct.

Enhancing safety and corrections

- The newly created Highway Patrol Interdiction Team, consisting of four troopers and a sergeant, have been successful in preventing deadly narcotics from reaching North Dakota communities. In July, an Interdiction Team trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation and found 2,629 grams of methamphetamine, 926 grams of counterfeit Fentanyl pills, and weapons.
- The Highway Patrol hosted roundtable discussions in four cities across the state to reignite the conversation about opioids and related overdoses. Discussion were held in Bismarck, Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo with 94 total public and private entities in attendance.
- The Highway Patrol planned and hosted the inaugural Midwest Summit for Women in Law Enforcement in May in Fargo. The summit was attended by over 160 individuals from 35 law enforcement agencies from North Dakota and surrounding states.
- At the North Dakota State Penitentiary, the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) established the Restoring Promise Unit in collaboration with the VERA Institute of Justice. The Restoring Promise Unit focuses on peer mentoring and restorative practices, including pairing elder mentors with young adults 18 to 24.
- At the Missouri River Correctional Center, there has been renewed focus to reconnect and enhance DOCR's relationship with community partners. MRCC participated in the United Way Day of Caring this year after a pause due to COVID. The involvement of Runners Against Destructive Decisions (RADD), a running group formed to help those recovering from addiction and other destructive decisions, also has increased and expanded at MRCC, with RADD volunteers coming into the facility twice a month now, instead of only once.
- The education department at the DOCR had three students graduate at the Youth Correctional Center with the newly approved Option 2 high school diplomas. Option 2 is a pathway where students can take up to two GED tests to count as core content credit toward a high school diploma – an opportunity to reduce dropouts in North Dakota.
- The NDIT Cybersecurity Team has worked tirelessly to protect and defend the state from adversaries. So far in 2022, the cybersecurity team has prevented or detected 822 million network threats; defended against more than 4 million malware, phishing and spam messages; investigated over 2 million security alerts; and resolved over 51,000 security incidents.
- NDIT improved cybersecurity collaboration with other states by growing membership of the Joint-Cyber Security Operations Center (J-CSOC) to 11 states across the nation.

- In fiscal year 2022, Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) issued nearly \$22 million in safety premium discounts to employers for successful participation in safety programs. Injury rates have been reduced by over 30% over the last decade, with a rate of 4.46 claims filed per 100 covered workers in FY 2022.

Serving hunters and anglers

- The North Dakota Game and Fish Department created a chronic wasting disease task force and developed a management and surveillance plan to guide the agency's efforts moving forward. The agency also transitioned to online harvest surveys and online mandatory harvest reporting for quota harvest furbearer species.
- No new infestations of aquatic nuisance species were found in North Dakota in 2022. Game and Fish personnel conducted 5,292 general aquatic nuisance species watercraft inspections and 400+ tournament angler inspections. In addition, maintained and supported a dozen public ANS prevention devices including Internet Landing Installed Device Sensors (ILIDS); waterless decontamination devices for Clean, Drain, Dry (CD3), and wash stations.
- Approximately 4,000 landowners used an electronic database to post 7 million acres of private land in 2022, with 56% providing some form of contact information.
- Game and Fish shipped a record 12.5 million walleye to 176 waters across the state, including partnering with Wyoming which provided over 3,000 pounds of catchable trout to community fisheries.
- District game wardens made 43,300 field contacts in 2022, with the smallest number of game wardens per land mass in the nation.

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WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

EMPOWER PEOPLE | IMPROVE LIVES | INSPIRE SUCCESS

Protecting the rights of the state and advocating the interests of our citizens.

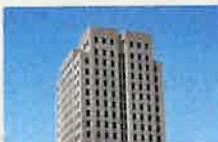
WHO WE SERVE

ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE NORTH DAKOTANS



WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON

FIVE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



Reinventing Government

- Unification & Shared Services
- Digital & Cultural Transformation
- Delivery of Service



Behavioral Health & Addiction

- Prevention
- Early Intervention
- Treatment
- Recovery



Tribal Engagement

- Respect
- Restore
- Revitalize



Transforming Education

- Innovation
- Governance
- Choice
- Readiness



Main Street Initiative

- Skilled workforce
- Smart, efficient infrastructure
- Healthy, vibrant communities
- Economic diversification

GRATITUDE

CURIOSITY

COURAGE

HUMILITY

WHAT WE DO



Set the vision for the state
Oversee operation of state executive branch, annual State of the State Address.



Appoint citizens to Boards and Commissions
Provide citizens the opportunity to represent their community and peers, helping influence policies and programs.



Drive agenda for the administration
Set policy, develop and submit biennial budget, enact new and existing law.



Serve constituents
Create a more accessible and responsive state government.



Deliver constitutional and statutory duties
Protect state's rights, issue executive orders and emergency declarations, chair Industrial Commission, Land Board, Water Commission, State Investment Board, State Board of Equalization.



Provide consistent communication
Ensure effective and efficient constituent communications to inform about the Administration's actions, policies, positions and initiatives.

HOW WE DO IT

Listen and inform

Create relationships

Set strategy

Build alignment

Empower TeamND

WHO WE ARE

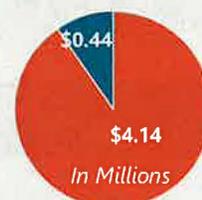
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Full-time Team Members + Governor and Lt. Governor

AGENCY BUDGET

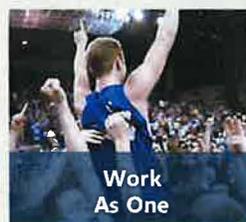
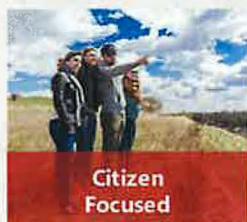
\$4,587,944

General Fund



■ Salary/Benefits ■ Operating

CULTURAL ASPIRATIONS



"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing,"
-Theodore Roosevelt

Prepared for the House Appropriations Committee

**Department 101 - Governor's Office
Senate Bill No. 2001**

First Chamber Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 First Chamber Version	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968
2023-25 Base Level	4,587,944	0	4,587,944
Increase (Decrease)	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024

First Chamber Changes

A summary of the first chamber's changes to the agency's base level appropriations and the executive budget is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Included in the First Chamber Version

Additional income - Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's salary - Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

Lieutenant Governor's salary - Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

Line item transfer authority - Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.

Carryover authority - Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

Continuing Appropriations

Governor's Prevention and Advisory Council - Section 54-07-07 - Appropriates any funding obtained by the council to discourage impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse by minors.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

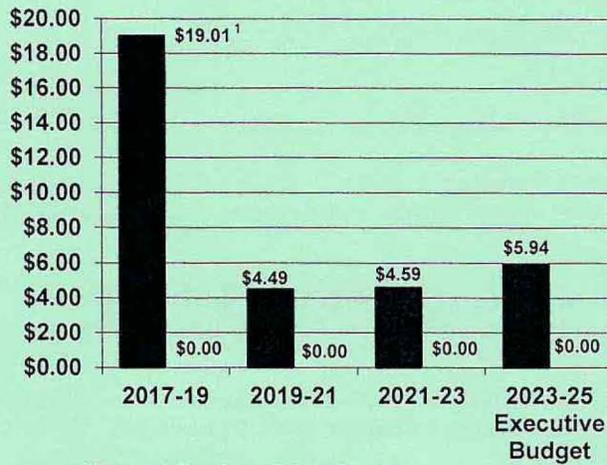
Major Related Legislation

There is no major related legislation affecting this agency.

Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



¹ Includes a \$15 million general fund transfer to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund.

Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$4,094,559	\$4,007,758	\$4,287,298	\$4,587,944	\$5,749,435
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$86,801)	\$279,540	\$300,646	\$1,161,491
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	7.0%	7.0%	25.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(2.1%)	4.7%	12.0%	40.4%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for salaries and wages (\$93,004)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$45,254)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Underfunded salaries and wages (\$86,305)
2. Added funding for temporary employees \$30,000
3. Added funding for operating expenses \$60,000

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added funding for salary equity \$150,000
2. Added funding for event travel expenses \$50,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Adds 2 FTE positions \$501,808
2. Adds funding for a new Capitol space rent model \$159,854

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	\$110,200	\$15,000,000	\$204,808	\$0	\$195,000

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

Provided for a \$15 million appropriation from the general fund to be transferred to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum endowment fund \$15,000,000

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Added funding for a board and commission database project \$139,808
- 2. Added funding for transition costs in the event a new Governor was elected \$65,000

2021-23 Biennium

None \$0

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Adds funding for customer relationship management software \$130,000
- 2. Adds funding for Governor transition costs \$65,000

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627
Salary increase		360,782		360,782		251,277		251,277
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420		86,362		86,362
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808	1.00	250,904		250,904
New Capitol space rent model		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491	1.00	\$803,024	\$0	\$803,024
One-Time Funding Items								
Constituent software		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491	1.00	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435	18.00	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0				\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	25.3%		25.3%	5.9%	17.5%		17.5%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	29.6%		29.6%	5.9%	21.8%		21.8%

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
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Rough Rider Awards		Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
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2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627				\$0
Salary increase		360,782		360,782		251,277		251,277		(109,505)		(109,505)
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420		86,362		86,362		1,942		1,942
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808	1.00	250,904		250,904	(1.00)	(250,904)		(250,904)
New Capitol space rent model		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854				0
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Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000				0
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	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
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Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Line item transfers		Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.
Rough Rider Awards		Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.

Governor's Office - Budget No. 101
Senate Bill No. 2001
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				House Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944	17.00	\$4,587,944	\$0	\$4,587,944
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base payroll and budget changes		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627		\$54,627
Salary increase		360,782		360,782		251,277		251,277		360,782		360,782
Health insurance increase		84,420		84,420		86,362		86,362		84,420		84,420
Lt. Governor salary equity				0				0		28,479		28,479
New FTE positions	2.00	501,808		501,808	1.00	250,904		250,904	2.00	501,808		501,808
New and vacant FTE funding pool				0				0		(648,839)		(648,839)
New Capitol space rent model		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854		159,854
Total ongoing funding changes	2.00	\$1,161,491	\$0	\$1,161,491	1.00	\$803,024	\$0	\$803,024	2.00	\$541,131	\$0	\$541,131
One-Time Funding Items												
Constituent software		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000		\$130,000
Governor transition costs		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000		65,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000	0.00	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	2.00	\$1,356,491	\$0	\$1,356,491	1.00	\$998,024	\$0	\$998,024	2.00	\$736,131	\$0	\$736,131
2023-25 Total Funding	19.00	\$5,944,435	\$0	\$5,944,435	18.00	\$5,585,968	\$0	\$5,585,968	19.00	\$5,324,075	\$0	\$5,324,075
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$0				\$0				\$0	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	25.3%		25.3%	5.9%	17.5%		17.5%	11.8%	11.8%		11.8%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	11.8%	29.6%		29.6%	5.9%	21.8%		21.8%	11.8%	16.0%		16.0%

Other Sections in Governor's Office - Budget No. 101

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Additional income	Section 3 would appropriate any additional federal or other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.	Section 3 appropriates any additional other funds available to the Governor's office during the 2023-25 biennium.
Governor's salary	Section 4 would allow the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and would allow funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 would amend Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 4 allows the Governor to decline a salary during the 2023-25 biennium and allows funding in the Governor's salary line item to be transferred to other line items. Section 5 amends Section 54-07-04 to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
Lieutenant Governor's salary	Section 6 would amend Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.	Section 6 amends Section 54-08-03 to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$130,000 on July 1, 2023, and \$135,200 on July 1, 2024.
Line item transfers		Section 7 allows up to \$100,000 of appropriation authority to be transferred between line items during the 2023-25 biennium.	Not included.
Rough Rider Awards		Section 8 allows 2021-23 biennium funding for Rough Rider Awards to be continued into the 2023-25 biennium.	Not included.

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Fiscal No. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2001

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to"

Page 1, line 2, remove "to provide an"

Page 1, line 3, remove "appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor;"

Page 1, replace lines 13 through 21 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$427,289	\$4,288,323
Operating expenses	421,635	217,696	639,331
Contingencies	10,000	0	10,000
Rough rider awards	10,800	0	10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	26,146	310,621
Transition in	0	15,000	15,000
Transition out	0	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total general fund	\$4,587,944	\$736,131	\$5,324,075
Full-time equivalent positions	17.00	2.00	19.00"

Page 2, line 25, replace "\$304,760" with "\$310,621"

Page 3, line 5, replace "forty-nine thousand three hundred ninety two" with "fifty-two thousand two hundred sixty-five"

Page 3, line 6, remove "fifty-five thousand three hundred"

Page 3, line 7, replace "sixty-eight" with "fifty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-six"

Page 3, line 12, replace "sixteen thousand one hundred ninety-six" with "thirty thousand"

Page 3, line 13, replace "twenty thousand eight hundred forty-four" with "thirty-five thousand two hundred"

Page 3, remove lines 15 through 21

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2001 - Governor's Office - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,861,034	\$4,556,077	(\$267,754)	\$4,288,323
Operating expenses	421,635	639,331		639,331
Capital assets	10,000	10,000		10,000
Rough Rider Awards	10,800	10,800		10,800
Governor's salary	284,475	304,760	5,861	310,621
Transition in		15,000		15,000
Transition out		50,000		50,000
Total all funds	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$4,587,944	\$5,585,968	(\$261,893)	\$5,324,075

Department 101 - Governor's Office - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adds Elected Official Salary Equity Funding ²	Adds New FTE Position ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$101,702	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$267,754)
Operating expenses					
Capital assets					
Rough Rider Awards					
Governor's salary	5,861				5,861
Transition in					
Transition out					
Total all funds	\$107,563	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$261,893)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$107,563	\$28,479	\$250,904	(\$648,839)	(\$261,893)
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$109,505
Health insurance adjustment	(1,942)
Total	\$107,563

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Salary equity funding is added to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary to \$130,000 on July 1, 2023.

³ Funding is provided for the Governor to add either a new communications or policy advisor FTE position.

⁴ Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$501,808)
Vacant FTE positions	(147,031)
Total	(\$648,839)

This amendment also:

- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Governor's salary by 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Provides the statutory changes needed to increase the Lieutenant Governor's salary by 16.4 percent on July 1, 2023, and by 4 percent on July 1, 2024.
- Removes Sections 7 and 8 which provided line item transfer authority and carryover authority.