

2025 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2011

DEPARTMENT 504 - HIGHWAY PATROL 2025-27 BASE-LEVEL BUDGET

Base Budget - Summary

	<u>Base Level</u>
Highway Patrol	\$68,085,546
Total all funds	\$68,085,546
Less other funds	<u>20,428,226</u>
Total general fund	\$47,657,320
Full-time equivalent (FTE) positions	205.00

Selected Base Budget Information

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Includes funding for 205 FTE positions, including \$250,000 for temporary salaries, \$3,948,000 for overtime, and \$1,288,655 for targeted market equity	\$33,033,904	\$18,411,842	\$51,445,746
2. Provides funding for operating expenses, including travel (\$6,142,000), data processing (\$2,480,000), equipment under \$5,000 (\$1,608,886) rent and lease costs (\$814,000), operating fees (\$598,000), professional fees (\$397,000), professional development (\$412,000), and utilities (\$306,000)	\$14,245,416	\$2,016,384	\$16,261,800

Continuing Appropriations

Highway Patrol assets forfeiture fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 39-03-18 - Consists of funds obtained from seized assets that may be used for paying expenses associated with the inventory and selling of seized assets, to pay for overtime relating to certain investigations, for purchasing equipment related to criminal interdiction, or to be used to match federal funding for certain programs. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had revenues of \$22,907, expenditures of \$28,318, and a June 30, 2023, fund balance of \$41,655.

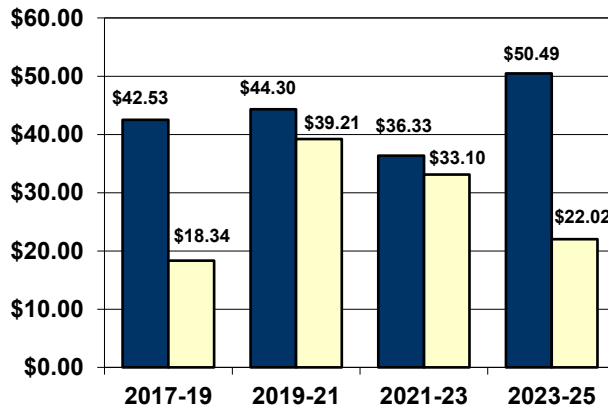
Highway Patrol federal assets forfeiture fund - Section 39-03-18.1 - Consists of funds received through federal asset forfeiture sharing programs. The funds can be used for eligible purchases identified by the federal department of justice and federal department of treasury. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had no revenues or expenditures and had a June 30, 2023, fund balance of \$2,157.

Motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund - Section 39-12-02 - An additional fee of up to \$15 is charged for issuing an oversize or overweight vehicle permit electronically. The additional fee is deposited in the motor carrier electronic permit fund and deposits in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the Highway Patrol for the maintenance of the online electronic permitting system. For the 2021-23 biennium, the fund had revenues of \$2,562,704, expenditures of \$2,963,957, and a June 30, 2023, fund balance of \$7,860,404.

Historical Appropriations Information

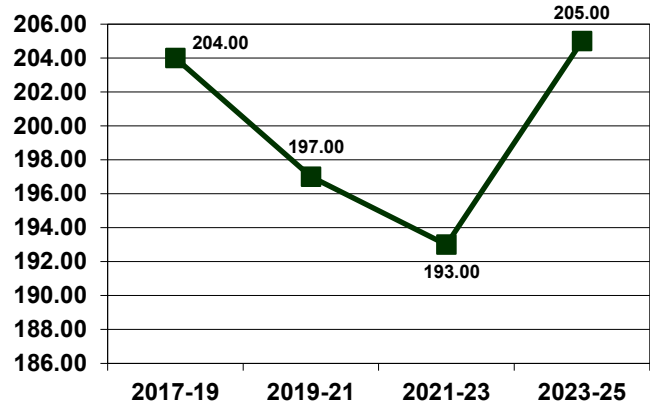
Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

FTE Positions



Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
Ongoing general fund appropriations	\$42,943,745	\$42,527,428	\$44,213,575	\$36,327,762	\$47,657,320
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$416,317)	\$1,686,147	(\$7,885,813)	\$11,329,558
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(1.0%)	4.0%	(17.8%)	31.2%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(1.0%)	3.0%	(15.4%)	11.0%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

- Adjusted the funding source for permit section staff salaries and wages and related expenses from the general fund to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund (\$1,269,165)
- Added funding for trooper on-call pay \$323,750
- Removed 11 FTE positions and related funding (\$2,299,602)

2019-21 Biennium

- Increased funding for operating expenses \$522,835
- Removed 7 FTE positions (\$573,376)

2021-23 Biennium

- Adjusted funding for law enforcement salaries to be paid from federal coronavirus relief funds rather than the general fund (\$6,996,000)
- Adjusted operating expenses and removed 2 FTE Capitol Security positions (\$2,047,239)

2023-25 Biennium

- Restored law enforcement salaries paid from federal coronavirus relief funds during the 2021-23 biennium \$6,996,000
- Added 12 FTE trooper positions for various purposes including criminal interdiction, Capitol Security, and motor carrier \$2,283,430
- Added funding for on-call and overtime pay \$246,642
- Added funding for technology enhancements \$225,320
- Added funding for office and warehouse lease costs \$212,000

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25
One-time general fund appropriations	\$656,813	\$0	\$81,830	\$0	\$2,832,584

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

None \$0

2019-21 Biennium

1. Added funding to overhaul the agency's aircraft engine \$81,830

2021-23 Biennium

None \$0

2023-25 Biennium

1. Added funding for State Fleet mileage increases \$1,706,000

2. Added funding for inflationary increases \$448,000

3. Added funding for new trooper startup costs \$514,584

4. Added funding for the unmanned aerial vehicle program \$89,000



**Highway Patrol
Department No. 504
2025 Senate Bill No. 2011**

**EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Executive budget recommendation	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607
Base level	205.00	47,657,320	20,428,226	68,085,546
Increase (decrease)	0.00	\$17,928,972	\$5,847,089	\$23,776,061
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.0%	37.6%	28.6%	34.9%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

A copy of the draft appropriations bill reflecting the executive budget recommendation is attached as Appendix B.

Selected Highlights

- Salary increases of up to 4 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool amounts
- Increases funding for facility leases by \$222,000
- Increases funding for information technology rates and software by \$416,476
- Increases funding for forward looking infrared (FLIR) maintenance by \$88,000
- Increases funding for Capitol security licensing costs by \$218,000
- Adds \$8,009,000, of which \$6,479,000 is from the general fund and \$1,530,000 is from other funds, for State Fleet ongoing (\$1,526,000) and one-time (\$6,483,000) increases
- Provides one-time funding of \$50,000 for preliminary breath tester replacement
- Provides one-time funding of \$184,000 for body armor replacement
- Provides one-time funding of \$870,000 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for conductive electronic weapon (Taser) replacements
- Provides one-time funding of \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements (SIIF) fund for a surface replacement at the emergency vehicle operations course

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 4 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2120 - Highway patrol troopers' retirement system fund - Provides a transfer of \$35.7 million from the SIIF fund to the Highway Patrol Troopers' retirement fund.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687
Salary increase		1,812,795	675,641	2,488,436
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071
Funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914
Funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000
Information technology data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000
Information technology ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,422,972	\$4,277,089	\$15,700,061
One-Time Funding Items				
Fleet services		\$6,275,000	\$208,000	\$6,483,000
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$6,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$8,076,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$17,928,972	\$5,847,089	\$23,776,061
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607

Federal funds included in other funds

\$10,126,739

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

24.0%

20.9%

23.1%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

37.6%

28.6%

34.9%

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Executive Budget
Highway tax distribution fund	Section 3 would provide for \$13,119,751 of special funds from the highway tax distribution fund to be used for Highway Patrol operations.
Motor carrier electronic permit fund	Section 4 would provide for \$2,768,825 of special funds from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund to be used for Highway Patrol operations.

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Executive Budget
Highway Patrol officer per diem	Section 5 would provide for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.
SIIF	Section 6 would identify \$260,000 from SIIF for the resurfacing of the emergency vehicle operations course.
FTE positions	Section 7 would authorized the Highway Patrol to increase or decrease FTE positions subject to the availability of funds.

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2011
(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 highway patrol; to provide an exemption; to provide for a transfer; and to provide for a report to the legislative assembly.

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, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway patrol, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Field Operations	\$68,085,546	\$23,776,061	\$91,861,607
Total All Funds	\$68,085,546	\$23,776,061	\$91,861,607
Less Estimated Income	<u>20,428,226</u>	<u>5,847,089</u>	<u>26,275,315</u>
Total General Fund	\$47,657,320	\$17,928,972	\$65,586,292
Full-time Equivalent Positions	205.00	0.00	205.00

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-eighth legislative assembly for the 2023-25 biennium and the 2025-27 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	<u>2025-27</u>
Commercial motor carrier system	\$ 150,000	\$0
New trooper startup costs	636,000	0
Inflationary increases	2,562,000	0
Narcotics tester	60,000	0
Unmanned aerial vehicle program	104,000	0
Motor carrier program	427,000	0
Technology enhancements	283,200	0
Shooting range repairs	200,000	35,000
State fleet increases	0	6,483,000
Victims of crime act crash assistant fund replacement	0	194,000
Alcohol breath scanning device replace	0	50,000
Taser replacement	0	870,000
Emergency vehicle obstacle course pad resurface	<u>0</u>	<u>260,000</u>
Total All Funds	\$4,422,200	\$7,892,000
Total Special Fund	<u>1,589,616</u>	<u>1,544,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$2,832,584	\$6,348,000

The 2025-27 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium. The highway patrol shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL FUNDS TRANSFER – HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$13,119,751, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state highway tax distribution fund which may be transferred at the direction of the superintendent of the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway patrol during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 4. MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT TRANSACTION FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$2,768,825 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for the purpose of defraying various expenses associated with the issuance of permits and other nonenforcement motor carrier and administrative activities.

SECTION 5. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS. Each patrol officer of the state highway patrol is entitled to receive from funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act an amount not to exceed \$200 per month for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses, except lodging, while in travel status within the state of North Dakota or while at their respective home stations. The amounts must be paid at the time and in the same manner as salaries are paid to members of the highway patrol and may be paid without the presentation of receipts or other memorandums.

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME – STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The estimated income line in section 1 of this Act includes \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the resurfacing of the emergency vehicle obstacle course pad.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION ADJUSTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the highway patrol may increase or decrease authorized full-time equivalent positions as needed, subject to availability of funds, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The highway patrol shall report to the office of management and budget and legislative council any adjustments made pursuant to this section.



**Highway Patrol
Department No. 504
2025 Senate Bill No. 2011**

**REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	0.00	(2,346,466)	(124,883)	(2,471,349)
Armstrong budget recommendation	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258
Base level	205.00	47,657,320	20,428,226	68,085,546
Increase (decrease)	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds funding to replace 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool amounts
- Increases funding for facility leases by \$222,000
- Increases funding for information technology (IT) rates and software by \$416,476
- Increases funding for forward looking infrared (FLIR) maintenance by \$88,000
- Increases funding for Capitol security licensing costs by \$218,000
- **Adds \$6,009,000, of which \$4,479,000 is from the general fund and \$1,530,000 is from other funds, for State Fleet ongoing (\$1,526,000) and one-time (\$4,483,000) increases**
- Provides one-time funding of \$50,000 for preliminary breath tester replacement
- Provides one-time funding of \$184,000 for body armor replacement
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- Provides one-time funding of \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements (SIIF) fund for a surface replacement at the emergency vehicle operations course

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

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

Major Related Legislation

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

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914
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Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712
One-Time Funding Items				
Fleet services		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000
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Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258

Federal funds included in other funds

\$10,069,876

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

23.2%

20.3%

22.4%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

0.0%

32.7%

28.0%

31.3%

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
1/14/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

10:03 a.m. Chairman Wanzek opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Agency overview
- Duties
- Projects and accomplishments
- Challenges and next biennium goals
- Budget overview
- Funding sources
- Base-level funding
- Budget requests
- Infrared airplane equipment
- Crash assistance program
- Software needs
- Lease rate increases
- In-car router program costs and benefits
- Security software - ND Capitol Building
- One-time projects status
- One-time budget requests
- Tasers
- Training area maintenance
- Agency collections
- Additional appropriations considerations
- Bills which impact the Highway Patrol Agency
- Tests for impairment

10:04 a.m. Daniel Haugen, Superintendent of ND Highway Patrol, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28939.

11:25 a.m. Chairman Wanzek adjourned the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk



Highway Patrol

69th Legislative Assembly

Testimony in Support of

Senate Bill No. 2011

Senate Appropriations Committee

Government Operations Division

January 14, 2025

TESTIMONY OF

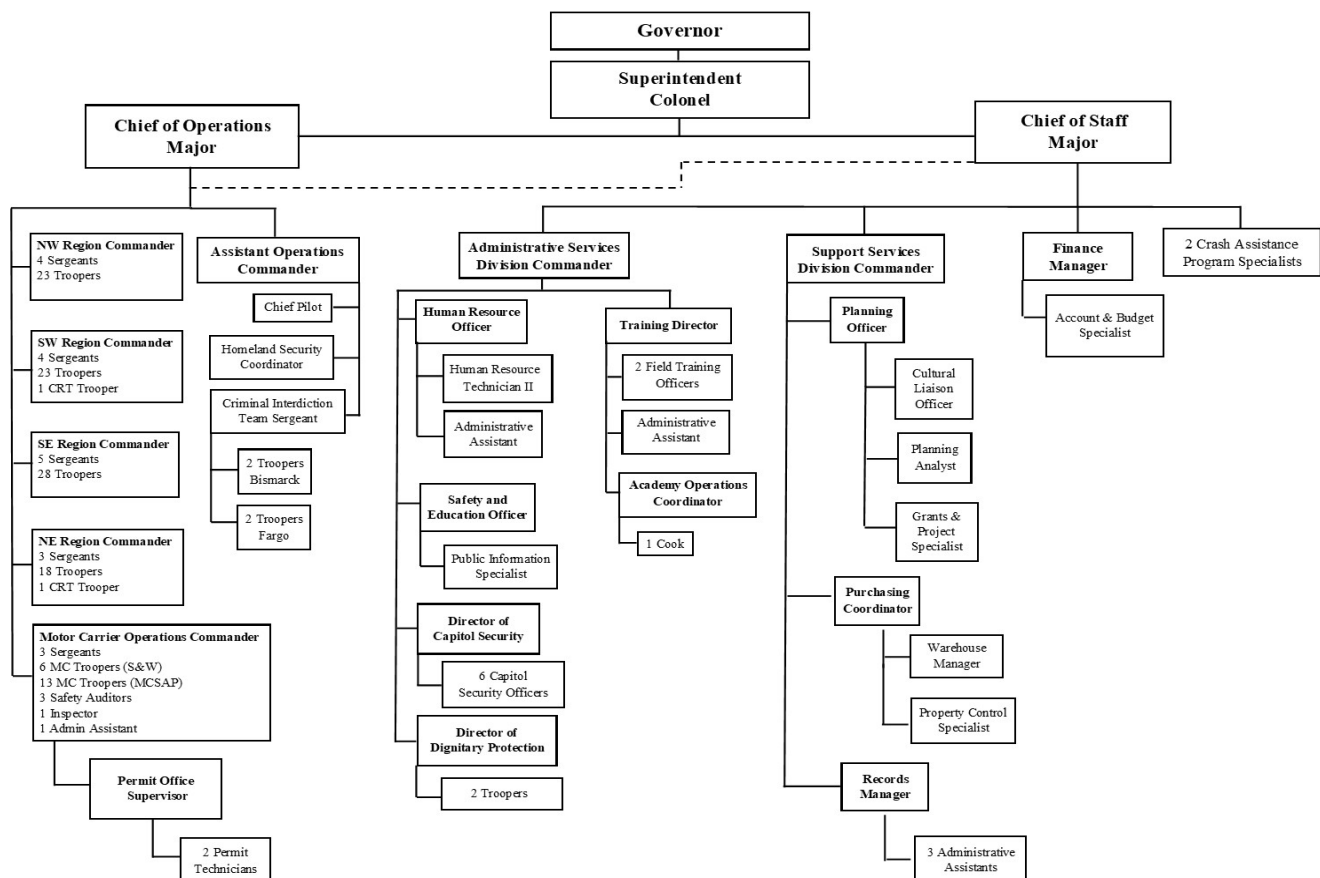
Colonel Daniel Haugen, Superintendent

Introduction

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Government Operations Division. My name is Daniel Haugen, and I proudly serve as the recently appointed 18th superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol was founded 90 years ago in 1935, and the agency's primary statutory authority and responsibility comes from North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39-03. The highway patrol is comprised of two major components: field operations and administration.

NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL ORGANIZATION CHART



The field operations side consists of four geographical regions and our motor carrier operations. The administration component consists of the administrative services division (human resources & training academy), and the support services division (equipment). The highway patrol has 171 sworn troopers and 34 civilian support staff.

Our emphasis as an agency has been on public safety through education and enforcement activities. Educating motorists to make the right decision is preferred over having to take enforcement action but enforcing traffic and criminal laws remains our primary function. Educating the public and trying to prevent crashes and traffic violations from ever occurring is a continual cycle. Every day that the department of transportation is open, a batch of new drivers hit the road. If troopers are called to a crash or make a traffic stop, then it's too late – a violation already occurred – so we continue to explore ways to dedicate more time and energy to prevention efforts.

The highway patrol's primary focus was traffic safety for these 90 years. Today there continues to be three major contributing factors to serious injury and fatality crashes. Those are speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, and driving impaired. If we could eliminate those three violations, we'd save a lot of lives.

Speeding alone is a contributing factor in approximately ¼ of all fatality crashes, but it's such a common violation that many don't recognize the true danger of it. Distracted driving continues to be an issue as well, but it's a more difficult violation to identify, especially after a crash occurs.

The highway patrol's tireless efforts to reduce crashes and unnecessary injuries and deaths on our roadways has been the agency's goal since 1935. In addition to traffic safety, the highway patrol assists other law enforcement agencies with emergencies and calls for service, especially when resources are limited. Many law enforcement agencies in North Dakota are smaller, and all of us peace officers work together and help each other out regardless of the color of their uniform.

North Dakota has the opportunity to become the safest state in the nation. Most of us who reside here feel safe in our communities, and it's one of the reasons people choose to live in North Dakota. Maintaining a sense of safety wouldn't be possible without solid partnerships between federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, and the highway patrol is grateful for all the first responders and dispatchers who work toward a common goal of providing public safety.

The highway patrol's mission is to make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure. If you were to ask our employees for one word that summarizes the agency, many of them would say professionalism. Our past and present employees are respected in their communities, and we are fortunate to have strong public support. We're committed to enhancing that public trust by being transparent and continually searching for opportunities to strengthen our relationships with stakeholders even further.

The citizens of North Dakota count on our employees to be responsive and proactive. Our employees enforce traffic laws, investigate crashes, provide safety presentations, help stranded motorists, and assist other agencies and community members during times of crisis. Our employees take pride in performing their duties and serving the citizens of this great state. Our officers are proud to wear the uniform of a North Dakota state trooper, and I appreciate the courage and commitment displayed by our entire team.

Audit Findings

We are happy to report that we had no findings in our most recent audit ending June 30, 2022. All recommendations from the previous audit were implemented.

Current Biennium Accomplishments

Criminal Interdiction Team Successes – Our department expanded the Criminal Interdiction Team from five to nine members. We currently have teams covering US-2, I-94, and I-29 to slow the transportation of illicit narcotics to and through our state.

	2023	2024
Fentanyl	11.3 lbs	15.4 lbs
Marijuana	133.34 lbs	1,199.5 lbs
THC	3.7 lbs	86 lbs
Methamphetamine	1.4 lbs	30.5 lbs
Cocaine	1.7 lbs	18 lbs
Psilocybin	1.1 lbs	14 lbs

Reduction in Fatal Crashes - Our department continues its focus with emphasis on speed, seat belt usage, right of way, DUI, criminal interdiction, motor carrier enforcement, distracted driving, and education efforts.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Crashes	100	101	98	106	90

The highway patrol covered 45% of all serious injury and 84% of all fatal crashes throughout the state in 2024. Our troopers reconstructed 241 serious injury or fatal crashes and filed 142 criminal charges. Our civilian Crash Assistance Program employees provided 675 services to insurance companies, court system, crash victims and their families this current biennium.

Tracking & Search Efforts- Our department's Emergency Response Team has evolved over the years from specializing just in crowd management to also search and rescues. The troopers on the team are professionally trained in tracking. The team composes of troopers, three bloodhound teams and our aircraft with FLIR capabilities. Our three, Man-Trailing (Bloodhound) Teams remained very active these past two years. In 2023, we conducted 46 searches and in 2024, we conducted 59 searches. These operations ranged from missing person searches to fugitive manhunts.

Law Enforcement Training Academy Modernization Project - The highway patrol is given statutory responsibility to manage the state's law enforcement training center. It is responsible for not only basic academy training but also continuing education throughout the year. Since it was built in 1971, the building presented many challenges during the remodel. The hidden plumbing system within the floor and walls was in worse condition than expected and a good amount of funding was used for the abatement of an unexpected large amount of asbestos within the floors and ceilings. The building has been transformed into a modern facility that will allow us to continue to provide a service to the local political subdivisions. The \$3,000,000 received came from the Federal and State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The project started in early 2023 and was completed this past fall.

Implementation of Blackboard online learning management system within the Law Enforcement Training Academy. This program is the gold standard within the university system nationwide. This will greatly enhance the quantity and quality of

the instruction we provide to law enforcement agencies. With the use of this program and others, agencies will be able to receive more of their continuing education online without the expense of traveling to Bismarck. This saves them salary, mileage, and hotel costs. In 2024, the academy served approximately 1,400 law enforcement officers from 92 different law enforcement agencies, directly impacting the services they provide.

Combined Agency Aircraft Details - Our department's aircraft was called into service for locating missing persons, fugitive searches, vehicle pursuits, and overwatch for narcotic operations. The plane was called out 37 times in 2023 and 35 times in 2024. Our agency has benefited from the use of our different planes over many decades. While in the past, we were limited by the technology we had, today we are relied upon for our capability of professional searches and tracking. With the use of our forward-looking infrared camera system and operator, we were able to partner with local law enforcement agencies to assist them in with enforcement operations within their communities. During this current biennium, the highway patrol partnered with both Bismarck and Fargo Police Departments for targeted traffic enforcement. In October, the NDHP and Fargo Police Department partnered to address unsafe driving behaviors within the city of Fargo.

The operation yielded 14 impaired drivers removed from the roadway and a fleeing motorcycle was tracked safely from the sky to where the suspect stopped and subsequently arrested. The motorcycle had been driving over 100 mph in a 30-mph zone.

The agency worked alongside other first responders during the October 2024 wildfires in northwest North Dakota. We assisted residents in the evacuation from their homes, rescuing stranded individuals, traffic control, administered lifesaving medical aid and provided mapping services with the use of our aircraft and FLIR camera system. Our plane was able to map active hotspots to guide local firefighting efforts.

Continued mental health efforts and enhancements. Our agency expanded mental health outreach for law enforcement. We are involved in a clinical mental health network project with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (NDDHHS) which expanded to all law enforcement statewide. The partnership has also helped to make clinical services available at Critical Incident Stress

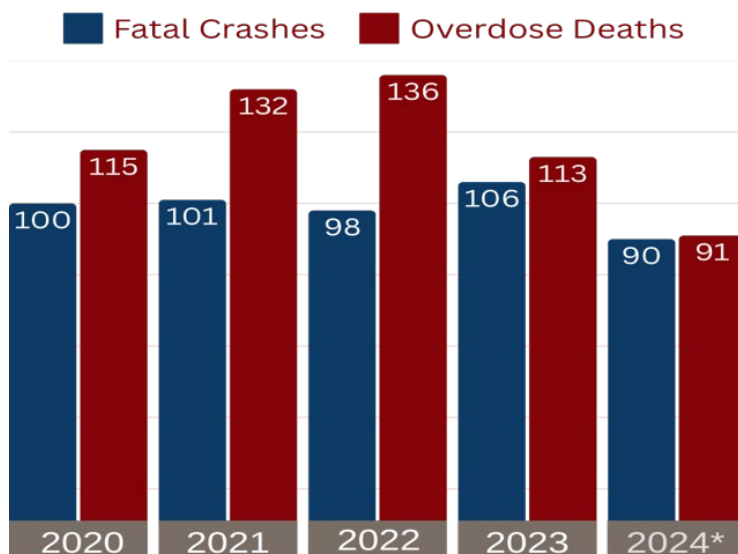
Management Debriefings. We've enhanced the highway patrol's Critical Incident Stress Management team to provide continued peer services to troopers and partner agencies upon request. Recently, we've also partnered with the NDDHHS to implement AVEL services to troopers statewide. AVEL provides expert 24/7 behavioral health assessments using telemedicine technology to those we are interacting with that may be having a mental health crisis. We are able to connect those in need with services right on the spot.

The Highway Patrol has enhanced our social media education and awareness efforts by growing the agency's Facebook page to over 115,000 followers, and our Instagram reach to over 20,900 followers.

Challenges and Next Biennium Goals

For 90 years, our agency's focus has been on traffic safety. However, we must continue to evolve and meet the needs of today's citizens. Unfortunately, as you can see, overdose deaths in North Dakota have remained higher than traffic fatalities. Our agency isn't changing its core mission but will continue to broaden our efforts as the citizen's needs change.

We've implemented Criminal Interdiction Teams along I-29, I-94 and US Hwy 2, which have been very successful. Next, we will be looking at becoming more active participants in the opioid fight by assisting area narcotic task forces and regional SWAT teams where feasible with staffing, as many of them are understaffed.



Our agency currently has memorandums of understanding with the MHA and Spirit Lake Nations. We will continue to respectfully pursue agreements with the remaining tribes (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) to allow our agency to assist in the opioid battle. Cartels and gangs are taking advantage of the lack of law enforcement and are funneling narcotics to our tribal lands, where it is being redistributed throughout the state, killing tribal and state citizens.

NDHP BUDGET

Today I will present to you a budget request for the North Dakota Highway Patrol based on the executive budget recommendation approved by Governor Burgum. This is preliminary as there may be some adjustments following Governor Armstrong's budget address tomorrow. The total funding level of the 2025-27 executive budget is \$91,861,609. The appropriation for the current biennium is \$71,189,188.

Funding Source	2023-25 Appropriation	2025-2027 Executive Budget Recommendation
General Funds	\$49,438,826	\$65,586,292
Special Funds	\$13,090,027	\$16,148,576
Federal Funds	\$8,660,335	\$10,126,739
Total	\$71,189,188	\$91,861,607

The budget recommendation does not contain any new FTE's. The highway patrol did receive twelve (12) new trooper positions last session, which have been this biennium.

The highway patrol began the 2023-25 biennium with 28 open positions, this included the newly added twelve positions from the 68th assembly. After an aggressive hiring process which focused on hiring experienced law enforcement officers and an expedited training program, we were fully staffed by October 1, 2024.

As of the legislative reporting provided on December 1, 2024, our vacancy count was 6 sworn positions and 1 civilian security position. We have hired the security position and are currently in a hiring process for a May 2025 trooper class.

The Highway Patrol had \$5,319,935 removed the 2023-25 appropriations for purposes of the New and Vacant FTE program. Of that amount, approximately 80% or \$4,252,333.00 has been made available back to the agency for use.

To date, we have applied for and been approved from OMB for \$2,655,849 to be pulled from the New FTE pool and will have \$1,589,484 remaining.

Future requests from the vacancy pool are anticipated to be made for the following salary related items, all of which were pre-existing programs or areas in which the agency has used unexpended salary dollars in the past. No new programs have been created for use of vacancy dollars since the implementation of the program. It appears that future requests will come close to exhausting the remaining available funds in the pool.

Purpose	Expended	Anticipated	Total Estimated
Excess Overtime		\$ 658,000.00	\$ 658,000.00
Unfunded Step Increases	\$ 284,954.00	\$ 157,254.00	\$ 442,208.00
Recruitment Bonus	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Performance Bonus	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 96,500.00
Sign-on Bonus	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 102,000.00
Temporary K9 Boarding	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Call Out Pay (\$75)	\$ 66,900.00	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 89,200.00
.5% NDHPERS Increases 6/4%	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 13,000.00
Physical Fitness Awards	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Temporary Salary Increase	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 518,104.00	\$ 913,804.00	\$ 1,431,908.00

NDHP BUDGET OVERVIEW

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is a program-based budget with one program, field operations. The total agency appropriation for the 2023-35 biennium, after the removal of \$5,319,935.00 for the new and vacant FTE pool is \$71,189,188. The budget consists of \$49,438,826.00 in general funds, \$13,090,027 in special funds, and \$8,660,335 in federal funds.

The special funds come from two different sources, first is the highway tax distribution fund in SECTION 3 from HB 1011 and in SECTION 2 of this current bill SB 2011. The highway tax distribution funds have traditionally been a transfer at a ratio 14% to 86% of general fund dollars to fund the state funding of the Highway Patrol's budget.

The second source of special funding is from the Electronic Motor Carrier Permit Fund, Fund 276. SECTION 4 in our current appropriation addresses this funding and SECTION 3 of SB 2011 addresses the upcoming transfer request.

The Highway Patrol receives federal funding from the following sources:

- Federal Motor Carrier – Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)
 - 23 sworn positions
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Pass Through Funding:
 - 1 Drug recognition officer position
 - Various enforcement overtime programs
- North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Pass Through
 - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds
 - 2 Crash Assistance Program positions
- US Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - Body Cam Program Funding - \$500,000.00
 - Funded in 2023-25 biennium.
 - Period of performance through Sept 2026
 - Training and In-Car Router Purchases
 - Carry-over authority to be requested

Base level funding

The 2025-27 legislative base level funding in SB 2011 is \$68,085,546.00, which includes \$47,657,320 in general, \$12,271,559 in special, and \$8,156,667 in federal funds.

The 2025-27 executive budget request limit under Governor Burgum was \$50,021,562 in general funds, \$12,591,443 in special funds, and there was no limit on federal funding. The base budget limit added in the total market equity (TME) appropriation for the NDHP from the 2023-25 biennium which was \$1,288,655.

The total market equity funding was used to provide market equity funding for positions identified by OMB as needing adjustment. The other addition to the base limit was the NDPERS retirement contribution for \$29,903. The base limit also removed all the one-time funded items from the 2023-25 appropriation. I'll discuss the status of those items later in testimony.

The budget limit also had adjustments adding the funding that had been removed for the vacant FTE pool, \$5,319,935.00 and an NDIT allowance for \$266,476. Finally, there was a requested 3% reduction of general and special funds when we submitted our agency budget.

	General	Federal	Special	Total
2023-25 Legislative Appropriation	\$ 49,438,826.00	\$ 8,660,335.00	\$ 13,090,027.00	\$ 71,189,188.00
Adjustments for Base Budget				
Add TME Appropriation	\$ 1,035,355.00	\$ 143,373.00	\$ 109,927.00	\$ 1,288,655.00
Add Retirement Contribution	\$ 15,723.00	\$ 4,722.00	\$ 9,458.00	\$ 29,903.00
One-Time Items:				
Remove CVIEW		\$ (150,000.00)		\$ (150,000.00)
Remove New Trooper Startup Costs	\$ (514,584.00)	\$ (37,763.00)	\$ (83,653.00)	\$ (636,000.00)
Remove Inflationary Costs	\$ (2,154,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ (348,000.00)	\$ (2,562,000.00)
Remove Narcotics Tester	\$ (52,000.00)		\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)
Remove UAV's	\$ (89,000.00)		\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (104,000.00)
Remove Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ (23,000.00)	\$ (404,000.00)		\$ (427,000.00)
Remove Technology Enhancements			\$ (283,200.00)	\$ (283,200.00)
Remove Shooting Range Repairs			\$ (200,000.00)	\$ (200,000.00)
Legislative Base	\$ 47,657,320.00	\$ 8,156,667.00	\$ 12,271,559.00	\$ 68,085,546.00
Adjustments				
Add Funds Removed for Vacant FTE Pool	\$ 3,724,768.00	\$ 927,758.00	\$ 667,409.00	\$ 5,319,935.00
Add NDIT Allowance	\$ 186,533.00	\$ 34,642.00	\$ 45,301.00	\$ 266,476.00
Base Budget	\$ 51,568,621.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,984,269.00	\$ 73,671,957.00
Base Budget Reduction	\$ (1,547,059.00)		\$ (392,826.00)	\$ (1,939,885.00)
Base Budget after Reduction	\$ 50,021,562.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,591,443.00	\$ 71,732,072.00
2025-27 Base Budget Limit	\$ 50,021,562.00	No Limit	\$ 12,591,443.00	
Base Budget FTE				\$ 205.00

Now, I will begin to discuss the 2025-27 executive budget request. To start things off, the Highway Patrol submitted a budget that achieved the requested 3% reduction by reducing funding needed for salary and operating expenses equivalent to five (5) sworn trooper positions. The reduction achieved the 3% reduction in general funding along with the majority of the 3% reduction needed in special funding.

The remaining special fund reduction came through removing soft body armor, taser cartridges, and AED pads from special funding (Fund 276). These items were put into the permit funding model in the 2019-21 session and due to increases in cost for these items, it has made for difficult tracking. The body armor has increased in cost and has been moved to a general fund request which I will discuss in the decision packages, the taser cartridges have been moved to a separate request which will be part of an overall taser replacement request, and AED pads can likely be funded through other sources as needed.

Here you can see the Highway Patrol's budget is primarily salaries, motor pool, and equipment, which are the things needed to put troopers on the road and provide direct service to the public.

2025-27 Budget Base Level Request Items / Decision Packages

Restoration of positions

The first request is for the restoration of the funding for equivalent to the salary and operating expenses for five troopers. This amount is for \$4,687,343.00 in total funding or \$4,355,418.00 in general and \$331,925.00 in special funds. This was the amount that was provided by the agency to achieve the requested 3% budget reduction. This decision package was recommended in the executive budget, keeping the sworn staffing of the NDHP at 171 troopers.

Cost to continue – legislative increases

The next request is for the cost to continue funding in the amount of \$874,000, which is \$687,000 in general, \$111,000 in special, and \$76,000 in federal funds. This is the amount required to fund year number two of the legislatively funded 4% pay increase from the 2023-25 biennium. Like past biennia, when the funding passes on July 1, the funding for the full 24 months of the first-year increase is funded in the bill, but the ongoing amount needed for final 12 months the 2nd year of the increase is not provided and is an ongoing cost to continue for the agency. We are requesting this funding, and it was recommended in the executive budget.

Reinstatement of equipment funding

Partial reinstatement of one-time inflationary funding for equipment and moving it to a continuing appropriation is being requested in the amount of \$370,000. In the current biennium, we had \$520,000 of one-time funding for equipment, uniform, ammunition, and travel increases. We are requesting that the equipment portion be carried over and continued and it was recommended in the executive budget.

State fleet increases

State fleet, also known as motor pool, is a large portion of our agency's funding increase in this budget. In our current budget, we have approximately 6.5 million allocated for ongoing motor pool expenses. We budgeted for and received an additional \$2,042,000 in additional one-time funding which is removed in our base level funding. Between the ongoing and the one-time funding, we were planning for and funded for approximately 99 cents per mile. Currently, the actual billed rate is around 80 cents per mile. However, the 2025-2027 fleet rate guidance projects a significant increase in rates for the upcoming biennium. NDDOT provides and assigns vehicle and a motor pool vehicle guideline. The motor pool guideline has highway patrol vehicles at \$1.49/mile.

We also calculated using the assigned vehicle guidelines with the assumptions that we will drive 9,734,400 miles in the biennium with an estimated average monthly inventory of 188 vehicles.

The inventory considers that we have 171 officers with spare vehicles located in the regions for use when others are in for repairs, EVOC vehicles assigned to the LETA, and new vehicles in inventory that have been delivered but are awaiting to be upfitted and replaced. Using the guideline of \$448/vehicle/mo. plus \$1.13 per mile with the previously mentioned assumptions, the rate will be approximately \$1.34/mile. We built our request around the motor pool model of \$1.49 with the understanding that the one-time funding would be turned back if not needed.

There were multiple discussions with NDHP staff and NDDOT regarding the fleet guidelines. Increases in depreciation rates, increase in new vehicle sales, decrease in auction values, fuel cost, and cost of repairs (labor and parts) are all factors that they believe will drive the cost up in the next biennium, the executive budget recommendation has \$1,525,000 in ongoing funding and \$6,483,000 in one-time funding.

Body armor

We are requesting 184,000 in ongoing funding for body armor. The previous body armor funding was in the permit fund for \$124,000 in ongoing funding from the permit funding. As part of the 3% reduction to special funds, this was removed and requested in general funds to achieve two things. First, the tracking and accounting of body armor purchases was challenging because of different orders during the biennium being billed to different funding sources. Second, the amount of funding provided back in the 2019-21 biennium was no longer sufficient for today's pricing. We replace approximately 1/5 of our body armor annually, as body armor lasts approximately 5 years.

FLIR maintenance agreement

The Highway Patrol Cessna T206 aircraft is installed with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) device. The FLIR is used to search for missing and wanted individuals, track vehicles in pursuits, overwatch and surveillance as needed, and most recently provided valuable surveillance and monitoring of wildfires in the northwest part of the state. The FLIR was purchased in 2018 and the normal and extended warranty has expired. We are seeking funding for the service maintenance agreement to cover maintenance, training, and calibration for the remainder or the life of the unit. The anticipated end of service life of the FLIR is around 2029.

Crash Assistance Program

We are requesting funding authority from the electronic motor carrier permit fund for \$194,000 in special funds. The two Crash Assistance Program positions were originally funded in the 2021-23 biennium with funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund, but later the positions were transitioned to being partially federally funded. The funding is through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding administered and passed through the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The current VOCA funding for Federal Fiscal Year was reduced but was later off-set by state funding acquired by DOCR. We are anticipating, however increased reductions in funding for the upcoming biennium and can't accurately predict how much will be reduced.

NDIT Increases / Software

We are seeking \$150,000 in ongoing general and special funding to offset the costs for video editing software at the LETA to assist in the creation and editing of videos to be used to provide in a remote training platform, providing more opportunities for offerings to be provide to law enforcement agencies when an in-person or hands on experience isn't required.

Additionally, the funding will be used for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) agreement fees with NDIT to provide network support services for the Blackboard™ learning management program that was recently installed for use at the LETA.

The remaining funding will be used to assist with the current deficit in normal data processing funding the NDHP experiences each month.

Lease rate increases

We are requesting \$222,000 in ongoing general and special funding the lease increases at properties around the state.

- Bismarck hangar space will increase by an additional \$2,500/biennium.
- Bismarck warehouse location to increase by and additional \$4,000/biennium.
- Grand Forks regional office to increase by an additional \$8,600/biennium.

Additionally, we are seeking new space for the Minot office. Our current space is up for sale and is not in the best condition. The current landlord does not wish to keep up with timely and necessary improvements. We are currently in discussions with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Office of Management and Budget Facility Management for the potential of a new construction in Minot. We are awaiting further information. If project does not come to fruition, we will seek new space. The anticipated rate needed in this request is \$60,000.

The Devils Lake office is also dated, and there is a potential opportunity to have lease space in a Law Enforcement Center that is in the planning stages to be constructed. Estimates indicate an increase of approximately \$25,000 per biennium. If the new LEC does not come to fruition, it is still request that we receive the funding to explore more acceptable space at in Devils Lake.

The last lease request is for the Fargo office. During a previous biennium the agency was requested to submit a reduced budget. As part of that reduced budget, the agency gave up lease space in Fargo and Bismarck and moved into space in the NDDOT offices at a reduced rate. Although the space in Bismarck has worked well, the space in Fargo is not large enough to meet our needs. We are seeking funding to either find additional space or relocate our office to a larger space. This is a difficult topic, because we do enjoy the partnership, relationships, and convenience of being at the DOT building in Fargo, but the space is just too small for the needs of our highest staffed regional office in the state. We are seeking \$122,000 in additional lease funding for Fargo.

In-Car router program ongoing costs

The Highway Patrol received a grant for \$500,000 through the US Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice assistance as part of a body camera grant program. The funding is being and will be used for body camera policy and program development, training for our agency, other law enforcement, and prosecutors from around the state. The main use of the funding, however, will be to purchase in-car routers with the funding. In car router technology will boost the WiFi signal in our patrol vehicles which will ultimately help upload body camera footage from vehicles as well as transition to livestreaming at some point. There are many other non-body camera related benefits of having a network in the vehicle that is provided by the router. The network will enhance the performance of the laptop and bring the ability to update the new SIRN radios remotely. The funding request is for \$210,000 of ongoing general and special funds will for the NDIT fees to provide network support, hardware support, and a hardware replacement model built into the fee for when it comes time to update the router hardware. In-Car router technology has become the standard in law enforcement, especially in rural areas requiring the ability to boost a signal beyond just a traditional SIM card/external booster combination that we currently operate in our laptops. This configuration also requires us to run everything in our vehicle requiring network through the laptop, which slows down the machine.

EcoStruxure™ Security Expert

The Security Expert funding request is an extension to a project from the current biennium. NDIT received funding for the installation of hardware for the project that is nearing completion or has recently been completed. The previous project was for the installation of all the upgraded door access hardware on the capitol complex doors. The funding we are requesting is for the software licensing to control the door access. The highway is in charge of security and has the responsibility of assigning card access. To streamline funding, it was agreed upon by OMB, NDIT, and the NDHP that it best fit within our budget to pay for the software. We would pay for the software licensing instead of other the other agencies needing to bill back to individual user agencies. The request is for \$218,000 in general funds.

Status of 2023-25 One-Time Projects

One-Time Funding Item	Amount	Source	Status
New Trooper Startup Cost	\$ 636,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Complete (100%)
State Fleet Mileage Increase	\$ 2,042,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Pending
Inflationary Increase	\$ 520,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Narcotics Tester	\$ 60,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Complete (100%)
UAV Enhancements	\$ 104,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ 427,000.00	Federal/General	Partial
Technology Projects	\$ 283,200.00	Gen./Spec.	Partial
CVIEW Project	\$ 150,000.00	Federal	Complete
Range Enhancements	\$ 200,000.00	Special	Partial (75%)
Total	\$ 4,422,200.00		

The first one-time item in the current biennium is the new trooper startup costs for \$636,000, these are the costs associated with putting a new trooper on the road. They coincided with the twelve new trooper positions that were authorized and hired for. The costs mainly include equipment for the vehicle and officer and uniforms.

There was \$2,042,000.00 put into the current biennium budget for motor pool, we anticipate having to use some of the funding for motor pool, but there will likely be turnback. It is unknown what the turnback will be at this point with six months remaining in the biennium.

As mentioned previously in testimony, for the next item, inflationary increases in equipment, ammunition, uniforms, and travel were also included in our current budget as a one time for \$520,000. At this point we are comfortable reducing that amount to only an ongoing request in equipment for \$370,000.

The Tru-Narc™ narcotics testers for \$60,000 funded in this biennium have been purchased and one is being used in Fargo and one in Bismarck.

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program funding for \$104,000 is partially completed. The remaining purchases are being put on hold pending the status of HB1038 regarding the purchase of US made only UAV's. That bill will determine the type and number we can purchase prior to the end of the biennium.

We were provided \$427,000 in additional spending authority to utilize additional Federal MCSAP funds that were made available after the passage of the Biden Infrastructure Law (BIL). Those enhancements included a purchase of UAV's to be used for MCSAP related purposes, that project is completed. The next item was the purchase of crash reconstruction equipment for our crash reconstructionists to use in the investigation and reconstruction of commercial vehicle crashes, that project is completed. Funding was provided to use for the Upper Great Plains Traffic Institute to complete a Safe Truck Mobility Study, which focused on wintertime CMV driving and crashes in North Dakota, that project was completed. There was funding to complete some software programming between our records management program and the federal CMV inspection program, that was not completed. There was also funding to complete an electronic signage project at the Buxton rest area to assist with providing direction for CMV inspections. That project was not completed due to the inability to find interested contractors to bid the project for the funds available. The funding for the uncompleted projects will be de-obligated.

We were provided \$283,200 in one-time funding for technology projects. Those projects included the implementation of the Blackboard™ learning management system at the law enforcement training academy, which is just nearing completion, Power FTO™ field training software (complete), a portal for state's attorney's to view videos from our video system (partially completed, but functional), video and photo storage, various maintenance projects for our dailies and records management program, and a real time dashboard research project. The maintenance projects are partially completed, and the dashboard project will not be completed, and the funds will be turned back.

The Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW), which was \$150,000 in one-time federal funding carried over from the 2019-21 biennium is fully completed. The CVIEW is used to bring multiple data sources together for our troopers, primarily our MCSAP troopers to conduct CMV inspections more efficiently on interstate carriers.

The indoor shooting range project, which we received \$200,000 in one-time funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund is nearing completion. Enhancements have been made to the flooring, portable targets through Triumph Systems, a lead vacuum, and a new electronic targeting system through Action Targets will be installed this spring. In addition to the indoor enhancements, we may also be able to fund some ventilation improvements to our outdoor range to address some immediate concerns with smoke not clearing on days when the wind is not blowing out of the right direction. The smoke has made the range unusable at times and unhealthy. This project was also requested and has been approved in the 2025-27 executive budget.

2025-27 Budget One-time funding requests:

One-Time Funding Item	Amount	Source
Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser™)	\$ 870,000.00	Special (Fund 276)
Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Resurface	\$ 260,000.00	General/Special
Preliminary Alcohol Breath Screening Device	\$ 50,000.00	General/Special
Outdoor Range Ventilation	\$ 35,000.00	General/Special
Total	\$ 1,215,000.00	

The first one-time request is for Conducted Energy Weapon, otherwise known as Taser™ replacement. Our current taser is the model X26P, which is reaching the end of life and will no longer be serviced by Axon, the manufacturer. They are no longer warrantied. The current units we have were purchased in 2018. We are requesting funding to purchase the Taser 10, which will provide greater reliability with the capability to use at a further distance with more probes, up to 10, if necessary. The request is for 162 units for a total of \$870,000 in one-time funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund, which includes the taser, cartridge replacements, training, and necessary service. Here's a video demonstrating the use of the Taser 10:

The next request is for \$260,000 in funding for a resurface of the driving pad which is used for the emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC). The pad is vital for training law enforcement in emergency vehicle operations. We have worked with NDDOT to investigate options to best maintain the pad based on the current condition and they have offered the suggestion of the resurface. The pad was constructed in 2014 and was last resurfaced in 2018.

The next one-time request is for preliminary alcohol breath testing (PBT) device replacements. Our current units were purchased in 2012. The fuel cells are exceeding their useful life. These units are a critical tool for troopers to determine impairment of drivers who are being tested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The request is for \$50,000 in one-time funding.

The last one-time funding request was for \$35,000 to be able to fund some ventilation improvements to our outdoor range. As previously mentioned, these improvements will remedy concerns with smoke not clearing on days when the wind is not blowing out of the right direction. The smoke has made the range unusable at times and unhealthy. Although this is a request that has been approved in the executive budget, it may be able to be completed with funds available in the current biennium funding for range improvements and we are working to make that happen due to the health issues posed by the conditions.

Agency Collections

Fund	2023-2025 Collections (Est.)*	2025-2027 Collections (Est.)*
Permit Fund (276)	\$2,443,000	\$2,443,000
Highway Fund (200)	\$36,746,000	\$36,746,000
ID Card Fund (471)	\$1,000	\$1,000
HTDF Fuel Tax (400)	\$170,000	\$170,000
Misc. Gen Rev. (001)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total	\$39,380,000	\$39,380,000

**Estimates based on biennium to date collections as of November 30, 2024:*

- Collections from fund 276 e-permit fees - \$1,730,484
- Hwy Fund 200 overload fees - \$26,028,352
- ID card processing fund 471 fees - \$670

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

The highway patrol was appropriated \$5,731,223.55 in State Fiscal Recovery Funds. We've spent or obligated to spend \$5,421,483.55. The remaining funds have been identified with OMB to be de-obligated. Approximately \$309,740.00 will be transferred from the NDHP for use by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Additional Appropriation Considerations

Currently, the highway patrol has three sections listed in our appropriations bill that we'd ask for your consideration to carry over into next biennium.

The first, in SECTION 2, is a transfer of highway tax distribution funds from the Department of Transportation, which is the amount necessary to achieve the approximate 14% ratio to 86% general funds for the general/special funded items in the NDHP budget. A transfer of \$10,878,893 in highway tax distribution funds was recommended in the executive budget.

The second, in SECTION 3, is related to a transfer of special funds from the electronic motor carrier permit transaction fund. This fund has been used to cover expenses related to the online permits system in addition to expenses for a permit supervisor, two permit technicians, a records technician, three administrative assistants and partial funding for two crash assistance program members. The requested amount from the permits is \$1,392,668. This amount is recommended in the executive budget.

The third, in SECTION 4, is related to an unvouchered expense of \$200 per month that is provided to sworn officers in lieu of processing individual reimbursement requests for expenses such as dry-cleaning and meals while officers are working in-state. This expense has been authorized for decades, and the current level of \$200 has been in place since the 2009 legislative session. This amount is recommended in the executive budget.

Agency-Related Bills

- **Senate Bill 2075**
 - Intrastate driver exemptions, changing 12-hour requirement to 14 hours for an employee to be released from work.
 - With the Senate Transportation Committee
 - No budgetary impact
- **Senate Bill 2083**
 - Crash scene image exemptions for body camera footage that may contain nudity, serious bodily injury or a deceased individual.
 - With the Senate Judiciary Committee
 - No budgetary impact
- **Senate Bill 2098**
 - State Alert Notice system
 - Puts Amber, Blue and Silver alerts under one century code and sets activation requirements.
- **House Bill 1038**
 - Uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program
- **House Bill 1199**
 - Missing Indigenous People Task Force
 - Address barriers to locating indigenous individuals
- **Senate Bill 2120**
 - ND Highway Patrol Retirement System
 - With the Senate State and Local Government Committee
 - Increases funding liability to 90% as of January 1, 2026
 - Budgetary impact of \$35,700.00
 - The highway patrol's PERS fund is projected to become insolvent based on the most recent actuarial valuation results dated October 25, 2022.
 - The highway patrol went through a four-year cycle of 0.5% employee and employer contribution rate increases that started January 1 of 2022 and ended January 1 of 2025 – 4% total.
 - Factoring upcoming rate increases, the highway patrol fund is still 16% below the “actuarially required rate” for contributions.
 - The funded ratio is currently around 70% and is projected to be around 40% by the year 2062.
 - Several options have been discussed including a one-time infusion, which this bill potentially addresses.

PERS Plans - As of January 2025	Main	Public Safety	Highway Patrol
Employee PERS Contribution*	3	1.5	11.3
Employee Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Total Employee Contribution	9.2	7.7	11.3
Employer PERS Contribution	12.26	11.93	25.7
Employer Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Medicare	1.45	1.45	1.45
Health Insurance Credit	0	1.14	1.14
Total Employer Contribution	19.91	20.72	28.29
Total Combined Contribution	29.11	28.42	39.59
Vesting	3 years - age 65	3 years	10 years
Early Retirement Age	60	50	50
Normal Retirement Age	Rule of 90 - age 65	Rule of 85 - age 55	Rule of 80 - age 55
Benefit Formula	1.75%	1.75%	3.6% for 25 years then 1.75%
Early Retirement Reduction	8%/year	6%/year	6%/year
<i>*Factoring 4% of employee portion covered by the state.</i>			

Changes to the Executive Budget Recommendation

The Highway Patrol is not seeking any changes to the executive budget recommendation.

Conclusion

As the superintendent of the highway patrol representing North Dakota's finest public safety professionals, we ask for your support in allowing us to serve the public.

As the state's population has steadily increased, so has crime. Today's young generation doesn't necessarily seek out physical jobs. To progressively stay near full staffing, we implemented military police waivers, an accelerated academy for prior experienced officers, we've changed our education requirements, and we transformed our cultural liaison officer position into a hybrid with recruitment. Our employees have displayed an unprecedented level of dedication, heroism, and commitment to the citizens of this state.

For 90 years we have been the agency others rely on in times of natural disasters and emergencies. While the state's population has increased, so has the increase of drugs into our communities. We stand committed to the citizens in the prevention of not only traffic deaths, but all unnecessary deaths.

We are involved in a dangerous and unforgiving profession with public safety in mind. In this current biennium, we've had nine trooper's vehicles struck and totaled, nine troopers have been assaulted, and one officer involved shooting. Troopers have continuously put public safety ahead of their own.

This session presents an opportunity to send a clear message of support. The highway patrol is more than traffic safety, we are public safety. This concludes my testimony, and I look forward to working with you all more closely as the session continues. Before we close, I'd like to offer that my testimony on the highway patrol budget is a day before Governor Armstrong releases his budget. Our request may change and we'll most likely be in front of this committee with any updates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

I would ask for your consideration of the executive budget recommendation.

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
1/21/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

10:21 a.m. Chairman Wanzek opened the meeting.

Members present were Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Budget comparison & reduction
- Inflationary increases
- General Fund spending
- State fleet cost
- Full Time Employee (FTE) Pool
- Travel cost
- One-time fleet funding
- Budget request
- Calculation methodology

10:22 a.m. Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst Brady Larson provided budget information and submitted testimony #31756, #31757, #31758 and #33935.

10:33 a.m. Larry Martin, Analyst, OMB, provided budget information and referenced testimony #31757.

10:52 a.m. Daniel Haugen, Superintendent of ND Highway Patrol, testified neutrally.

10:56 a.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff, ND Highway Patrol, testified neutrally.

11:10 a.m. Chairman Wanzek closed the hearing.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

	General Fund Base		Total Base		
	General Fund	Increase	Other Funds	Total	Increase
Base budget	\$47,657,320		\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	
Base budget adjustments and reductions	(\$1,547,059)	(3.2%)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)	(2.8%)
Cost to continue salary increases	687,000	1.4%	187,687	874,687	1.3%
Salary increase	1,466,329	3.1%	550,758	2,017,087	3.0%
Health insurance increase	886,517	1.9%	332,554	1,219,071	1.8%
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool	1,705,561	3.6%	886,353	2,591,914	3.8%
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool	2,019,207	4.2%	708,816	2,728,023	4.0%
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions	1,190,778	2.5%	193,847	1,384,625	2.0%
Ongoing state fleet costs	204,000	0.4%	1,322,000	1,526,000	2.2%
FLIR maintenance	76,000	0.2%	12,000	88,000	0.1%
Capitol security technology costs	218,000	0.5%		218,000	0.3%
Lease rate increases	191,000	0.4%	31,000	222,000	0.3%
Inflationary increases	318,000	0.7%	52,000	370,000	0.5%
IT data processing and software	130,000	0.3%	20,000	150,000	0.2%
In-car router system	180,000	0.4%	30,000	210,000	0.3%
IT ongoing costs	186,533	0.4%	79,943	266,476	0.4%
Total ongoing funding changes	\$11,076,506	16.6%	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	17.5%
One-Time Funding Items					
Fleet services	4,275,000	9.0%	208,000	4,483,000	6.6%
Taser replacements	-	0.0%	870,000	870,000	1.3%
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface	-	0.0%	260,000	260,000	0.4%
Preliminary breath test devices	43,000	0.1%	7,000	50,000	0.1%
Shooting range ventilation	30,000	0.1%	5,000	35,000	0.1%
Body armor	158,000	0.3%	26,000	184,000	0.3%
Victims of crime act position	-	0.0%	194,000	194,000	0.3%
Total one-time funding changes	4,506,000	9.5%	1,570,000	6,076,000	8.9%
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	15,582,506	26.1%	5,722,206	21,304,712	26.4%



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Burgum Budget				Armstrong Budget				Armstrong Budget Compared to Burgum Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,812,795	675,641	2,488,436		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		(\$346,466)	(\$124,883)	(471,349)
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343				0
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
Information technology data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
Information technology ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,422,972	\$4,277,089	\$15,700,061	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	0.00	(\$346,466)	(\$124,883)	(\$471,349)
One-Time Funding Items												
Fleet services		\$6,275,000	\$208,000	\$6,483,000		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000		(\$2,000,000)		(\$2,000,000)
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000		43,000	7,000	50,000				0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$6,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$8,076,000	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$17,928,972	\$5,847,089	\$23,776,061	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712	0.00	(\$2,346,466)	(\$124,883)	(\$2,471,349)
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$65,586,292	\$26,275,315	\$91,861,607	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258	0.00	(\$2,346,466)	(\$124,883)	(\$2,471,349)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$10,126,739				\$10,069,876				(\$56,863)	
<i>Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	24.0%	20.9%	23.1%	0.0%	23.2%	20.3%	22.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Total changes - Percentage of base level</i>	0.0%	37.6%	28.6%	34.9%	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504 Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Armstrong Executive Budget				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343				0
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
Information technology data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
Information technology ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-Time Funding Items								
Fleet services		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000				\$0
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000				0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546
Federal funds included in other funds			\$10,069,876				\$8,156,667	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	23.2%	20.3%	22.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Armstrong Executive Budget				Senate Version				Senate Compared to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625		(\$3,164,640)	(\$138,078)	(3,302,718)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool				0		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	0.00	\$7,142,771	\$3,735,313	\$10,878,084	0.00	(\$3,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$4,350,628)
One-Time Funding Items												
Fleet services		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000				\$0
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000		43,000	7,000	50,000				0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712	0.00	\$11,648,771	\$5,305,313	\$16,954,084	0.00	(\$3,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$4,350,628)
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258	205.00	\$59,306,091	\$25,733,539	\$85,039,630	0.00	(\$3,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$4,350,628)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$10,069,876		\$9,943,655			(\$126,221)				
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	23.2%	20.3%	22.4%	0.0%	15.0%	18.3%	16.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%	0.0%	24.4%	26.0%	24.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
1/21/2025
p.m.

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.
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2:02 p.m. Chairman Wanzek opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Fleet Funding
- Milage Expense

2:02 p.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff for ND Highway Patrol, responded to committee questions.

2:05 p.m. Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk by Lynn Wolf

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
1/22/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

2:02 p.m. Chairman Wanzek opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Directions from Senate Leadership
- New and vacant Full-time employee (FTE) pool
- Inflationary increase
- State fleet service
- Vehicle and fuel cost

2:09 p.m. Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst Brady Larson provided budget information and referenced testimony #31756, #31575, and #31758.

2:17 p.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff for ND Highway Patrol, testified in favor and referenced testimony #28939.

2:30 p.m. Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
1/28/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

9:09 a.m. Chairman Wanzek opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Wanzek, Vice-Chair Dwyer, Senator Burckhard, Senator Erbele, and Senator Sickler.

Discussion Topics:

- Trooper costs
- 25/27 New and Vacant Full Time Employee (FTE) Pool
- Fleet services
- One-time funding
- Insurance subrogation
- Vehicle turnover rate
- Depreciation
- Armstrong budget reduction
- Permit system
- Surplus property definition

9:10 a.m. Brady Larson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst, provided budget information and submitted testimony #32153 and 32580.

9:13 a.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff for ND Highway Patrol, testified neutrally.

9:18 a.m. Stephanie Johnson, OMB Analyst, provided budget information.

9:20 a.m. Aaron Hummel testified neutrally.

9: 50 a.m. Senator Dwyer moved a Do Pass for an amendment to confirm the correction to The Armstrong budget that removes the cost of four new troopers, the savings from the 25/27 New and Vacant FTE Pool, and the savings from the Fleet Services line.

Senator Erbele seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y

Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y
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Motion passed 5-0-0

9:54 a.m. Senator Dwyer moved a Do Pass as Amended for SB 2011.

Senators	Vote
Senator Terry M. Wanzek	Y
Senator Randy A. Burckhard	Y
Senator Michael Dwyer	Y
Senator Robert Erbele	Y
Senator Jonathan Sickler	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Sickler will carry the bill.

9:55 a.m. Chairman Wanzek closed the hearing.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

Legislative Council

Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Armstrong Executive Budget				Senate Version				Senate Compared to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625		(\$3,164,640)	(\$138,078)	(3,302,718)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool				0		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	0.00	\$7,142,771	\$3,735,313	\$10,878,084	0.00	(\$3,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$4,350,628)
One-Time Funding Items												
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Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	\$231,000	\$1,362,000	\$1,593,000	0.00	(\$4,275,000)	(\$208,000)	(\$4,483,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712	0.00	\$7,373,771	\$5,097,313	\$12,471,084	0.00	(\$8,208,735)	(\$624,893)	(\$8,833,628)
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258	205.00	\$55,031,091	\$25,525,539	\$80,556,630	0.00	(\$8,208,735)	(\$624,893)	(\$8,833,628)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$10,069,876					\$9,943,655		(\$126,221)		
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	23.2%	20.3%	22.4%	0.0%	15.0%	18.3%	16.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%	0.0%	15.5%	25.0%	18.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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SB 2011
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8:58 a.m. Vice-Chair Erbele opened the hearing.

Members Present: Vice-Chairman Erbele, and Senators Burckhard, Cleary, Conley, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Mathern, Schaible, Sickler, Sorvaag, Thomas, Wanzek.
Members Absent: Chairman Bekkedahl, Senators Magrum, Meyer.

Discussion Topics:

- Fund Reductions
- Committee Action

8:58 a.m. Senator Sickler introduced the bill, the amendment LC 25.0178.01002 and submitted testimony #32896.

9:12 a.m. Senator Sickler moved to adopt the amendment LC 25.0178.01002.

9:12 a.m. Senator Wanzek seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
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Senator Sickler will carry the bill.

9:14 a.m. Vice-Chair Erbele closed the hearing.

Elizabeth Reiten, Committee Clerk

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
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Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0178.01002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2011 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

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Department 504 - Highway Patrol - Detail of Senate Changes

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New and vacant FTE pool						\$2,445,122
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Less estimated income	(392,830)	193,847	187,687	883,312	1,595,169	(278,815)
General fund	(\$1,547,059)	\$1,190,778	\$687,000	\$2,352,846	\$3,724,768	(\$769,095)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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New and vacant FTE pool						
Highway Patrol	\$5,009,000	\$932,476	\$592,000	\$1,104,000	\$260,000	\$194,000
Total all funds	\$5,009,000	\$932,476	\$592,000	\$1,104,000	\$260,000	\$194,000
Less estimated income	1,530,000	141,943	83,000	903,000	260,000	194,000
General fund	\$3,479,000	\$790,533	\$509,000	\$201,000	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Less estimated income	5,000	5,305,313
General fund	\$30,000	\$10,648,771
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Base budget funding is adjusted including the removal of funding for 5 FTE trooper positions.

² Funding for 5 FTE trooper positions removed in the base budget is restored.

³ Funding for costs to continue 2023-25 biennium salary increases is added.

⁴ The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3

percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salary increase	\$1,466,329	\$550,758	\$2,017,087
Health insurance increase	<u>886,517</u>	<u>332,554</u>	<u>1,219,071</u>
Total	\$2,352,846	\$883,312	\$3,236,158

⁵ Funding is added to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023-25 new FTE pool	\$1,705,561	\$886,353	\$2,591,914
2023-25 vacant FTE pool	<u>2,019,207</u>	<u>708,816</u>	<u>\$2,728,023</u>
Total	\$3,724,768	\$1,595,169	\$5,319,937

⁶ Funding of \$3,493,032 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$2,445,122 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item resulting in net savings of \$1,047,910.

⁷ Ongoing (\$1,526,000) and one-time (\$3,483,000) funding is added for estimated 2025-27 state fleet costs.

⁸ Funding is increased for the following technology items:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Forward looking infrared system maintenance	\$76,000	\$12,000	\$88,000
Capitol security technology costs	218,000		218,000
In car router systems	180,000	30,000	210,000
Information technology costs	<u>316,533</u>	<u>99,943</u>	<u>416,476</u>
Total	\$790,533	\$141,943	\$932,476

⁹ Funding is added for increases in building lease costs (\$222,000) and equipment (\$370,000).

¹⁰ One-time funding is added for the following equipment purchases:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Preliminary breath test devices	\$43,000	\$7,000	\$50,000
Conductive electronic weapon replacement		870,000	870,000
Body armor	<u>158,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>184,000</u>
Total	\$201,000	\$903,000	\$1,104,000

¹¹ One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund is added to resurface the emergency vehicle operations course.

¹² One-time funding is added for the salaries of crash assistance positions.

¹³ One-time funding is added for a ventilation upgrade at the agency's shooting range.

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This amendment also:

- Adds a section regarding the use of funding from the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds and adjusts sections identifying the amount of funds provided from the strategic investment and improvements fund, highway tax distribution fund, and motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

2025 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2011

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division

Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2011

3/6/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

2:30 p.m. Chairman Monson opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Representatives: Bosch, Fisher, Kempenich, Meier, Pyle.

Discussion Topics:

- Highway Patrol Mission Statement
- Criminal Interdiction Division
- Car Crash Statistics in ND
- Law Enforcement Training Center
- Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefing
- ND Highway Patrol Turnover and Retention
- Highway Patrol Weapons
- State Fleet Funding
- Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) maintenance
- Ecostruxure Security Expert Project

2:31 p.m. Daniel Haugen, Superintendent, ND Highway Patrol, testified in favor and submitted testimony #39303, #39335, and #39375.

3:16 p.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff, ND Highway Patrol, answered questions for the committee.

Additional written testimony:

Brady Larson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council, submitted neutral testimony #39330.

4:13 p.m. Chairman Monson adjourned the meeting.

Madaline Cooper, Committee Clerk

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Testimony in Support of

Senate Bill No. 2011House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division

March 6, 2025

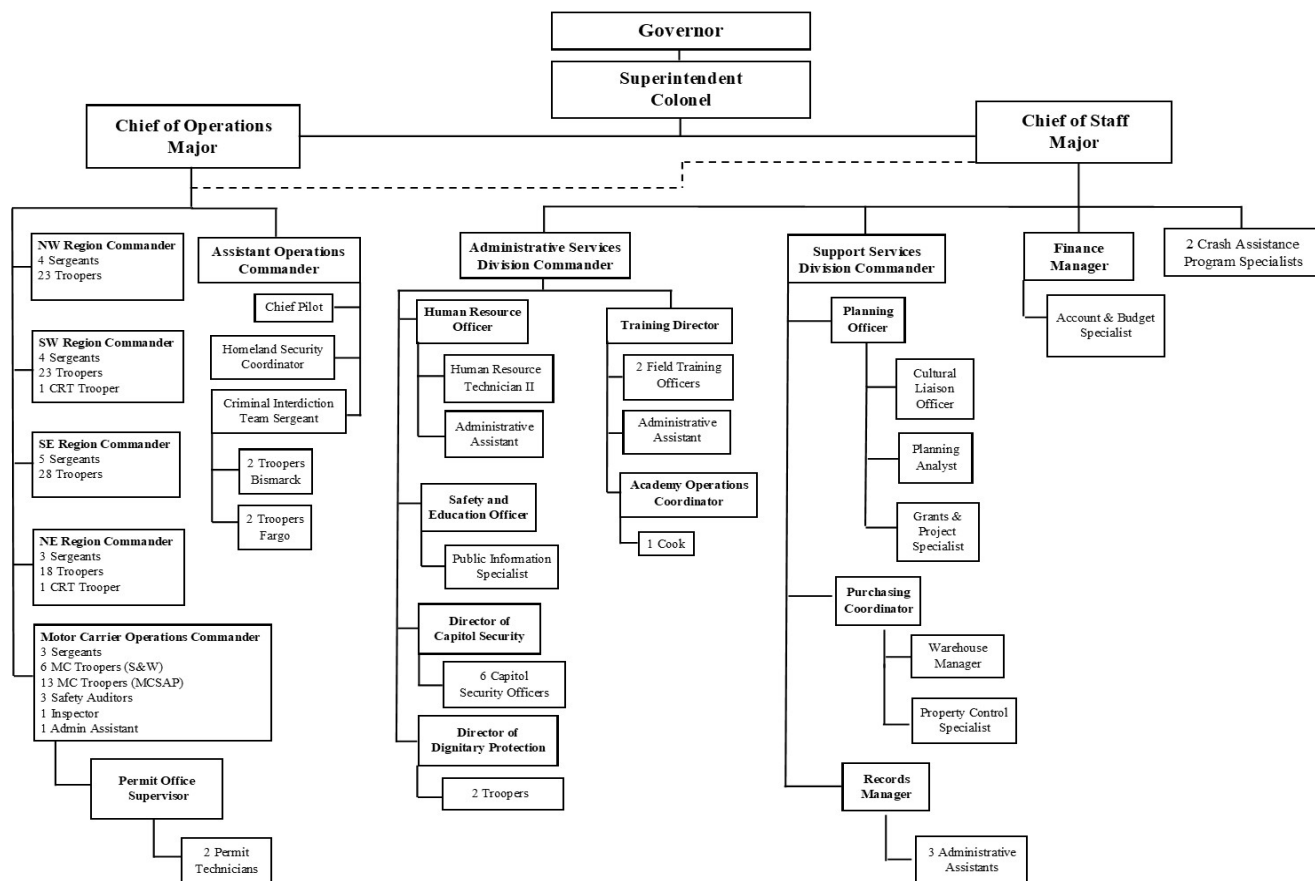
TESTIMONY OF

Colonel Daniel Haugen, Superintendent**Introduction**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the House Government Operations Division. My name is Daniel Haugen, and I proudly serve as the recently appointed 18th superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

The North Dakota Highway Patrol was founded 90 years ago in 1935, and the agency's primary statutory authority and responsibility comes from North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39-03. The highway patrol is comprised of two major components: field operations and administration.

NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL ORGANIZATION CHART



The field operations side consists of four geographical regions and our motor carrier operations. The administration component consists of the administrative services division (human resources & training academy), and the support services division (equipment). The highway patrol has 171 sworn troopers and 34 civilian support staff.

Our emphasis as an agency has been on public safety through education and enforcement activities. Educating motorists to make the right decision is preferred over having to take enforcement action, but enforcing traffic and criminal laws remains our primary function. Educating the public and trying to prevent crashes and traffic violations from ever occurring is a continual cycle. Every day that the department of transportation is open, a batch of new drivers hit the road. If troopers are called to a crash or make a traffic stop, then it's too late – a violation already occurred – so we continue to explore ways to dedicate more time and energy to prevention efforts.

The highway patrol's primary focus was traffic safety for these 90 years. Today there continues to be three major contributing factors to serious injury and fatality crashes. Those are speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, and driving impaired. If we could eliminate those three violations, we'd save a lot of lives.

Speeding alone is a contributing factor in approximately ¼ of all fatality crashes, but it's such a common violation that many don't recognize the true danger of it. Distracted driving continues to be an issue as well, but it's a more difficult violation to identify, especially after a crash occurs.

The highway patrol's tireless efforts to reduce crashes and unnecessary injuries and deaths on our roadways has been the agency's goal since 1935. In addition to traffic safety, the highway patrol assists other law enforcement agencies with emergencies and calls for service, especially when resources are limited. Many law enforcement agencies in North Dakota are smaller, we all need to work together and help each other out regardless of the color of their uniform.

North Dakota has the opportunity to become the safest state in the nation. Most of us who reside here feel safe in our communities, and it's one of the reasons people choose to live in North Dakota. Maintaining a sense of safety wouldn't be possible without solid partnerships between federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, and the highway patrol is grateful for all the first responders and dispatchers who work toward a common goal of providing public safety.

The highway patrol's mission is to make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure. If you were to ask our employees for one word that summarizes the agency, many of them would say professionalism. Our past and present employees are respected in their communities, and we are fortunate to have strong public support. We're committed to enhancing that public trust by being transparent and continually searching for opportunities to strengthen our relationships with stakeholders even further.

The citizens of North Dakota count on our employees to be responsive and proactive. Our employees enforce traffic laws, investigate crashes, provide safety presentations, help stranded motorists, and assist other agencies and community members during times of crisis. Our employees take pride in performing their duties and serving the citizens of this great state. Our officers are proud to wear the uniform of a North Dakota state trooper, and I appreciate the courage and commitment displayed by our entire team.

Audit Findings

We are happy to report that we had no findings in our most recent audit ending June 30, 2022. All recommendations from the previous audit were implemented.

Current Biennium Accomplishments

Criminal Interdiction Team Successes – Our department expanded the Criminal Interdiction Team from five to nine members. We currently have teams covering US-2, I-94, and I-29 to slow the transportation of illicit narcotics to and through our state.

	2023	2024
Fentanyl	11.3 lbs	15.4 lbs
Marijuana	133.34 lbs	1,199.5 lbs
THC	3.7 lbs	86 lbs
Methamphetamine	1.4 lbs	30.5 lbs
Cocaine	1.7 lbs	18 lbs
Psilocybin	1.1 lbs	14 lbs

Reduction in Fatal Crashes - Our department continues its focus with emphasis on speed, seat belt usage, right of way, DUI, criminal interdiction, motor carrier enforcement, distracted driving, and education efforts.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Crashes	100	101	98	106	90

The highway patrol covered 45% of all serious injury and 84% of all fatal crashes throughout the state in 2024. Our troopers reconstructed 241 serious injury or fatal crashes and filed 142 criminal charges. Our civilian Crash Assistance Program employees provided 675 services to insurance companies, court system, crash victims and their families this current biennium.

Tracking & Search Efforts - Our department's Emergency Response Team has evolved over the years from specializing just in crowd management to also search and rescues. The troopers on the team are professionally trained in tracking. The team composes of troopers, three bloodhound teams and our aircraft with FLIR capabilities. Our three, Man-Trailing (Bloodhound) Teams remained very active these past two years. In 2023, we conducted 46 searches and in 2024, we conducted 59 searches. These operations ranged from missing person searches to fugitive manhunts.

Law Enforcement Training Academy Modernization Project - The highway patrol is given statutory responsibility to manage the state's law enforcement training center. It is responsible for not only basic academy training but also continuing education throughout the year. Since it was built in 1971, the building presented many challenges during the remodel. The hidden plumbing system within the floor and walls was in worse condition than expected and a good amount of funding was used for the abatement of an unexpected large amount of asbestos within the floors and ceilings. The building has been transformed into a modern facility that will allow us to continue to provide a service to the local political subdivisions. The \$3,000,000 received came from the Federal and State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The project started in early 2023 and was completed this past fall.

The Implementation of Blackboard online learning management system within the Law Enforcement Training Academy was completed. This program is the gold standard within the university system nationwide. This will greatly enhance the quantity and quality of the instruction we provide to law enforcement agencies. With the use of this program and others, agencies will be able to receive more of their continuing education online without the expense of traveling to Bismarck. This saves them salary, mileage, and hotel costs. In 2024, the academy served approximately 1,400 law enforcement officers from 92 different law enforcement agencies, directly impacting the services they provide.

Combined Agency Aircraft Details - Our department's aircraft was called into service for locating missing persons, fugitive searches, vehicle pursuits, and overwatch for narcotic operations. The plane was called out 37 times in 2023 and 35 times in 2024. Our agency has benefited from the use of our different planes over many decades. While in the past, we were limited by the technology we had, today we are relied upon for our capability of professional searches and tracking. With the use of our forward-looking infrared camera system and operator, we were able to partner with local law enforcement agencies to assist them in with enforcement operations within their communities. During this current biennium, the highway patrol partnered with both Bismarck and Fargo Police Departments for targeted traffic enforcement. In October, the NDHP and Fargo Police Department partnered to address unsafe driving behaviors within the city of Fargo.

The operation yielded 14 impaired drivers removed from the roadway and a fleeing motorcycle was tracked safely from the sky to where the suspect stopped and subsequently arrested. The motorcycle had been driving over 100 mph in a 30-mph zone.

The agency worked alongside other first responders during the October 2024 wildfires in northwest North Dakota. We assisted residents in the evacuation from their homes, rescuing stranded individuals, traffic control, administered lifesaving medical aid and provided mapping services with the use of our aircraft and (Forward Looking Infrared Radar) FLIR camera system. Our plane was able to map active hotspots to guide local firefighting efforts.

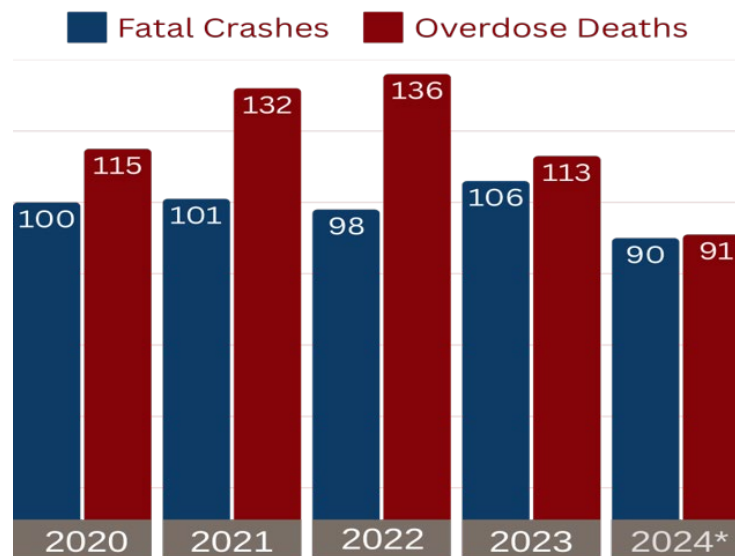
Continued mental health efforts and enhancements - Our agency expanded mental health outreach for law enforcement. We are involved in a clinical mental health network project with the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services (NDDHHS) which expanded to all law enforcement statewide. The partnership has also helped to make clinical services available at Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefings. For example, these clinicians will be part of a team that will provide critical incident stress management services to law enforcement and first responders involved in the recent multiple homicide incident in the Spirit Lake area. We've enhanced the highway patrol's Critical Incident Stress Management team to provide continued peer services to troopers and partner agencies upon request. Our team has provided much needed peer to peer critical stress management both internally and external to the agency to other law enforcement dealing with critical incidents such as officer involved shootings. Recently, we've also partnered with the NDDHHS to implement AVEL services to troopers statewide. AVEL provides expert 24/7 behavioral health assessments using telemedicine technology to those we are interacting with that may be having a mental health crisis. We can connect those in need with services right on the spot.

The Highway Patrol has enhanced our social media education and awareness efforts by growing the agency's Facebook page to over 115,000 followers, and our Instagram reach to over 20,900 followers.

Challenges and Next Biennium Goals

For 90 years, our agency's focus has been on traffic safety. However, we must continue to evolve and meet the needs of today's citizens. Unfortunately, as you can see, overdose deaths in North Dakota have remained higher than traffic fatalities. Our agency isn't changing its core mission but will continue to broaden our efforts as the citizen's needs change.

We've implemented Criminal Interdiction Teams along I-29, I-94 and US Hwy 2, which have been very successful. Next, we will be looking at becoming more active participants in the opioid fight by assisting area narcotic task forces and regional SWAT teams where feasible with staffing, as many of them are understaffed.



Our agency currently has memorandums of understanding with the MHA and Spirit Lake Nations. We will continue to respectfully pursue agreements with the remaining tribes (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate) to allow our agency to assist. Criminals continue to exploit the lack of law enforcement and are funneling narcotics to our tribal lands, where it is being redistributed throughout the state, killing tribal and state citizens.

NDHP BUDGET

Today I will present to you a budget request for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. The total funding level of the 2025-27 executive budget is \$89,390,258. The appropriation for the current biennium is \$71,189,188.

Funding Source	2023-2025 Appropriation	2025-2027 Governor Armstrong Executive Budget Recommendation
General Funds	\$ 49,438,826.00	\$ 63,239,826.00
Special Funds	\$ 13,090,027.00	\$ 10,069,876.00
Federal Funds	\$ 8,660,335.00	\$ 16,080,556.00
Total	\$ 71,189,188.00	\$ 89,390,258.00

The budget recommendation does not contain any new FTE's. The highway patrol did receive twelve (12) new trooper positions last session, which have been hired this biennium.

The highway patrol began the 2023-25 biennium with twenty-eight (28) open positions, this included the newly added twelve positions from the 68th assembly. After an aggressive hiring process which focused on hiring experienced law enforcement officers and an expedited training program, we were fully staffed by October 1, 2024.

As of the legislative reporting provided on December 1, 2024, our vacancy count was 6 sworn positions and 1 civilian security position. We have hired the security position and are currently in a hiring process for a May 2025 trooper class.

The Highway Patrol had \$5,319,935 removed the 2023-25 appropriations for purposes of the New and Vacant FTE program. Of that amount, approximately 80% or \$4,252,333.00 has been made available back to the agency for use. To date, we have applied for and been approved from OMB for \$2,655,849 to be pulled from the New FTE pool and will have \$1,589,484 remaining.

Future requests from the vacancy pool are anticipated to be made for the following salary related items, all of which were pre-existing programs or areas in which the agency has used unexpended salary dollars in the past. No new programs have been created for use of vacancy dollars since the implementation of the program.

Purpose	Expended	Anticipated	Total Estimated
Unfunded Step Increases	\$ 284,954.00	\$ 157,254.00	\$ 442,208.00
Recruitment Bonus	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Performance Bonus	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 96,500.00
Sign-on Bonus	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 102,000.00
Temporary K9 Boarding	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Call Out Pay (\$75)	\$ 66,900.00	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 89,200.00
.5% NDHPERS Increases 6/4%	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 13,000.00
Physical Fitness Awards	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Temporary Salary Increase	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 518,104.00	\$ 255,804.00	\$ 773,908.00

NDHP BUDGET OVERVIEW

The North Dakota Highway Patrol is a program-based budget with one program, field operations. The total agency appropriation for the 2023-35 biennium, after the removal of \$5,319,935.00 for the new and vacant FTE pool is \$71,189,188. The budget consists of \$49,438,826.00 in general funds, \$13,090,027 in special funds, and \$8,660,335 in federal funds.

The special funds come from two different sources, first is the highway tax distribution fund in SECTION 3 from HB 1011 and in SECTION 2 of this current bill SB 2011 (Section 5 in Senate Version). The highway tax distribution funds have traditionally been a transfer at a ratio 14% to 86% of general fund dollars to fund the state funding of the Highway Patrol's budget.

The second source of special funding is from the Electronic Motor Carrier Permit Fund, Fund 276. SECTION 4 in our current appropriation addresses this funding and SECTION 3 SB 2011 (Section 6 in Senate Version) addresses the upcoming transfer request.

The Highway Patrol receives federal funding from the following sources:

- Federal Motor Carrier – Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP)
 - 23 sworn positions
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Pass Through Funding:
 - 1 Drug recognition officer position
 - Various enforcement overtime programs
- North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Pass Through
 - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds
 - 2 Crash Assistance Program positions
- US Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - Body Cam Program Funding - \$500,000.00
 - Funded in 2023-25 biennium.
 - Period of performance through Sept 2026
 - Training and In-Car Router Purchases
 - Carry-over authority to be requested

Base level funding

The 2025-27 legislative base level funding in SB 2011 is \$68,085,546.00, which includes \$47,657,320 in general, \$12,271,559 in special, and \$8,156,667 in federal

funds.

The 2025-27 executive budget request limit under Governor Burgum was \$50,021,562 in general funds, \$12,591,443 in special funds, and there was no limit on federal funding. The base budget limit added in the total market equity (TME) appropriation for the NDHP from the 2023-25 biennium which was \$1,288,655.

The total market equity funding was used to provide market equity funding for positions identified by OMB as needing adjustment. The other addition to the base limit was the NDPERS retirement contribution for \$29,903. The base limit also removed all the one-time funded items from the 2023-25 appropriation. I'll discuss the status of those items later in testimony.

The budget limit also had adjustments adding the funding that had been removed for the vacant FTE pool, \$5,319,935.00 and an NDIT allowance for \$266,476. Finally, there was a requested 3% reduction of general and special funds when we submitted our agency budget.

	General	Federal	Special	Total
2023-25 Legislative Appropriation	\$ 49,438,826.00	\$ 8,660,335.00	\$ 13,090,027.00	\$ 71,189,188.00
Adjustments for Base Budget				
Add TME Appropriation	\$ 1,035,355.00	\$ 143,373.00	\$ 109,927.00	\$ 1,288,655.00
Add Retirement Contribution	\$ 15,723.00	\$ 4,722.00	\$ 9,458.00	\$ 29,903.00
One-Time Items:				
Remove CVIEW		\$ (150,000.00)		\$ (150,000.00)
Remove New Trooper Startup Costs	\$ (514,584.00)	\$ (37,763.00)	\$ (83,653.00)	\$ (636,000.00)
Remove Inflationary Costs	\$ (2,154,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ (348,000.00)	\$ (2,562,000.00)
Remove Narcotics Tester	\$ (52,000.00)		\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)
Remove UAV's	\$ (89,000.00)		\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (104,000.00)
Remove Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ (23,000.00)	\$ (404,000.00)		\$ (427,000.00)
Remove Technology Enhancements			\$ (283,200.00)	\$ (283,200.00)
Remove Shooting Range Repairs			\$ (200,000.00)	\$ (200,000.00)
Legislative Base	\$ 47,657,320.00	\$ 8,156,667.00	\$ 12,271,559.00	\$ 68,085,546.00
Adjustments				
Add Funds Removed for Vacant FTE Pool	\$ 3,724,768.00	\$ 927,758.00	\$ 667,409.00	\$ 5,319,935.00
Add NDIT Allowance	\$ 186,533.00	\$ 34,642.00	\$ 45,301.00	\$ 266,476.00
Base Budget	\$ 51,568,621.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,984,269.00	\$ 73,671,957.00
Base Budget Reduction	\$ (1,547,059.00)		\$ (392,826.00)	\$ (1,939,885.00)
Base Budget after Reduction	\$ 50,021,562.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,591,443.00	\$ 71,732,072.00
2025-27 Base Budget Limit	\$ 50,021,562.00	No Limit	\$ 12,591,443.00	
Base Budget FTE				\$ 205.00

Now, I will begin to discuss the 2025-27 executive budget request. To start things off, the Highway Patrol submitted a budget that achieved the requested 3% reduction by reducing funding needed for salary and operating expenses equivalent to five (5) sworn trooper positions. The reduction achieved the 3% reduction in general funding along with the majority of the 3% reduction needed in special funding.

The remaining special fund reduction came through removing soft body armor, taser cartridges, and AED pads from special funding (Fund 276). These items were put into the permit funding model in the 2019-21 session and due to increases in cost for these items, it has made for difficult tracking. The body armor has increased in cost and has been moved to a general fund request which I will discuss in the decision packages, the taser cartridges have been moved to a separate request which will be part of an overall taser replacement request, and AED pads can likely be funded through other sources as needed.

Here you can see the Highway Patrol's budget is primarily salaries, motor pool, and equipment, which are the things needed to put troopers on the road and provide direct service to the public.

2025-27 Budget Base Level Request Items / Decision Packages

Restoration of positions

The first request is for the restoration of the funding for equivalent to the salary and operating expenses for five troopers. This amount was originally for \$4,687,343.00 in total funding or \$4,355,418.00 in general and \$331,925.00 in special funds in the executive budget. There was a duplication of one-time funding from last biennium that was included in this original request, this was in error. The amount was corrected in the senate to a request of \$1,384,625 in total funds, which includes \$1,190,778 in general and \$193,847 in special (highway tax distribution funds). This brings back the funding for positions that were removed in the original budget request amount that was provided by the agency to achieve the requested 3% budget reduction. This decision package was recommended in the executive budget, keeping the sworn staffing of the NDHP at 171 troopers.

Cost to continue – legislative increases

The next request is for the cost to continue funding in the amount of \$874,000, which is \$687,000 in general, \$111,000 in special, and \$76,000 in federal funds. This is

the amount required to fund year number two of the legislatively funded 4% pay increase from the 2023-25 biennium. Like past biennia, when the funding passes on July 1, the funding for the full 24 months of the first-year increase is funded in the bill, but the ongoing amount needed for final 12 months the 2nd year of the increase is not provided and is an ongoing cost to continue for the agency. We are requesting this funding, and it was recommended in the executive budget.

Reinstatement of equipment funding

Partial reinstatement of one-time inflationary funding for equipment and moving it to an ongoing appropriation is being requested in the amount of \$370,000. In the current biennium, we had \$520,000 of one-time funding for equipment, uniform, ammunition, and travel increases. We are requesting that the equipment portion be carried over and continued and it was recommended in the executive budget.

State fleet increases

State fleet, also known as motor pool, is a large portion of our agency's funding increase in this budget. In our current budget, we have approximately 6.5 million allocated for ongoing motor pool expenses. We budgeted for and received an additional \$2,042,000 in additional one-time funding which is removed in our base level funding. Between the ongoing and the one-time funding, we were planning for and funded for approximately 99 cents per mile. Currently, the actual billed rate is around 80 cents per mile. However, the 2025-2027 fleet rate guidance projects a significant increase in rates for the upcoming biennium. NDDOT provides and assigns vehicle and a motor pool vehicle guideline. The motor pool guideline has highway patrol vehicles at \$1.49/mile. We also calculated using the assigned vehicle guidelines with the assumptions that we will drive 9,734,400 miles in the biennium with an estimated average monthly inventory of 188 vehicles. The inventory considers that we have 171 officers with spare vehicles located in the regions for use when others are in for repairs, EVOC vehicles assigned to the LETA, and new vehicles in inventory that have been delivered but are awaiting to be upfitted and replaced. Using the guideline of \$448/vehicle/mo. plus \$1.13 per mile with the previously mentioned assumptions, the rate will be approximately \$1.34/mile.

There were multiple discussions with NDHP staff and NDDOT regarding the fleet guidelines.

Increases in depreciation rates, increase in new vehicle sales, decrease in auction values, fuel cost, and cost of repairs (labor and parts) are all factors that they believe will drive the cost up in the next biennium, the executive budget recommendation has \$1,525,000 in ongoing funding and \$4,483,000 in one-time funding. The executive budget request is equivalent to approximately 1.28/mile. Changes in the senate to one-time fleet funding reduced the funding from \$4,483,000 to \$3,483,000 or roughly \$1.18/mile based on the earlier assumptions I discussed.

Body armor

We are requesting \$184,000 in ongoing funding for body armor. The previous body armor funding was in the permit fund for \$124,000 in ongoing funding from the permit funding. As part of the 3% reduction to special funds, this was removed and requested in general funds to achieve two things. First, the tracking and accounting of body armor purchases was challenging because of different orders during the biennium being billed to different funding sources. Second, the amount of funding provided back in the 2019-21 biennium was no longer sufficient for today's pricing. We replace approximately 1/5 of our body armor annually, as body armor lasts approximately 5 years.

FLIR maintenance agreement

The Highway Patrol Cessna T206 aircraft is installed with a forward looking infrared (FLIR) device. The FLIR is used to search for missing and wanted individuals, track vehicles in pursuits, overwatch and surveillance as needed, and most recently provided valuable surveillance and monitoring of wildfires in the northwest part of the state. The FLIR was purchased in 2018 and the normal and extended warranty has expired. We are seeking \$88,000 in on-going funding for the service maintenance agreement to cover maintenance, training, and calibration for the remainder of the life of the unit. The anticipated end of service life of the FLIR is around 2029.

Crash Assistance Program

We are requesting funding authority from the electronic motor carrier permit fund for \$194,000 in special funds. The two Crash Assistance Program positions were originally funded in the 2021-23 biennium with funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund, but later the positions were transitioned to being partially federally funded. The funding is through Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding administered and passed through the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The current VOCA funding for Federal Fiscal Year was reduced but was later off set by state funding acquired by DOCR. We are anticipating, however increased reductions in funding for the upcoming biennium and can't accurately predict how much will be reduced.

The executive budget request is for \$194,000 in ongoing appropriation from the electronic motor carrier permit fund, this will allow us to rely on a stable funding stream, which the positions were initially funded under as the VOCA program seems to be moving towards uncertain times. These two positions have been an invaluable asset to the agency, our troopers, and those individuals and families involved in tragic events.

NDIT Increases / Software

We are seeking \$150,000 in ongoing general and special funding to offset the costs for video editing software at the LETA to assist in the creation and editing of videos to be used to provide in a remote training platform, providing more opportunities for offerings to be provide to law enforcement agencies when an in-person or hands on experience isn't required.

Additionally, the funding will be used for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) agreement fees with NDIT to provide network support services for the Blackboard™ learning management program that was recently installed for use at the LETA.

The remaining funding will be used to assist with the current deficit in normal data processing funding the NDHP experiences each month.

Office lease rate increases

We are requesting \$222,000 in ongoing general and special funding the lease increases at properties around the state.

- Bismarck airplane hangar space will increase by an additional \$2,500/biennium.
- Bismarck warehouse location to increase by an additional \$4,000/biennium.
- Grand Forks regional office to increase by an additional \$8,600/biennium.

Additionally, we are seeking the potential for an alternative for the Minot office. Our current space is not in the best condition. The current landlord has not kept up with timely and necessary improvements. The anticipated amount needed is in this request is \$60,000 to increase our current lease rate of 10.00/square foot to 18.00/square foot for the same amount of space. The most recent data we have from the time of the budget submission was that rates in Minot were around 16.00/square foot.

The Devils Lake office is also dated, and there is a potential opportunity to have lease space in a Law Enforcement Center that is in the planning stages to be constructed. Estimates indicate an increase of approximately \$25,000 per biennium. If the new LEC does not come to fruition, it is still requested that we receive the funding to explore more acceptable space or working with the landlord for some updates at the office in Devils Lake.

The last lease request is for the Fargo office. During a previous biennium the agency was requested to submit a reduced budget. As part of that reduced budget, the agency gave up lease space in Fargo and Bismarck and moved into space in the NDDOT offices at a reduced rate. Although the space in Bismarck has worked well, the space in Fargo is not large enough to meet our needs. We are seeking funding to either find additional space or relocate our office to a larger space. This is a difficult topic, because we do enjoy the partnership, relationships, and convenience of being at the DOT building in Fargo, but the space is just too small for the needs of our highest staffed regional office in the state. We are seeking \$122,000 in additional lease funding for Fargo.

In-Car router program ongoing costs

The Highway Patrol received a grant for \$500,000 through the US Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice assistance as part of a body camera grant program. The funding is being and will be used for body camera policy and program development, training for our agency, other law enforcement, and prosecutors from around the state. The main use of the funding, however, will be to purchase in-car routers with the funding. In car router technology will boost the WiFi signal in our patrol vehicles which will ultimately help upload body camera footage from vehicles as well as transition to livestreaming at some point. There are many other non-body camera related benefits of having a network in the vehicle that is provided by the router. The network will enhance the performance of the laptop and bring the ability to update the new SIRM radios remotely. The funding request is for \$210,000 of ongoing general and special funds will for the NDIT fees to provide network support, hardware support, and a hardware replacement model built into the fee for when it comes time to update the router hardware. In-Car router technology has become the standard in law enforcement, especially in rural areas requiring the ability to boost a signal beyond just a traditional SIM card/external booster combination that we currently operate in our laptops. This configuration also requires us to run everything in our vehicle requiring network through the laptop, which slows down the machine.

EcoStruxure™ Security Expert

The Security Expert funding request is an extension to a project from the current biennium. NDIT received funding for the installation of hardware for the project that is nearing completion or has recently been completed. The previous project was for the installation of all the upgraded door access hardware on the capitol complex doors.

The funding we are requesting is for the software licensing to control the door access. The highway patrol is in charge of security and has the responsibility of assigning card access. To streamline funding, it was agreed upon by OMB, NDIT, and the NDHP that it best fit within our budget to pay for the software. We would pay for the software licensing instead of other the other agencies needing to bill back to individual user agencies. The request is for \$218,000 in general funds.

Status of 2023-25 One-Time Projects

One-Time Funding Item	Amount	Source	Status
New Trooper Startup Cost	\$ 636,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Complete (100%)
State Fleet Mileage Increase	\$ 2,042,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Pending
Inflationary Increase	\$ 520,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Narcotics Tester	\$ 60,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Complete (100%)
UAV Enhancements	\$ 104,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ 427,000.00	Federal/General	Partial
Technology Projects	\$ 283,200.00	Gen./Spec.	Partial
CVIEW Project	\$ 150,000.00	Federal	Complete
Range Enhancements	\$ 200,000.00	Special	Partial (75%)
Total	\$ 4,422,200.00		

The first one-time item in the current biennium is the new trooper startup costs for \$636,000, these are the costs associated with putting a new trooper on the road. They coincided with the twelve new trooper positions that were authorized and hired for. The costs mainly include equipment for the vehicle and officer and uniforms.

There was \$2,042,000.00 put into the current biennium budget for motor pool, we anticipate having to use some of the funding for motor pool, but there will likely be turnback. It is unknown what the turnback will be at this point with four months remaining in the biennium.

As mentioned previously in testimony, for the next item, inflationary increases in equipment, ammunition, uniforms, and travel were also included in our current budget as a one time for \$520,000. At this point we are comfortable reducing that amount to only an ongoing request in equipment for \$370,000.

The Tru-Narc™ narcotics testers for \$60,000 funded in this biennium have been purchased and one is being used in Fargo and one in Bismarck.

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program funding for \$104,000 is nearly completed, we are in the process of purchasing the remaining UAV.

We were provided \$427,000 in additional spending authority to utilize additional Federal MCSAP funds that were made available after the passage of the Biden Infrastructure Law (BIL). Those enhancements included a purchase of UAV's to be used for MCSAP related purposes, that project is completed. The next item was the purchase of crash reconstruction equipment for our crash reconstructionists to use in the investigation and reconstruction of commercial vehicle crashes, that project is completed. Funding was provided to use the Upper Great Plains Traffic Institute to complete a Safe Truck Mobility Study, which focused on wintertime CMV driving and crashes in North Dakota, that project was completed. There was funding to complete some software programming between our records management program and the federal CMV inspection program, that was not completed. There was also funding to complete an electronic signage project at the Buxton rest area to assist with providing direction for CMV inspections. That project was not completed due to the inability to find interested contractors to bid the project for the funds available. The funding for the uncompleted projects will be de-obligated.

We were provided \$283,200 in one-time funding for technology projects. Those projects included the implementation of the Blackboard™ learning management system at the law enforcement training academy, which is just nearing completion, Power FTO™ field training software (complete), a portal for state's attorney's to view videos from our video system (partially completed, but functional), video and photo storage, various maintenance projects for our dailies and records management program, and a real time dashboard research project. The maintenance projects are partially completed, and the dashboard project will not be completed, and the funds will be turned back.

The Commercial Vehicle Information Exchange Window (CVIEW), which was \$150,000 in one-time federal funding carried over from the 2021-23 biennium is fully completed. The CVIEW is used to bring multiple data sources together for our troopers, primarily our MCSAP troopers to conduct CMV inspections more efficiently on interstate carriers.

The indoor shooting range project, which we received \$200,000 in one-time funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund is nearing completion.

Enhancements have been made to the flooring, portable targets through Triumph Systems, a lead vacuum, and a new electronic targeting system through Action Targets will be installed this spring. In addition to the indoor enhancements, we may also be able to fund some ventilation improvements to our outdoor range to address some immediate concerns with smoke not clearing on days when the wind is not blowing out of the right direction. The smoke has made the range unusable at times and unhealthy. This project was also requested and has been approved in the 2025-27 executive budget.

2025-27 Budget One-time funding requests:

One-Time Funding Item	Amount	Source
Conducted Energy Weapon (Taser™)	\$ 870,000.00	Special (Fund 276)
Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Resurface	\$ 260,000.00	General/Special
Preliminary Alcohol Breath Screening Device	\$ 50,000.00	General/Special
Outdoor Range Ventilation	\$ 35,000.00	General/Special
Total	\$ 1,215,000.00	

The first one-time request is for Conducted Energy Weapon, otherwise known as Taser™ replacement. Our current taser is the model X26P, which is reaching the end of life and will no longer be serviced by Axon, the manufacturer. They are no longer warrantied. The current units we have were purchased in 2018. We are requesting funding to purchase the Taser 10, which will provide greater reliability with the capability to use at a further distance with more probes, up to 10, if necessary. The request is for 162 units for a total of \$870,000 in one-time funding from the electronic motor carrier permit fund, which includes the taser, cartridge replacements, training, and necessary service. Here's a video demonstrating the use of the Taser 10:

The next request is for \$260,000 in funding for a resurface of the driving pad which is used for the emergency vehicle operations course (EVOC). The pad is vital for training law enforcement in emergency vehicle operations. We have worked with NDDOT to investigate options to best maintain the pad based on the current condition and they have offered the suggestion of the resurface. The pad was constructed in 2014 and was last resurfaced in 2018.

The next one-time request is for preliminary alcohol breath testing (PBT) device replacements. Our current units were purchased in 2012. The fuel cells are exceeding their useful life. These units are a critical tool for troopers to determine impairment of drivers who are being tested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The request is for \$50,000 in one-time funding.

The last one-time funding request was for \$35,000 to be able to fund some ventilation improvements to our outdoor range. As previously mentioned, these improvements will remedy concerns with smoke not clearing on days when the wind is not blowing out of the right direction. The smoke has made the range unusable at times and unhealthy. Although this is a request that has been approved in the executive budget, it may be able to be completed with funds available in the current biennium funding for range improvements and we are working to make that happen due to the health issues posed by the conditions.

Agency Collections

Fund	2023-2025 Collections (Est.)*	2025-2027 Collections (Est.)*
Permit Fund (276)	\$2,443,000	\$2,443,000
Highway Fund (200)	\$36,746,000	\$36,746,000
ID Card Fund (471)	\$1,000	\$1,000
HTDF Fuel Tax (400)	\$170,000	\$170,000
Misc. Gen Rev. (001)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total	\$39,380,000	\$39,380,000

**Estimates based on biennium to date collections as of November 30, 2024:*

- Collections from fund 276 e-permit fees - \$1,730,484
- Hwy Fund 200 overload fees - \$26,028,352
- ID card processing fund 471 fees - \$670

State Fiscal Recovery Funds

The highway patrol was appropriated \$5,731,223.55 in State Fiscal Recovery Funds. We've spent or obligated to spend \$5,421,483.55. The remaining funds have been identified with OMB to be de-obligated. Approximately \$309,740.00 will be transferred from the NDHP for use by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Additional Appropriation Considerations

The highway patrol has three sections listed in our appropriations bill that we'd ask for your consideration to carry over into next biennium.

The first, in SECTION 5 of the Senate Version, is a transfer of highway tax distribution funds from the Department of Transportation, which is the amount necessary to achieve the approximate 14% ratio to 86% general funds for the general/special funded items in the NDHP budget. A transfer of \$10,878,893 in highway tax distribution funds was recommended in the base level budget and has been adjusted to \$12,804,056 to align with the executive budget and the changes made in the senate.

The second, in SECTION 6, is related to a transfer of special funds from the electronic motor carrier permit transaction fund. This fund has been used to cover expenses related to the online permits system in addition to expenses for a permit supervisor, two permit technicians, a records technician, three administrative assistants and partial funding for two crash assistance program members. The original amount from the base budget was \$1,392,668. This amount after the executive budget and changes made in the senate is \$2,725,828. The increase in funding includes taser replacements, crash assistance program funding and salary increases for the positions funding from the permits fund.

The third, in SECTION 7, is related to an unvouchered expense of \$200 per month that is provided to sworn officers in lieu of processing individual reimbursement requests for expenses such as dry-cleaning and meals while officers are working in-state. This expense has been authorized for decades, and the current level of \$200 has been in place since the 2009 legislative session. This amount is recommended in the executive budget.

Major Senate Changes

- \$3,303,712 was removed from the decision package restoring (5) trooper positions. This amount was incorrect in the budget entry and the agency agrees with the correction. The correct amount needed is in the adjusted totals.
- \$1,047,910 was removed for the 2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool.
- \$1,000,000 was removed from Fleet Services (motor pool)
- Section 4. revised the funding source for the emergency vehicle operations course from general to SIIF funds (\$260,000).
- Section 5. revised the amount of funding to be transferred from the Highway Tax Distribution Fund to align with the Senate changes.
- Section 6. revised the amount of funding to be transferred from the Electronic Motor Carrier Permit Fund to align with Senate changes.

Additional House Considerations:

Carryover in funding

- From the \$500,000 in Federal Funding (US-Department of Justice Body Camera Program Grant) we would like to request **\$480,000 in federal authority**. Currently, we have spent approximately \$15,000 and are in the test phase for in-car routers. The test routers arrived and with installation, that bill should be around 5,000. The period of performance for this grant is through September 2026. The ongoing sustainability of the router project is dependent upon approval of a \$210,000 request in this budget request, If approved we'd be ready to purchase early in the new biennium.
- Additionally, we would like to request **\$45,000 in one-time Permit (Fund 276)** funding be carried over. This funding is from the \$283,200 identified in the 2023-25 One-Time Funded items as "Technology Enhancements." Of those projects in that amount there was a dashboard project that was called out in testimony being \$15,000, that project won't be completed, and the funds will be unexpended. The \$45,000 being requested is from the \$50,000 that was called out in testimony for the State's Attorney Portal/UDE project. We've been waiting for an update with our Panasonic UDE system before being able to make the portal enhancements. That updated didn't come from Panasonic until just recently and NDIT doesn't believe that the portal will be able to be completed by the end of the biennium.

Correction for Body Armor Amendment out of Senate Appropriations

- When the amendments were being reviewed from Senate appropriations, it was noticed that the funding for soft body armor had been moved from ongoing to one-time funding. It is unknown if this was intentional or inadvertent as there wasn't any discussion. When we reached out to Legislative Council, we were requested to address the correction when we came in front of the house.

Correction for Crash Assistance Program Amendment out of Appropriations

- Like the body armor funding, the same thing happened with the ongoing funding request for the Crash Assistance Program and the same request was provided by Legislative Council. We are respectfully requesting that both body armor and crash assistance program funding be moved back into ongoing funding.

Agency-Related Bills

- **Senate Bill 2075**
 - Intrastate driver exemptions, changing 12-hour requirement to 14 hours for an employee to be released from work.
 - Amended, Passed Senate 47-0, will be heard tomorrow in House Transportation
 - No budgetary impact
- **Senate Bill 2083**
 - Crash scene image exemptions for body camera footage that may contain nudity, serious bodily injury or a deceased individual.
 - Amended, Passed the senate 47-0 and passed House Judiciary 12-0-2
 - No budgetary impact
- **Senate Bill 2098**
 - State Alert Notice system
 - Puts Amber, Blue and Silver alerts under one century code and sets activation requirements.
 - Amended, Passed Senate 46-0

- **House Bill 1038**
 - Uncrewed aerial vehicle replacement program
 - Amended, Passed House/Passed Senate/Emergency/At Governor for Signature

- **House Bill 1199**
 - Missing Indigenous People Task Force
 - Address barriers to locating indigenous individuals
 - Amended, Passed House 73-12

- **Senate Bill 2120**
 - ND Highway Patrol Retirement System
 - Passed Senate 44--0, being heard tomorrow morning in House Government and Veteran's Affairs. Increases funding liability to 90% as of January 1, 2026
 - Budgetary impact of \$35,000,000.00
 - The highway patrol's PERS fund is projected to become insolvent based on the most recent actuarial valuation results dated October 25, 2022.
 - The highway patrol went through a four-year cycle of 0.5% employee and employer contribution rate increases that started January 1 of 2022 and ended January 1 of 2025 – 4% total.
 - Factoring upcoming rate increases, the highway patrol fund is still 16% below the “actuarially required rate” for contributions.
 - The funded ratio is currently around 70% and is projected to be around 40% by the year 2062.
 - Several options have been discussed including a one-time infusion, which this bill addresses.

PERS Plans - As of January 2025	Main	Public Safety	Highway Patrol
Employee PERS Contribution*	3	1.5	11.3
Employee Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Total Employee Contribution	9.2	7.7	11.3
Employer PERS Contribution	12.26	11.93	25.7
Employer Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Medicare	1.45	1.45	1.45
Health Insurance Credit	0	1.14	1.14
Total Employer Contribution	19.91	20.72	28.29
Total Combined Contribution	29.11	28.42	39.59
Vesting	3 years - age 65	3 years	10 years
Early Retirement Age	60	50	50
Normal Retirement Age	Rule of 90 - age 65	Rule of 85 - age 55	Rule of 80 - age 55
Benefit Formula	1.75%	1.75%	3.6% for 25 years then 1.75%
Early Retirement Reduction	8%/year	6%/year	6%/year

*Factoring 4% of employee portion covered by the state.

Changes to the Executive Budget Recommendation

Aside from the correction identified in the “Restore trooper costs, removed in base budget reduction line” of the long sheet, the Highway Patrol is not seeking any changes to the executive budget recommendation.

Conclusion

As the superintendent of the highway patrol representing North Dakota’s finest public safety professionals, we ask for your support in allowing us to serve the public.

As the state’s population has steadily increased, so has crime. Today’s young generation doesn’t necessary seek out physical jobs. To progressively stay near full staffing, we implemented military police waivers, an accelerated academy for prior experienced officers, we’ve changed our education requirements, and we transformed our cultural liaison officer position into a hybrid with recruitment. Our employees have displayed an unprecedented level of dedication, heroism, and commitment to the citizens of this state.

For 90 years we have been the agency others rely on in times of natural disasters and emergencies. While the state’s population has increased, so has the increase of drugs into our communities. We stand committed to the citizens in the prevention of not only traffic deaths, but all unnecessary deaths.

We are involved in a dangerous and unforgiving profession with public safety in mind. In this current biennium, we’ve had nine trooper’s vehicles struck and totaled, nine troopers have been assaulted, and one officer involved shooting. Troopers have continuously put public safety ahead of their own.

This session presents an opportunity to send a clear message of support. The highway patrol is more than traffic safety, we are public safety. This concludes my testimony, and I look forward to working with you all more closely as the session continues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. I’d be happy to answer any questions.

I would ask for your consideration of the executive budget recommendation.

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Legislative Council

Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Armstrong Executive Budget				Senate Version				Senate Compared to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		4,355,418	331,925	4,687,343		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625		(\$3,164,640)	(\$138,078)	(3,302,718)
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool				0		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$11,076,506	\$4,152,206	\$15,228,712	0.00	\$7,142,771	\$3,735,313	\$10,878,084	0.00	(\$3,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$4,350,628)
One-Time Funding Items												
Fleet services		\$4,275,000	\$208,000	\$4,483,000		\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000		(\$1,000,000)		(\$1,000,000)
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000		43,000	7,000	50,000				0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$4,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$6,076,000	0.00	\$3,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$5,076,000	0.00	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$15,582,506	\$5,722,206	\$21,304,712	0.00	\$10,648,771	\$5,305,313	\$15,954,084	0.00	(\$4,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$5,350,628)
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$63,239,826	\$26,150,432	\$89,390,258	205.00	\$58,306,091	\$25,733,539	\$84,039,630	0.00	(\$4,933,735)	(\$416,893)	(\$5,350,628)
Federal funds included in other funds			\$10,069,876				\$9,943,655				(\$126,221)	
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	23.2%	20.3%	22.4%	0.0%	15.0%	18.3%	16.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	32.7%	28.0%	31.3%	0.0%	22.3%	26.0%	23.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description		Senate Version	
New and vacant FTE pool line item		Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	
SIIF		Section 4 identifies \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing project.	
Highway tax distribution fund		Section 5 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the highway tax distribution fund.	
Motor carrier electronic permit fund		Section 6 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.	
Highway Patrol officer per diem		Section 7 provides for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.	



North Dakota Legislative Council

Prepared for the House Appropriations Committee
March 6, 2025

MAJOR RELATED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE HIGHWAY PATROL AS OF CROSSOVER

This memorandum provides information on major related legislation affecting the Highway Patrol as of Crossover:

House Bill No. 1535 - Feather alert notice system - This bill requires the Highway Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and Department of Emergency Services to establish a feather alert notice system.

Senate Bill No. 2120 - Transfer to retirement fund - This bill transfers \$35.7 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the Highway Patrol trooper's retirement system fund to reduce the unfunded liability of the fund.

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HIGHWAY PATROL 2025-27 AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST

BUDGET REQUESTS

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Proposed Changes

2025-2027 Budget
\$89,861,607

General: \$63,586,292

Special: \$16,148,576

Federal: \$10,126,739

ND 2014 Population

738,736

ND 2024 Population

796,568

10 Year Growth

+7.83%

NDHP 2014 Auth. Sworn

168

NDHP 2024 Auth. Sworn

171

10 Year Change

+3

Body Armor Funding

70 sets of soft body armor will
need replacing during the
2025-2027 biennium.

CEW (Taser) Replacement

\$870,000 for 162 units
Upgrade to Taser 10

Crash Assistance Program Funding

\$194,000
VOCA Reduction

FLIR Maintenance Agreement

\$88,000

PBT Replacement

\$50,000 for 155 new units
1,300 DUIs annually

Misc. NDI Costs/ Software Packages

Data processing deficiency
Blackboard maintenance agreement/
video editing software

In-Car Router On-going Costs

\$210,000
158 total
vehicles



EcoStruxure Security Project

\$218,000



Range Ventilation

\$35,000
4 industrial fans



Lease Rate Increase

Hangar
Warehouse
Regional Offices



EVOC Pad Resurface

\$260,000



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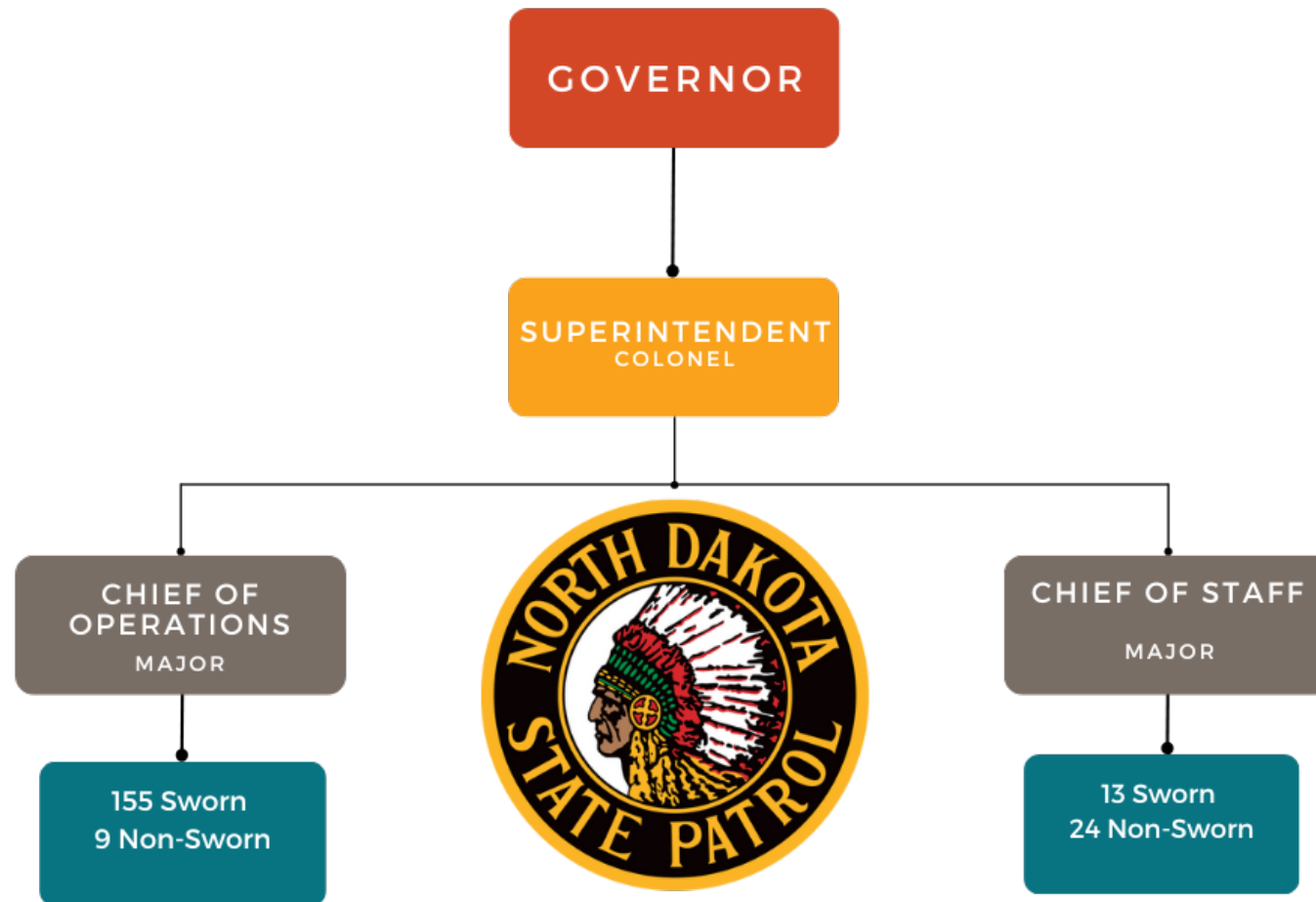
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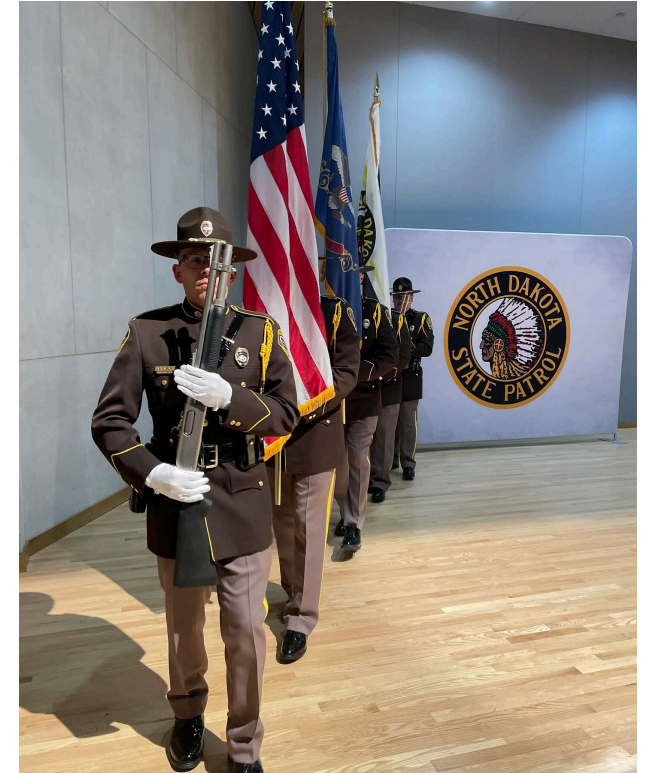


AGENCY OVERVIEW

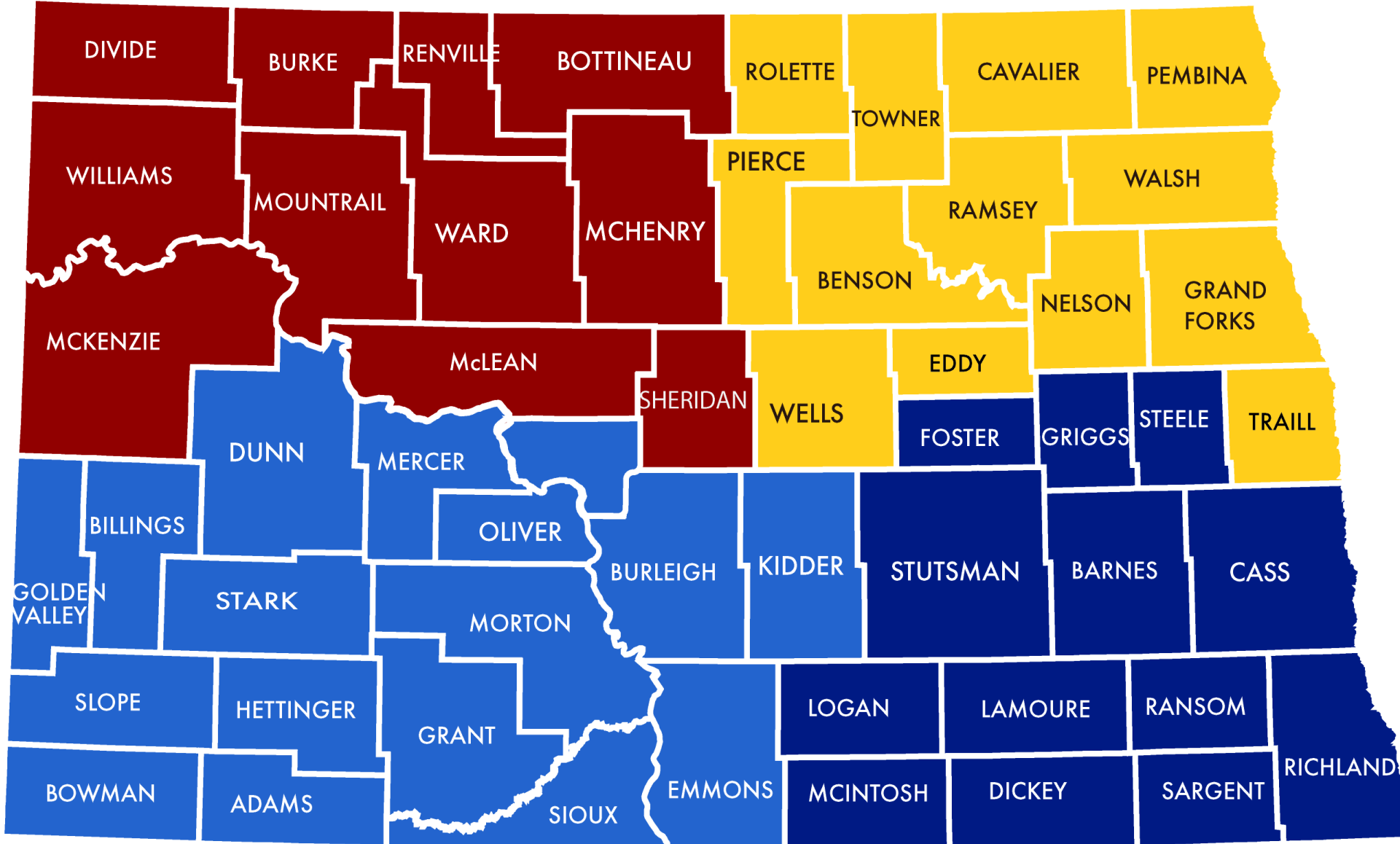
- Field Operations and Administration
 - 205 authorized employees
 - 171 sworn
 - 34 civilian
- Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA)
- Motor vehicle permit office

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NORTHEAST

Cando Grafton
Carrington Hillsboro
Devils Lake Northwood
Grand Forks Rugby

SOUTHEAST

Fargo Oakes
Jamestown Valley City
LaMoure Wahpeton
Lisbon

NORTHWEST

Bottineau Stanley
Crosby Watford City
Garrison Williston
Minot

SOUTHWEST

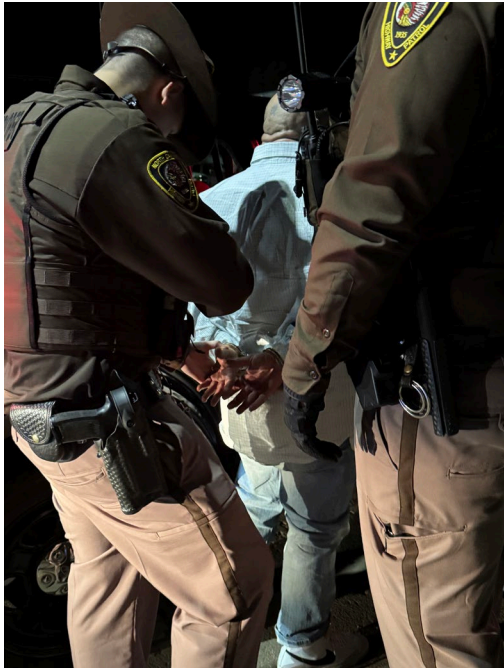
Beulah Hettinger
Bowman Linton
Bismarck New Salem
Dickinson Steele
Glen Ullin Washburn

A CLOSER LOOK

- Troopers stationed in 30 of 53 counties
- Troopers provide specialized services to local agencies:
 - Advanced crash investigation
 - Emergency response
 - Criminal interdiction
 - Traffic and commercial motor vehicle enforcement
- 91 core traffic enforcement troopers covering 70,700 sq. miles



OUR FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES



Mission

To make a difference every day by providing high quality law enforcement services to keep North Dakota safe and secure.



Vision

Public safety through quality service.



Values

Professionalism	Integrity
Accountability	Loyalty
Commitment	Respect



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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

North Dakota Highway Patrol

Audit Report for the Two-Year Period Ended June 30, 2022 | Client Code 504

WHAT WE LOOKED AT AND WHY

North Dakota state law requires that our team perform an audit once every two years. This includes a review of financial transactions and determining that expenditures are correct. Our audit reports any errors, internal control weaknesses or potential violations of law identified in significant or high-risk functions of the agency.

WHAT WE FOUND

This audit did not identify any areas of concern.

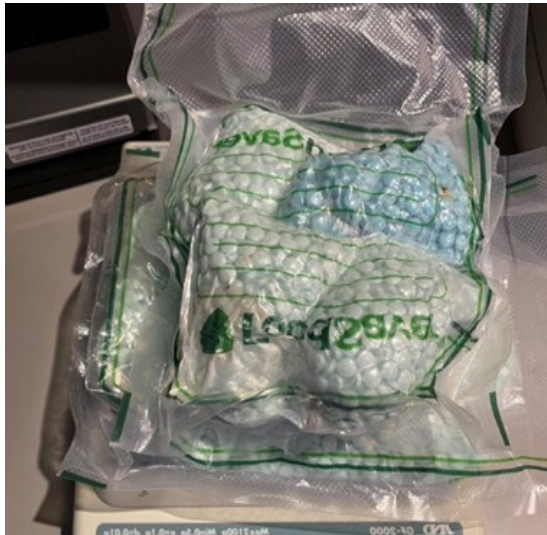
- No findings on last audit report
- All prior recommendations have been implemented

Source: Office of the State Auditor Website



AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Criminal Interdiction Team (CIT)
 - expanded from five to nine members
- CIT Troopers stationed in Fargo, Bismarck, Williston, Minot, Devils Lake and Grand Forks.



2.28 lbs. of counterfeit m30 (Fentanyl) pills destined for Fargo.



Shared information led to investigation in California and seizure of 57 lbs. of Methamphetamine and 500 counterfeit m30 pills (Fentanyl).

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2023 and 2024 Criminal Interdiction Team Efforts

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fentanyl	11.3 lbs.	15.4 lbs.
Marijuana	133.34 lbs.	1,199.5 lbs.
THC	3.7 lbs.	86 lbs.
Meth	1.4 lbs.	30.5 lbs.
Cocaine	1.7 lbs.	18 lbs.
Psilocybin	1.1 lbs.	14 lbs.



Seized items included 2,000 counterfeit m30 (Fentanyl) pills destined for Fargo and three handguns, one with a switch installed to enable capability of automatic fire.

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reduction in fatal crashes
- Emphasis on: speed, seat belt usage, right of way, DUI, criminal interdiction, motor carrier, distracted driving, safety and education efforts



FATAL CRASHES BY YEAR

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
116	105	100	100	101	98	106	90*

*preliminary data

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The NDHP covers approximately 84% of all fatality crashes and 44% of all serious injury crashes statewide.

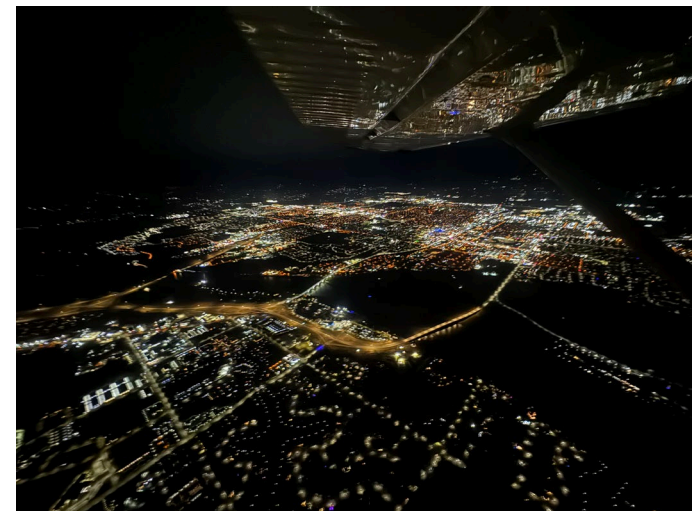
- Crash Reconstruction:
 - 2-year total
 - 241 Cases Worked
 - 142 Criminal Charges
- Crash Assistance Program – Citizens Receiving Services:
 - 2023 – 352
 - 2024 – 323



AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tracking and Search Efforts

- Man-Trailing (Bloodhound) Teams
 - Case use examples: Missing persons searches and fugitive searches
 - 2023 – 46 events
 - 2024 – 59 events
- Aircraft Missions
 - Case use examples: Missing persons searches, fugitive searches, vehicle pursuits, wildfire surveillance, overwatch for warrant and drug operations
 - 2023 - 37
 - 2024 - 35



LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER MODERNIZATION PROJECT

- Completed
- \$3,000,000 - Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund
- Remodel, early 2023. Completion, fall 2024.



Main Entrance LETA



Kitchen

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY MODERNIZATION PROJECT



Classroom 3



Dining Room

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY MODERNIZATION PROJECT



Seating & Study Area



Dorm Room (22 rooms, 44 occupancy)

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Acquisition and implementation of Blackboard online learning management system at the Law Enforcement Training Academy
 - 1,400 law enforcement officers trained
 - 92 law enforcement agencies served

Blackboard 
by Anthology

AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Combined-agency aircraft details

- 2023 and 2024: 7 events to target fleeing vehicles, street racing, and unsafe driving

Example: October downtown Fargo traffic detail

- The NDHP partnered with the Fargo Police Department to address unsafe driving behaviors in the city of Fargo.
- 14 impaired drivers were removed from the roadway
- The NDHP aircraft tracked a fleeing motorcycle to a gas station where the driver was subsequently arrested. The motorcycle had been driving over 100 mph in a 30-mph zone.



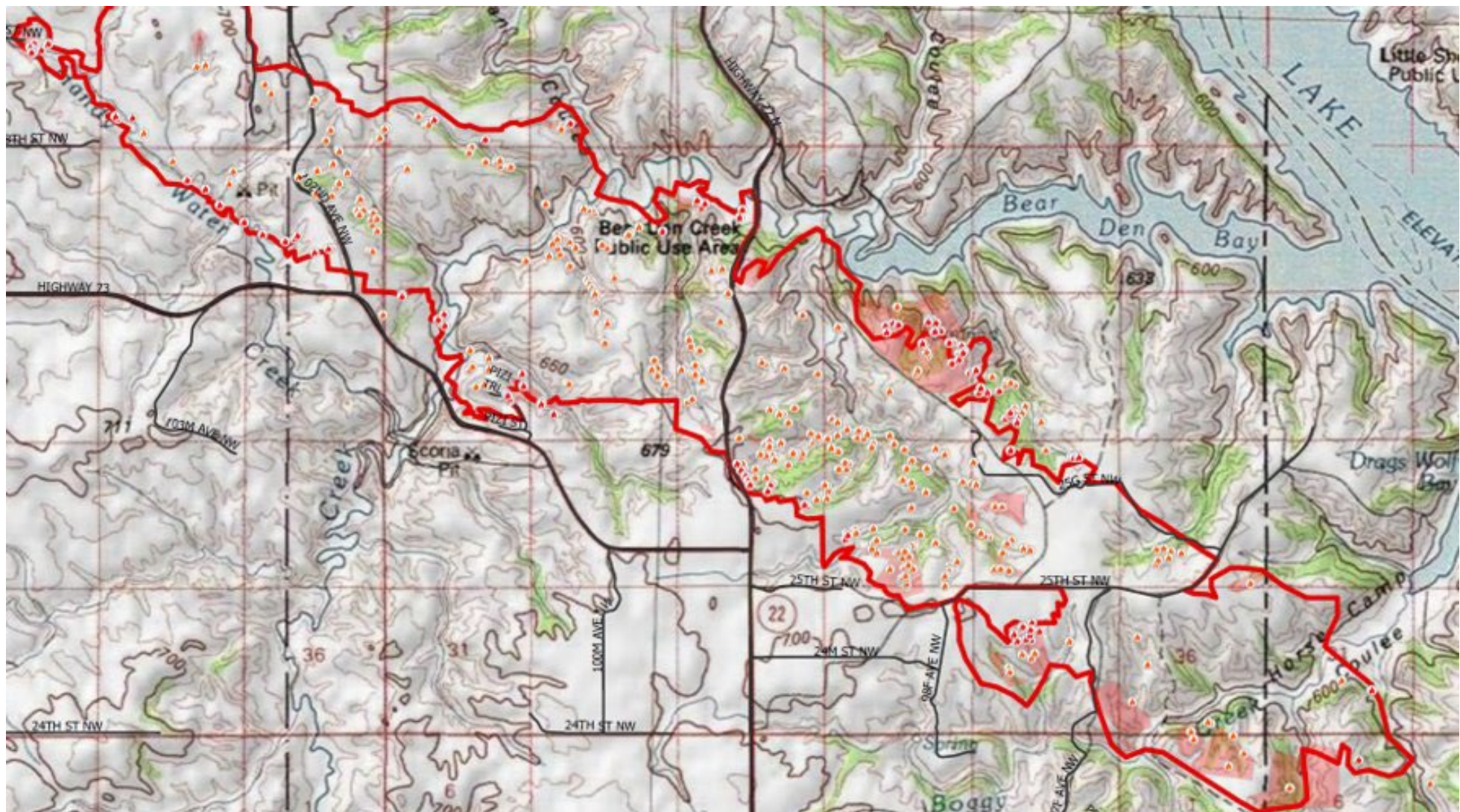
AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

October 2024: Wildfires Northwest

- Evacuated residents from homes
- Rescued stranded individuals
- Provided traffic control
- Provided aircraft assistance by mapping active hotspots to guide firefighting efforts



AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



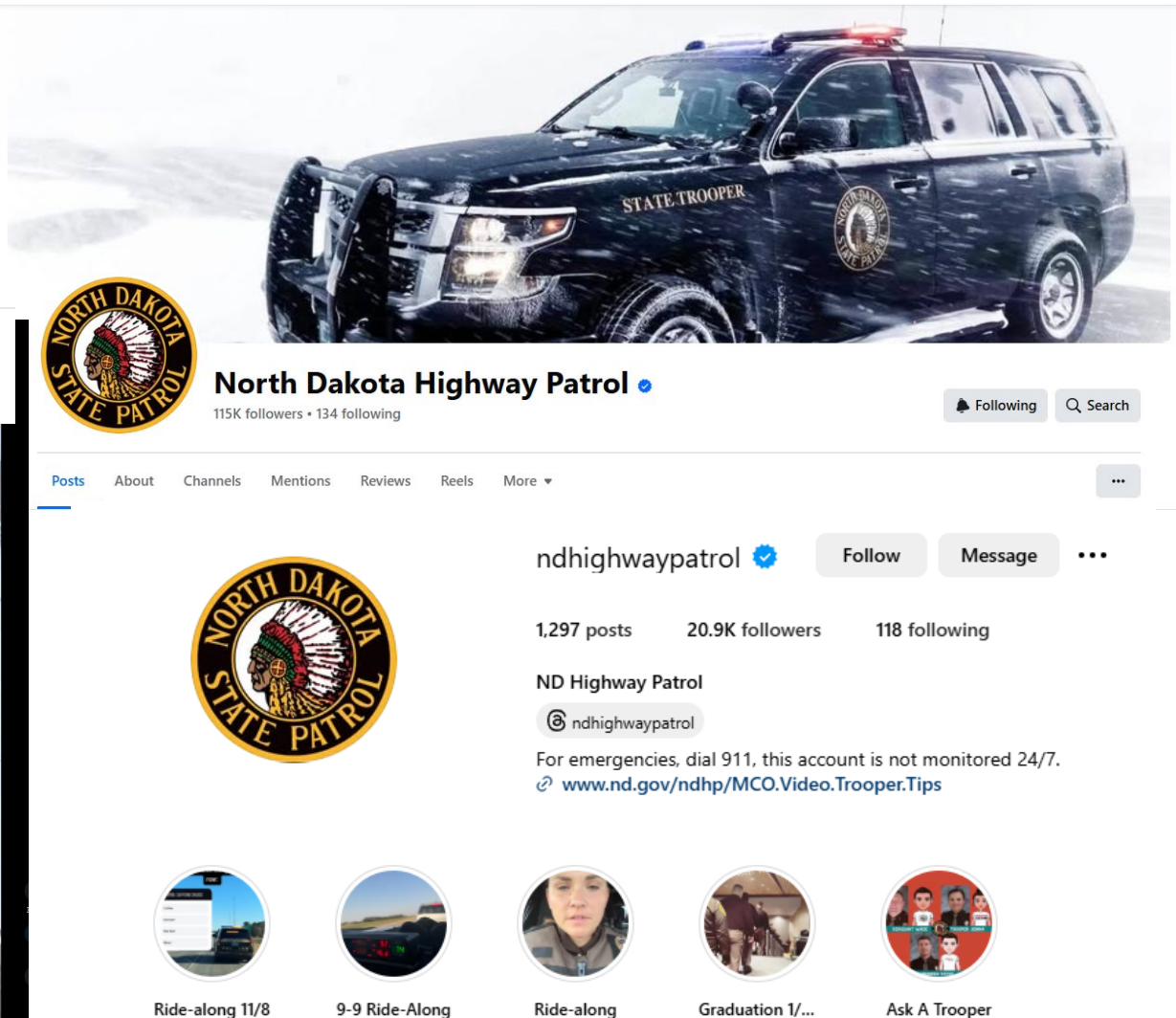
AGENCY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued mental health efforts and enhancements
 - Expanded mental health outreach for law enforcement
 - Clinical network pilot project with NDDHHS expanded to all law enforcement statewide
 - Partnered with NDDHHS to enhance clinical services available at Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefings (CISM)
 - Enhanced the NDHP's Critical Incident Stress Management team to provide continued peer services to troopers and partner agencies upon request
- Partnered with NDDHHS to implement AVEL services to troopers statewide

OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

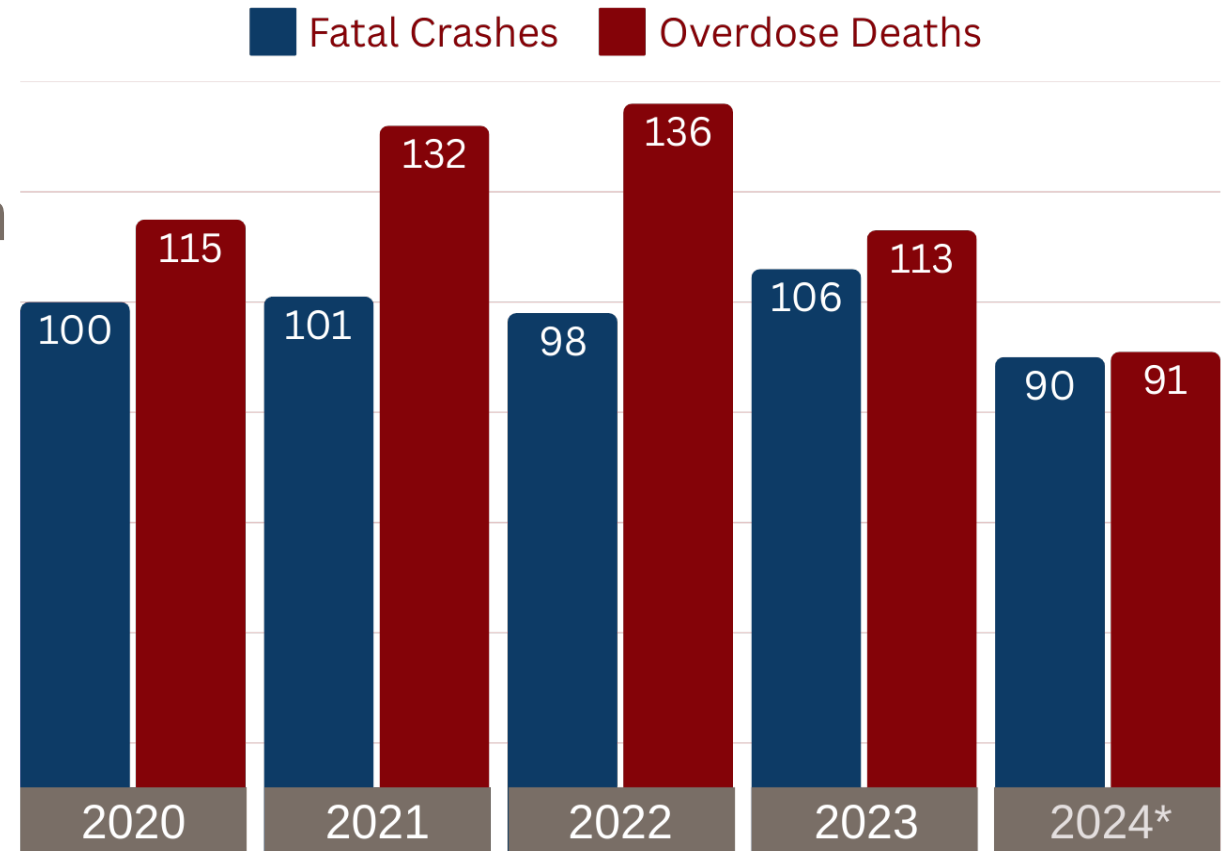
- Facebook – 115,000 followers
- Instagram – 20,900 followers

- Increasing viewership by:
 - Sharing real-time information
 - Showcasing individual troopers
 - Live ride-alongs



CHALLENGES AND GOALS

- Continue crash reduction efforts
- Prevent overdose deaths through criminal interdiction and assistance to task forces
- Assist regional SWAT teams
- Develop additional MOUs with Tribal Nations



* 2024 preliminary data

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Funding Source	2023-2025 Appropriation	2025-2027 Governor Armstrong Executive Budget Recommendation
General Funds	\$ 49,438,826.00	\$ 63,239,826.00
Special Funds	\$ 13,090,027.00	\$ 10,069,876.00
Federal Funds	\$ 8,660,335.00	\$ 16,080,556.00
Total	\$ 71,189,188.00	\$ 89,390,258.00

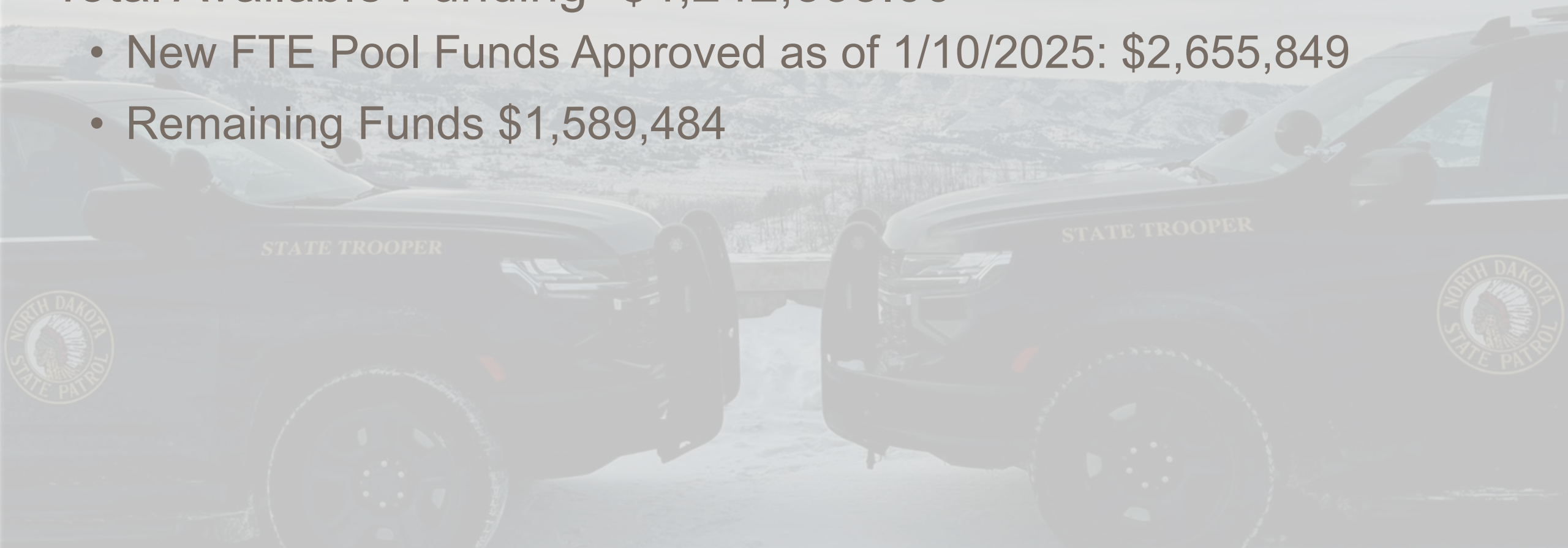
EMPLOYEE TURNOVER / VACANT POSITIONS

- Started 2023-25 biennium with 28 open positions
 - 15 sworn
 - 12 new sworn
 - 1 civilian
- Fully staffed by October 1, 2024
- 6 vacant sworn, 1 vacant civilian as of 12/1/2024
- Current hiring process for May 2025 trooper class

NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL

Total Available Funding- \$4,242,333.00

- New FTE Pool Funds Approved as of 1/10/2025: \$2,655,849
- Remaining Funds \$1,589,484



VACANT FTE POOL CONTINUED

Purpose	Expended	Anticipated	Total Estimated
Excess Overtime		\$ 658,000.00	\$ 658,000.00
Unfunded Step Increases	\$ 284,954.00	\$ 157,254.00	\$ 442,208.00
Recruitment Bonus	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Performance Bonus	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 96,500.00
Sign-on Bonus	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 102,000.00
Temporary K9 Boarding	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Call Out Pay (\$75)	\$ 66,900.00	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 89,200.00
.5% NDHPERS Increases 6/4%	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 13,000.00
Physical Fitness Awards	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Temporary Salary Increase	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 518,104.00	\$ 913,804.00	\$ 1,431,908.00

BUDGET OVERVIEW

- **2023-25 Appropriation**

- General Funds \$49,438,826
- Special Funds \$13,090,027
- Federal Funds \$8,660,335
- Total Funds \$71,189,188
- *(\$5,319,935.00) was removed from original version of \$76,509,123 for new and vacant FTE pool

- **2025-27 Legislative Base**

- General Funds \$47,657,320
- Special Funds \$12,271,559
- Federal Funds \$8,156,667
- Total Funds \$68,085,546

	General	Federal	Special	Total
2023-25 Legislative Appropriation	\$ 49,438,826.00	\$ 8,660,335.00	\$ 13,090,027.00	\$ 71,189,188.00
Adjustments for Base Budget				
Add TME Appropriation	\$ 1,035,355.00	\$ 143,373.00	\$ 109,927.00	\$ 1,288,655.00
Add Retirement Contribution	\$ 15,723.00	\$ 4,722.00	\$ 9,458.00	\$ 29,903.00
One-Time Items:				
Remove CVIEW		\$ (150,000.00)		\$ (150,000.00)
Remove New Trooper Startup Costs	\$ (514,584.00)	\$ (37,763.00)	\$ (83,653.00)	\$ (636,000.00)
Remove Inflationary Costs	\$ (2,154,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)	\$ (348,000.00)	\$ (2,562,000.00)
Remove Narcotics Tester	\$ (52,000.00)		\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (60,000.00)
Remove UAV's	\$ (89,000.00)		\$ (15,000.00)	\$ (104,000.00)
Remove Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ (23,000.00)	\$ (404,000.00)		\$ (427,000.00)
Remove Technology Enhancements			\$ (283,200.00)	\$ (283,200.00)
Remove Shooting Range Repairs			\$ (200,000.00)	\$ (200,000.00)
Legislative Base	\$ 47,657,320.00	\$ 8,156,667.00	\$ 12,271,559.00	\$ 68,085,546.00
Adjustments				
Add Funds Removed for Vacant FTE Pool	\$ 3,724,768.00	\$ 927,758.00	\$ 667,409.00	\$ 5,319,935.00
Add NDIT Allowance	\$ 186,533.00	\$ 34,642.00	\$ 45,301.00	\$ 266,476.00
Base Budget	\$ 51,568,621.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,984,269.00	\$ 73,671,957.00
Base Budget Reduction	\$ (1,547,059.00)		\$ (392,826.00)	\$ (1,939,885.00)
Base Budget after Reduction	\$ 50,021,562.00	\$ 9,119,067.00	\$ 12,591,443.00	\$ 71,732,072.00
2025-27 Base Budget Limit	\$ 50,021,562.00	No Limit	\$ 12,591,443.00	
Base Budget FTE				\$ 205.00

2025-2027 BUDGET REQUEST

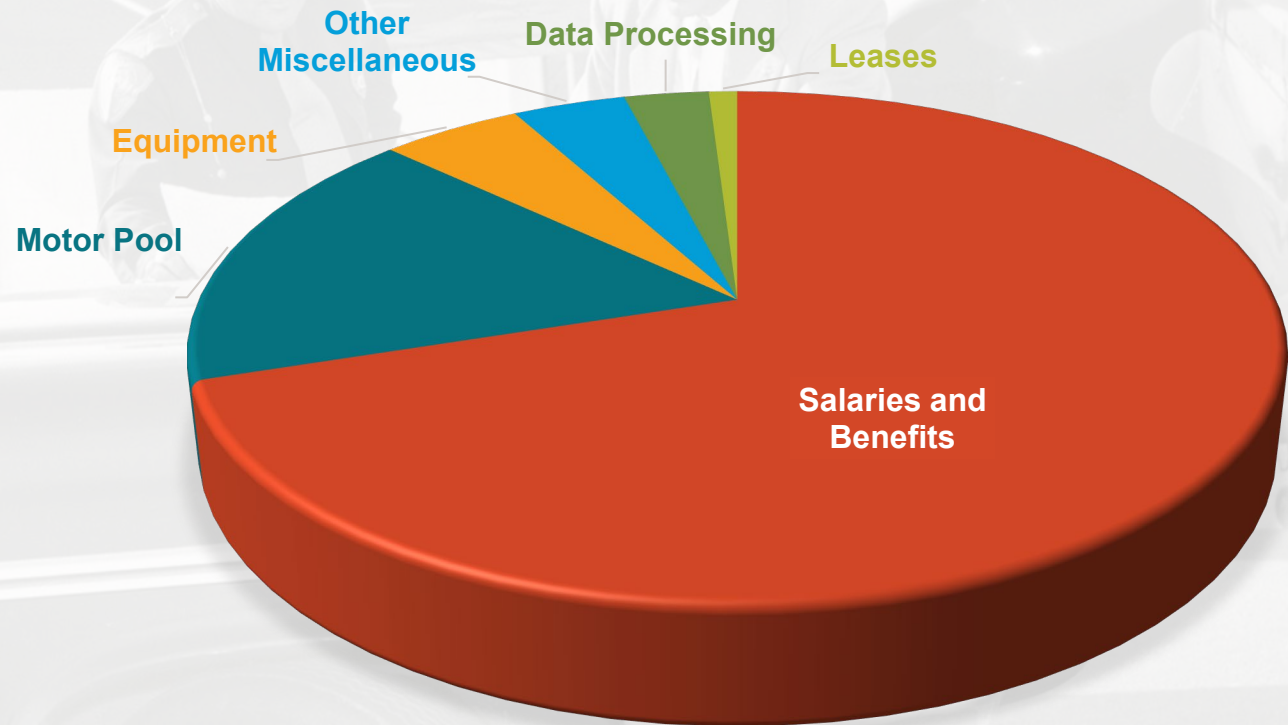


2025-27 BUDGET REQUEST

One Program: Field Operations

- 71% salaries and benefits
- 15% motor pool
- 5% equipment
- 4% data processing
- 1% leases
- 4% other miscellaneous

Over $\frac{3}{4}$ is personnel and vehicle costs.



RESTORATION OF FIVE TROOPER POSITIONS

- Salary and Operating Expenses for (5) trooper positions to meet the requested 3% reduction in general and special funds

General	\$ 1,190,778.00
Special	\$ 193,847.00
Total	\$ 1,384,625.00

Included: Salary, Benefits, Overtime

COST TO CONTINUE – 2ND 12 MONTHS OF LEGISLATIVE 4% INCREASE

- Request for funding to cover the first year of the 4% legislative increase provided during the 2023-2025 biennium.

General	\$ 687,000.00
Special	\$ 111,667.00
Federal	\$ 76,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 874,667.00

REINSTATEMENT OF ONE-TIME INFLATIONARY EQUIPMENT FUNDING

- 2023-25 budget had 520,000 for inflationary increases
 - Equipment: 370,000
 - Uniforms: 58,000
 - Ammunition: 46,000
 - Travel: 46,000
- 2025-27 request has 370,000 on-going request to reinstate equipment funding

General	\$ 318,000.00
Special	\$ 52,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 370,000.00

STATE FLEET INCREASES

2023-25 Base fleet funding for 159 sworn @ ~.99/mile

- 6,496,000 ongoing
- 2,042,000 one-time (removed)
- 8,538,000 Total

2025-27 Request: \$1,526,000 ongoing / 4,483,000 one-time*

- 171 sworn officers
- Average of 2,371 miles/month/officer
- NDDOT Projected/Suggested Budgeted Rate: Mileage (1.13/mi) + Depreciation (448.00/mo.) = 1.34/mile** (6,483,000 one-time)
- Executive Budget Request is equivalent to ~1.28/mile
- Senate reduced one-time to \$3.483,000, which is equivalent to ~1.18/mi.

**Based on an average monthly inventory of 188 vehicles and a total agency mileage of 9,734,400 for the biennium, the one-time amount

- $1.13 \times 9,734,400 \text{ miles} = \$10,999,972$ for mileage
- $188 \times \$448 \times 24 = \$2,021,376$ for depreciation



BODY ARMOR FUNDING

- Approximately 70 sets of soft body armor will need replacing during the 2025-2027 biennium.
- Each set of soft body armor lasts approximately 5 years.
- Replacement covers the ballistic panels, external carrier, pouches, etc.
- Previously funded from the permit fund, request move to general/special funding.

General	\$ 158,000.00
Special	\$ 26,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 184,000.00

FORWARD-LOOKING INFRARED (FLIR) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

- \$88,000 On-going, (76,000 General/12,000 Special)
- System is attached to NDHP fixed-wing aircraft – Missing persons searches, fugitive searches, vehicle pursuits, wildfire surveillance, overwatch for warrant and drug operations
- FLIR STAR SAFIRE 380HDc
- Maintenance agreement includes on-site visits (training or maintenance), calibration and maintenance at their facility when needed and cost coverage for parts ("bumper to bumper" coverage)



Cessna T206



FLIR Camera

NORTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL
HAZE 43 3345' N 100°45' 2035' W
SPD 15 KTS
ALT 4050 FT

231°T

VIDEO SPLIT

SPD 75 MPH
ELV 1673 FT



STREET
ELEV 3771 FT

07/08/24
1:43:29



Asphalt Rd

LRF L ARMED
LRF C ARMED

REC
SCR

E Bowen Ave

HOIR
WH DOE
FOC GEO
EXP AUT

CLEAR

Distance Deviation

336M

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CRASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING-VOCA FUNDS REDUCTION

- Victims of Crime Act Funding (VOCA) \$194,000 (Fund 276)
- Funding for FFY 2025 was originally reduced by 31.5% but later covered by state funding
- Reductions in VOCA funding expected for FFY 2026/27
- Positions were originally funded 100% with Permit Fund 276



NDIT RATE INCREASES/ SOFTWARE PACKAGES

- \$150,000 ongoing
- Video editing software (LETA) to create and edit training videos (\$22k per yr).
- LETA Blackboard Software - NDIT network support maintenance and operations (M&O) agreement fees (~6hrs/mo@136.00/hr.)
- NDIT data processing monthly shortfall of ~6200/mo.

General	\$ 130,000.00
Special	\$ 20,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 150,000.00

LEASE RATE INCREASES

- \$222,000 (on-going)
- Bismarck hangar space to increase \$2,500/bien.
- Bismarck warehouse location to increase \$4,000/bien.
- Grand Forks regional office to increase \$8,600/bien.
- Seeking new or improved office space
- Minot – current building is for sale, and is in rough condition, seeking new building to lease, 60,000 increase
 - Devils Lake – potential of lease space in new LEC, 25,000
 - Fargo – need for additional space 122,000

General	\$ 191,000.00
Special	\$ 31,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 222,000.00



IN-CAR ROUTER PROGRAM ON-GOING COSTS

- \$210,000 on-going 158 vehicles Troopers currently using a SIM card in state-issued laptop.
- In-car router technology should boost the throughput of the WiFi, allowing many devices inside the vehicle to connect without added additional SIMs.
- Enhances SIRN radio, uploading body camera footage, and livestreaming body camera footage.

General	\$ 180,000.00
Special	\$ 30,000.00
Total (Ongoing)	\$ 210,000.00

ECOSTRUXURE™ SECURITY EXPERT PROJECT FUNDING

- \$218,000 On-going General funding for subscription fees for the Security Expert System key card access system used on the capitol complex (all general funds).
- Hardware was funded for and installed by NDIT in the current biennium.
- Agreement between NDHP, OMB, and NDIT that the NDHP is the main user of the software and billing would be most simplified with NDHP.

CURRENT BIENNIUM: ONE-TIME ITEMS

One-Time Funding Item	Amount	Source	Status
New Trooper Startup Cost	\$ 636,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Complete (100%)
State Fleet Mileage Increase	\$ 2,042,000.00	Gen./Spec./Fed.	Pending
Inflationary Increase	\$ 520,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Narcotics Tester	\$ 60,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Complete (100%)
UAV Enhancements	\$ 104,000.00	Gen./Spec.	Pending
Motor Carrier Program Enhancements	\$ 427,000.00	Federal/General	Partial
Technology Projects	\$ 283,200.00	Gen./Spec.	Partial
CVIEW Project	\$ 150,000.00	Federal	Complete
Range Enhancements	\$ 200,000.00	Special	Partial (75%)
Total	\$ 4,422,200.00		

CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON (CEW, TASER™) REPLACEMENT

- \$870,000 one-time (Special Fund 276)
- Current energy weapon is the model X26P
 - single shot, 25ft range
- AXON is phasing out the X26P
 - no longer warranty or repair them
- Desire to move to TASER™ 10
- 10 shots, 45ft range
- 162 Units



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EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS COURSE (EVOC) PAD RESURFACE

- \$260,000 one-time (\$224,000 General/\$36,000 Special)
- NDDOT Recommended resurface
 - Constructed in 2014
 - Cost in 2014: \$3,000,000
 - Last resurface: 2018
 - Size: 300 ft. by 1200 ft.
 - Used for PIT, EVOC, etc.



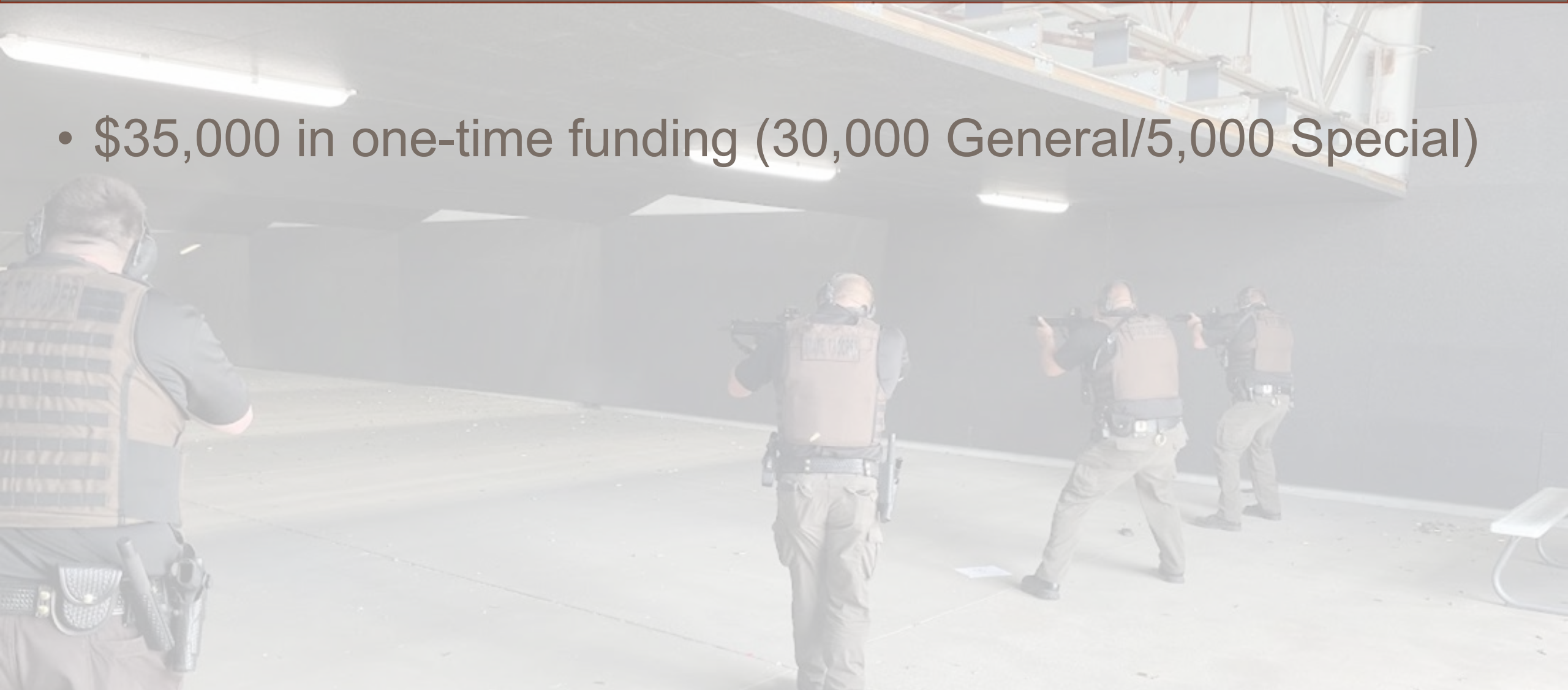
PRELIMINARY ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING DEVICE (PBT) REPLACEMENT

- \$50,000, one-time (43,000 General / 7,000 Special)
- 155 Units to be replaced
- Majority of NDHP PBTs were purchased Nov 2012.
- Fuel cells within the PBTs last between 5-10 years.
- Critical equipment for NDHP Troopers who arrest 1,300 DUIs annually, conducting tests on many more.



VENTILATION FOR OUTDOOR RANGE

- \$35,000 in one-time funding (30,000 General/5,000 Special)



AGENCY COLLECTIONS

Fund	2023-25 Collections (Est.)*	2025-27 Collections (Est.)*
Permit Fund (276)	\$2,443,000	\$2,443,000
Highway Fund (200)	\$36,746,000	\$36,746,000
ID Card Fund (471)	\$1,000	\$1,000
HTDF Fuel Tax (400)	\$170,000	\$170,000
Misc. Gen Rev. (001)	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total	\$39,380,000	\$39,380,000

**Estimates based on biennium to date collections as of November 30, 2024:*

- Collections from fund 276 e-permit fees - \$1,730,484 and Hwy Fund 200 overload fees - \$26,028,352*
- ID card processing fund 471 fees - \$670*

ND Constitution, Article IX, Section 2: Fines for traffic violations are collected by the courts and used “for the benefit of the common schools of the state”.

STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Total funds appropriated to the NDHP

\$5,731,223.55

Total spent or obligated by 12/31/2024 to be spent

\$5,421,483.55

Funds to be Unobligated for use by the Department of
Corrections and Rehabilitation

\$309,740.00

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION SECTIONS

Section 5. ESTIMATE INCOME – TRANSFER –HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND

- Traditionally – General Funds have been aligned with Highway Tax Distribution Special Funds at a ratio of approximately 86% general to 14% HTDF for items appropriated as general funded in the Highway Patrol Budget

SECTION 6. ESTIMATED INCOME – MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT FUND

- The following are funded out of the electronic motor carrier permit fund 276 on an ongoing basis:
 - 1 permit supervisor
 - 2 permit technicians
 - 1 records technician
 - 3 administrative assistants
 - 2 crash assistance program specialists (currently partial)
 - Soft body armor (request to increase and move to general)
 - AED pads (removed as special fund 3% reduction)
 - Taser cartridges (removed as special fund 3% reduction)

SECTION 7. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS

- 200.00 monthly unvouchered expense



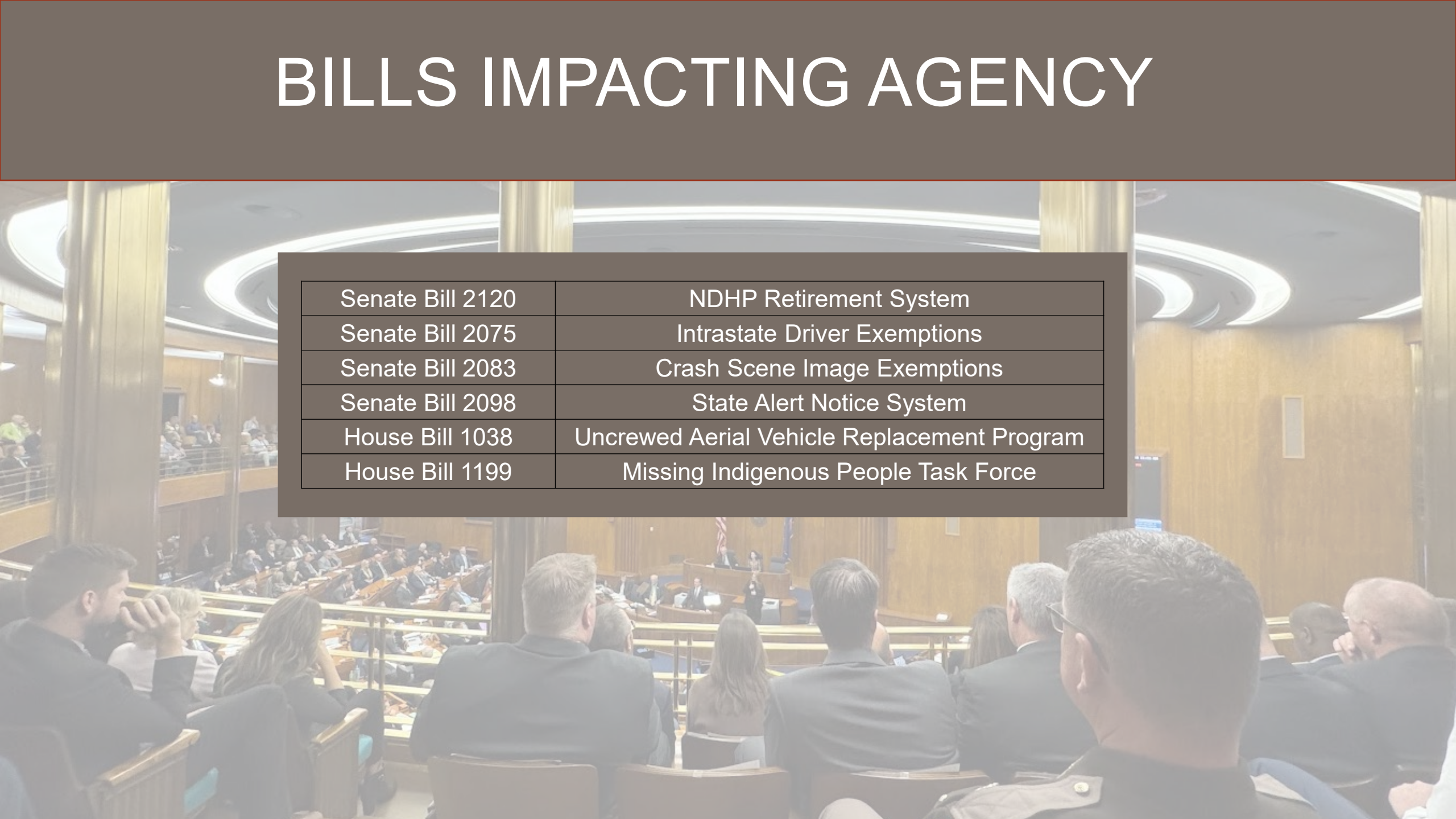
SENATE CHANGES

- Adjustment to Trooper Restoration Decision Package
- New and Vacant FTE Pool
- Removal of Motor Pool Funding
- Emergency Vehicle Resurface Funding to SIIF
- Adjustment of Highway Tax Distribution Fund
- Adjustment of Electronic Motor Carrier Permit Fund

ADDITIONAL HOUSE CONSIDERATIONS

- Carryover in funding
 - USDOJ Body Camera Program Grand Funding
 - 2023-25 One-Time Technology Funding
- Correction – Body Armor from One-Time to On-Going
- Correction – Crash Assistance Program (VOCA) from One-Time to Ongoing

BILLS IMPACTING AGENCY



Senate Bill 2120	NDHP Retirement System
Senate Bill 2075	Intrastate Driver Exemptions
Senate Bill 2083	Crash Scene Image Exemptions
Senate Bill 2098	State Alert Notice System
House Bill 1038	Uncrewed Aerial Vehicle Replacement Program
House Bill 1199	Missing Indigenous People Task Force

SENATE BILL 2120

- Introduced by State and Local Government Committee (North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System)
- \$35.7 million into the ND Highway Patrol Retirement System
- Increase funded liability to 90% as of January 1, 2026



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM MISPERCEPTIONS

- **Do most troopers retire at age 50?**
 - Early retirement would result in a 6% reduction per year in benefits prior to age 55 (e.g., 30% less at age 50 absent the rule of 80)
 - The mandatory retirement age is 60
- **Can troopers retire early with full benefits?**
 - Troopers are vested after 10 years of service (versus 3 years for Main/Public Safety plans)
 - Retirement benefits are calculated using the multiplier which is 3.6% for the first 25 years and then 1.75% thereafter
- **Do troopers get social security benefits?**
 - Troopers do not pay into social security – there are no employee/employer contributions
 - Troopers do not earn social security service credits while working for the NDHP

PERS PLAN COMPARISON

PERS Plans - As of January 2025	Main	Public Safety	Highway Patrol
Employee PERS Contribution*	3	1.5	11.3
Employee Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Total Employee Contribution	9.2	7.7	11.3
Employer PERS Contribution	12.26	11.93	25.7
Employer Social Security Contribution	6.2	6.2	0
Medicare	1.45	1.45	1.45
Health Insurance Credit	0	1.14	1.14
Total Employer Contribution	19.91	20.72	28.29
Total Combined Contribution	29.11	28.42	39.59
Vesting	3 years - age 65	3 years	10 years
Early Retirement Age	60	50	50
Normal Retirement Age	Rule of 90 - age 65	Rule of 85 - age 55	Rule of 80 - age 55
Benefit Formula	1.75%	1.75%	3.6% for 25 years then 1.75%
Early Retirement Reduction	8%/year	6%/year	6%/year

**Factoring 4% of employee portion covered by the state.*

ADAPTIVE HIRING PRACTICES

- Military police waiver
- Accelerated academy program
- Updated education requirements
- Added a designated recruiter
- Policy updates- tattoos, inclusivity for women, etc.
- Virtual testing option maintained from COVID era



DANGEROUS & UNFORGIVING PROFESSION

Officer-Involved Shootings in North Dakota in 2023-24

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1. Feb 25, 2023 McLean County SO*
 2. Feb 25, 2023 Ward County SO*
 3. Apr 5, 2023 Mckenzie Co
 4. Apr 22, 2023 Burleigh County SO
 5. Apr 22, 2023 Bismarck PD
 6. Jul 14, 2023 Fargo PD
 7. Nov 12, 2023 Bismarck PD
 8. Jan 30, 2024 NDBCI
 9. Mar 22, 2024 Grand Forks PD
 10. Mar 23, 2024 Grand Forks County SO
 11. Jul 23, 2024 Williston PD
 12. Sep 3, 2024 ND Highway Patrol*
 13. Sep 3, 2024 Morton County SO*
 14. Sep 12, 2024 Nelson County SO
 15. Sep 26, 2024 Renville
 16. Oct 25, 2024 Dickinson PD
 17. Oct 25, 2024 Minot PD
 18. Nov 13, 2024 Fargo PD
 19. Dec 3, 2024 Jamestown PD

DANGEROUS & UNFORGIVING PROFESSION

2023-2024

- 1 NDHP shooting, Sept 3, 2024
- 9 Squad cars totaled by the public
- 11 Assaults on troopers
- Northwest North Dakota fires



HIGHWAY PATROL - SB 2011



2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
3/17/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

2:29 p.m. Chairman Brandenburg opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Representatives: Fisher, Kempenich, Meier, Pyle.

Members Absent: Representative Bosch

Discussion Topics:

- Capital Security Grants
- Data processing funding
- North Dakota Information Technology (NDIT)
- NDIT fees
- Permit fees from Highway Patrol
- Fleet service rates and funding
- New Tasers of ND Highway Patrol
- New Breath testers
- New building for the Minot office

2:31p.m. Representative Brandenburg reviewed the previous long sheet #39330.

2:32 p.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff, ND Highway Patrol, testified in favor and referenced previous testimony #39375.

3:02 p.m. Daniel Haugen, Superintendent, ND Highway Patrol, answered questions for the committee.

3:28 p.m. Chairman Monson adjourned the meeting.

Madaline Cooper, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division

Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2011

3/18/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

11:10 a.m. Chairman Monson called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Representatives: Bosch, Fisher, Kempenich, Meier, Pyle.

Discussion Topics:

- Fleet services
- Emergency Commission
- State Fleet Rates

11:11 a.m. Representative Brandenburg reviewed the long sheet #42833.

11:13 a.m. Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff, Highway Patrol, testified in favor.

11:39 a.m. Representative Pyle moved a Do Pass on Amendment to add 500,000 for state fleet rates, and other items on the long sheet.

11:39 a.m. Representative Bosch seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Additional written testimony:

Alex Cronquist, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council, submitted neutral testimony #42833.

11:40 a.m. Chairman Monson adjourned the meeting.

Madaline Cooper, Committee Clerk



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Senate Version				House Version				House Compared to Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												\$0
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625				0
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)				0
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		158,000	26,000	184,000				0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$7,300,771	\$3,761,313	\$11,062,084	0.00	\$7,300,771	\$3,761,313	\$11,062,084	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-Time Funding Items												\$0
Fleet services		\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000		\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000				0
Taser replacements (MCEPTF)			870,000	870,000			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000		43,000	7,000	50,000				0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		30,000	5,000	35,000				0
Victims of crime act position (MCEPTF)			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Handgun replacement				0		172,000	28,000	200,000		\$172,000	\$28,000	200,000
Federal grant - in-car router system				0			480,000	480,000			480,000	480,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$3,348,000	\$1,544,000	\$4,892,000	0.00	\$3,520,000	\$2,052,000	\$5,572,000	0.00	\$172,000	\$508,000	\$680,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$10,648,771	\$5,305,313	\$15,954,084	0.00	\$10,820,771	\$5,813,313	\$16,634,084	0.00	\$172,000	\$508,000	\$680,000
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$58,306,091	\$25,733,539	\$84,039,630	205.00	\$58,478,091	\$26,241,539	\$84,719,630	0.00	\$172,000	\$508,000	\$680,000
Federal funds included in other funds			\$9,943,655					\$10,423,655		\$480,000		
Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	15.3%	18.4%	16.2%	0.0%	15.3%	18.4%	16.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	22.3%	26.0%	23.4%	0.0%	22.7%	28.5%	24.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Senate Version	House Version	
New and vacant FTE pool line item	Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of the new and vacant FTE pool line item.		
SIIF	Section 4 identifies \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing project.		
Highway tax distribution fund	Section 5 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the highway tax distribution fund.		
Motor carrier electronic permit fund	Section 6 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.		
Highway Patrol officer per diem	Section 7 provides for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.		
Carryover authority		Section 8 authorizes the Highway Patrol to continue unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriations for technology projects into the 2025-27 biennium.	

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division

Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2011

4/2/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

10:11 a.m. Chairman Monson opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Representatives: Bosch, Fisher, Meier, Pyle.

Members Absent: Representative Kempenich

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:12 a.m. Representative Pyle started work on the previous long sheet #42833.

10:22 a.m. Representative Pyle moved a verbal amendment of Body Armor from one time of 158,000 and move to electronic permit fund, one-time funding preliminary breath test devices take the \$43,000 of general fund and move it over to the electronic permit fee, take out \$35,000 for shooting range ventilation, handgun replacement for \$172,000 to move the funds from general funds to electronic permit fee, and \$260,000 of the emergency vehicle course resurfacing from SIF would now come from the electronic permit fee.

10:22 a.m. Representative Fisher seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y

Motion carried 6-0-1.

10:25 a.m. Representative Pyle moved to further amend to add section 9 to carry over authority for the routing system federal grant.

10:26 a.m. Representative Fisher seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y

Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y

Motion carried 6-0-1.

10:29 a.m. Representative Pyle moved a Do Pass as Amended.

10:29 a.m. Representative Fisher seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y

Motion carried 6-0-1.

Representative Pyle will carry the bill.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Monson closed the meeting.

Madaline Cooper, Committee Clerk

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
4/8/2025

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

10:17 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Vigesaa, Vice Chairman Kempenich, Representatives Anderson, Berg, Bosch, Brandenburg, Fisher, Hanson, Louser, Martinson, Meier, Monson, Murphy, Nathe, Nelson, O'Brien, Pyle, Richter, Sanford, Stemen, Swiontek, Wagner

Member absent: Representative Mitskog

Discussion Topics:

- Committee Action

10:18 a.m. Representative Pyle explained Amendment LC #25.0178.02002, #44777.

10:27 a.m. Representative Pyle moved Amendment LC #25.0178.02002.

10:27 a.m. Representative Swiontek seconded the motion.

10:28 a.m. Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Scott Louser	AB
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	AB
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y

Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

10:28 a.m. Motion passed 21-0-2.

10:29 a.m. Representative Pyle moved Do Pass as Amended.

10:29 a.m. Representative Monson seconded the motion.

10:29 a.m. Roll Call Vote

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Mike Berg	Y
Representative Glenn Bosch	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Jay Fisher	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Scott Louser	AB
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	AB
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Eric J. Murphy	Y
Representative Mike Nathe	Y
Representative Jon O. Nelson	Y
Representative Emily O'Brien	Y
Representative Brandy L. Pyle	Y
Representative David Richter	Y
Representative Mark Sanford	Y
Representative Gregory Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Swiontek	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y

10:29 a.m. Motion passed 21-0-2.

10:29 a.m. Representative Pyle will carry the bill.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Vigesaa closed the meeting.

Krystal Eberle, Committee Clerk

April 2, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

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4/8/25
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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2011

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol;
2 ~~and~~ to provide for a transfer; and to provide an exemption.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

- 4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
7 federal funds, to the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway
8 patrol, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Highway patrol	\$68,085,546	\$13,508,962	\$81,594,508
12 New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,445,122	2,445,122
13 Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$15,954,084	\$84,039,630
14 Less other funds	20,428,226	5,305,313	25,733,539
15 Total general fund	\$47,657,320	\$10,648,771	\$58,306,091
16 Full-time equivalent positions	205.00	0.00	205.00
17 Highway patrol	<u>\$68,085,546</u>	<u>\$14,653,962</u>	<u>\$82,739,508</u>
18 New and vacant FTE pool	<u>0</u>	<u>2,445,122</u>	<u>2,445,122</u>
19 Total all funds	<u>\$68,085,546</u>	<u>\$17,099,084</u>	<u>\$85,184,630</u>

1	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>20,428,226</u>	<u>6,251,313</u>	<u>26,679,539</u>
2	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$47,657,320</u>	<u>\$10,847,771</u>	<u>\$58,505,091</u>
3	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>205.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

9	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
10	Motor pool costs	\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000
11	<u>Motor pool costs</u>	<u>\$3,705,000</u>	<u>\$278,000</u>	<u>\$3,983,000</u>
12	Conductive electronic weapon replacement	0	870,000	870,000
13	Emergency operations course resurface	0	260,000	260,000
14	Preliminary breath test devices	43,000	7,000	50,000
15	Shooting range ventilation	30,000	5,000	35,000
16	Body armor	158,000	26,000	184,000
17	<u>Preliminary breath test devices</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
18	<u>Gun replacement</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
19	<u>Federal grant authority</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>
20	Crash assistance position	0	194,000	194,000
21	Total	\$3,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$5,076,000
22	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,705,000</u>	<u>\$2,332,000</u>	<u>\$6,037,000</u>

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The

highway patrol may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the highway patrol line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

~~**SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**~~

~~The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$260,000 from the strategic~~

~~investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing project.~~

SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - TRANSFER - HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of ~~\$12,804,056~~ \$12,897,056, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state highway tax distribution fund which may be transferred at the direction of the superintendent of the highway patrol for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. OTHER FUNDS - MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$2,725,828~~ \$3,358,828 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for defraying various expenses associated with the issuance of permits and other nonenforcement motor carrier and administrative activities during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS. Each patrol officer of the state highway patrol is entitled to receive from funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act an amount not to exceed \$200 per month for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses, except lodging, while in travel status within the state of North Dakota or while at the patrol officers' respective home stations. The amounts must be paid at the time and in the same manner as salaries are paid to members of the highway patrol and may be paid without the presentation of receipts or other memorandums.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The sum of \$45,000 appropriated from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for technology enhancements in section 1 of chapter 11 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2011 - Highway Patrol - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool Highway Patrol	\$68,085,546	\$2,445,122 81,594,508	\$1,145,000	\$2,445,122 82,739,508
Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$84,039,630	\$1,145,000	\$85,184,630
Less estimated income	20,428,226	25,733,539	946,000	26,679,539
General fund	\$47,657,320	\$58,306,091	\$199,000	\$58,505,091
FTE	205.00	205.00	0.00	205.00

Department 504 - Highway Patrol - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding Sources ¹	Increases Funding for Motorpool Costs ²	Removes Funding for Shooting Range Ventilation ³	Adds Funding for Handgun Replacement ⁴	Adds Federal Funds Authority ⁵	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool Highway Patrol		\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Less estimated income	201,000	70,000	(5,000)	200,000	480,000	946,000
General fund	(\$201,000)	\$430,000	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0	\$199,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ The source of funding is adjusted for the following items:

- Funding from the general fund for body armor (\$158,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the general fund for preliminary breath test devices (\$43,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurface project (\$260,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

² One-time funding is increased for estimated 2025-27 biennium state fleet costs.

³ Funding added by the Senate for shooting range ventilation improvements is removed.

⁴ One-time funding from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund (\$172,000) and highway tax distribution fund (\$28,000) is added for the replacement of agency handguns.

⁵ One-time federal funds authority is added for a federal Department of Justice grant for in-car router system improvements, which was initially authorized by the Emergency Commission for the 2023-25 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2011 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to authorize the Highway Patrol to continue unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriations for technology projects into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Removes a section identifying funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
- Adjusts sections identifying funding from the highway tax distribution fund and motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2011**

Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS** ([25.0178.02002](#)) and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2011 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

25.0178.02002
Title.
Fiscal No. 2

Prepared by the Legislative Council
staff for House Appropriations -
Government Operations Division
Committee

April 2, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

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19	<u>Federal grant authority</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>
20	Crash assistance position	0	194,000	194,000
21	Total	\$3,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$5,076,000
22	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,705,000</u>	<u>\$2,332,000</u>	<u>\$6,037,000</u>

23 **SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST.** The

24 highway patrol may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in
25 section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds
26 from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the highway patrol line item in accordance with
27 the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the
28 sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

29 ~~**SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**~~

30 ~~The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$260,000 from the strategic~~

~~investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing project.~~

SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - TRANSFER - HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of ~~\$12,804,056~~\$12,897,056, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state highway tax distribution fund which may be transferred at the direction of the superintendent of the highway patrol for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 5. OTHER FUNDS - MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT FUND. The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$2,725,828~~\$3,358,828 from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for defraying various expenses associated with the issuance of permits and other nonenforcement motor carrier and administrative activities during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

SECTION 6. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS. Each patrol officer of the state highway patrol is entitled to receive from funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act an amount not to exceed \$200 per month for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses, except lodging, while in travel status within the state of North Dakota or while at the patrol officers' respective home stations. The amounts must be paid at the time and in the same manner as salaries are paid to members of the highway patrol and may be paid without the presentation of receipts or other memorandums.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS. The sum of \$45,000 appropriated from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for technology enhancements in section 1 of chapter 11 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds may be continued into the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2011 - Highway Patrol - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
New and vacant FTE pool Highway Patrol	\$68,085,546	\$2,445,122 81,594,508	\$1,145,000	\$2,445,122 82,739,508
Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$84,039,630	\$1,145,000	\$85,184,630
Less estimated income	20,428,226	25,733,539	946,000	26,679,539
General fund	\$47,657,320	\$58,306,091	\$199,000	\$58,505,091
FTE	205.00	205.00	0.00	205.00

Department 504 - Highway Patrol - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding Sources ¹	Increases Funding for Motorpool Costs ²	Removes Funding for Shooting Range Ventilation ³	Adds Funding for Handgun Replacement ⁴	Adds Federal Funds Authority ⁵	Total House Changes
New and vacant FTE pool Highway Patrol		\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Less estimated income	201,000	70,000	(5,000)	200,000	480,000	946,000
General fund	(\$201,000)	\$430,000	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0	\$199,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ The source of funding is adjusted for the following items:

- Funding from the general fund for body armor (\$158,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the general fund for preliminary breath test devices (\$43,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurface project (\$260,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

² One-time funding is increased for estimated 2025-27 biennium state fleet costs.

³ Funding added by the Senate for shooting range ventilation improvements is removed.

⁴ One-time funding from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund (\$172,000) and highway tax distribution fund (\$28,000) is added for the replacement of agency handguns.

⁵ One-time federal funds authority is added for a federal Department of Justice grant for in-car router system improvements, which was initially authorized by the Emergency Commission for the 2023-25 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2011 - Other Changes - House Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to authorize the Highway Patrol to continue unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriations for technology projects into the 2025-27 biennium.
- Removes a section identifying funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund.
- Adjusts sections identifying funding from the highway tax distribution fund and motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

2025 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2011

2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2011
4/17/2025
Conference Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol; and to provide for a transfer.

11:35 a.m. Senator Sickler opened the meeting.

Members present: Senator Sickler, Senator Erbele, Senator Burckhard, Representative Pyle and Representative Meier. Member absent: Representative Kempenich.

Discussion Topics:

- Change in electronics fund
- Rotational replacement of handguns tasers, body armor
- Shooting range ventilation project completed
- Permit fund
- MV Fleet services costs

11:35 a.m. Brady Larson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst, distributed testimony #45067.

11:36 a.m. Representative Pyle reviewed the differences between the House and Senate versions of the Highway Patrol budget.

11:40 a.m. Major Aaron Hummel, Chief of Staff, ND Highway Patrol, responded to committee questions.

11:42 a.m. Larry Martin, OMB Analyst, supplied budget information.

11:48 a.m. Senator Erbele moved in place of the House Amendments LC#25.0178.02002 adopted by the House, the bill is amended by the conference committee Amendment LC#25.0178.02003.

11:48 a.m. Senator Burckhard seconded the motion.

11:48 a.m. Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed 5-0-1.

Senator Sickler will carry the bill.

Representative Pyle will carry the bill.

11:50 a.m. Senator Sickler closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

April 17, 2025

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2011

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

In place of amendment (25.0178.02002) adopted by the House, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2011 is amended by amendment (25.0178.02003) as follows:

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the highway patrol;
2 ~~and to provide for a transfer;~~ and to provide an exemption.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

- 4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
7 federal funds, to the highway patrol for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the highway
8 patrol, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

	Adjustments or		
	Base Level	Enhancements	Appropriation
11 Highway patrol	\$68,085,546	\$13,508,962	\$81,594,508
12 New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,445,122	2,445,122
13 Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$15,954,084	\$84,039,630
14 Less other funds	20,428,226	5,305,313	25,733,539
15 Total general fund	\$47,657,320	\$10,648,771	\$58,306,091
16 Full-time equivalent positions	205.00	0.00	205.00
17 Highway patrol	\$68,085,546	\$14,653,962	\$82,739,508
18 New and vacant FTE pool	0	2,445,122	2,445,122
19 Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$17,099,084	\$85,184,630

1	<u>Less other funds</u>	<u>20,428,226</u>	<u>6,251,313</u>	<u>26,679,539</u>
2	<u>Total general fund</u>	<u>\$47,657,320</u>	<u>\$10,847,771</u>	<u>\$58,505,091</u>
3	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>205.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

9	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
10	Motor pool costs	\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000
11	<u>Motor pool costs</u>	<u>\$3,705,000</u>	<u>\$278,000</u>	<u>\$3,983,000</u>
12	Conductive electronic weapon replacement	0	870,000	870,000
13	Emergency operations course resurface	0	260,000	260,000
14	Preliminary breath test devices	43,000	7,000	50,000
15	Shooting range ventilation	30,000	5,000	35,000
16	Body armor	158,000	26,000	184,000
17	<u>Preliminary breath test devices</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
18	<u>Gun replacement</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
19	<u>Federal grant authority</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>
20	Crash assistance position	<u>0</u>	<u>194,000</u>	<u>194,000</u>
21	Total	\$3,506,000	\$1,570,000	\$5,076,000
22	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,705,000</u>	<u>\$2,332,000</u>	<u>\$6,037,000</u>

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The highway patrol may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the highway patrol line item in accordance with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

~~**SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.**~~

~~The other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$260,000 from the strategic~~

1 ~~investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing~~
2 ~~project.~~

3 **SECTION 4. OTHER FUNDS - TRANSFER - HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND.** The
4 other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of ~~\$12,804,056~~\$12,836,056, or so
5 much of the sum as may be necessary, from the state highway tax distribution fund which may
6 be transferred at the direction of the superintendent of the highway patrol for defraying the
7 expenses of the highway patrol during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
8 June 30, 2027.

9 **SECTION 5. OTHER FUNDS - MOTOR CARRIER ELECTRONIC PERMIT FUND.** The
10 other funds line item in section 1 of this Act includes ~~\$2,725,828~~\$3,419,828 from the motor
11 carrier electronic permit transaction fund for defraying various expenses associated with the
12 issuance of permits and other nonenforcement motor carrier and administrative activities during
13 the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

14 **SECTION 6. PAYMENTS TO HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS.** Each patrol officer of the
15 state highway patrol is entitled to receive from funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act an
16 amount not to exceed \$200 per month, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending
17 June 30, 2027. The payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses,
18 except lodging, while in travel status within the state of North Dakota or while at the patrol
19 officers' respective home stations. The amounts must be paid at the time and in the same
20 manner as salaries are paid to members of the highway patrol and may be paid without the
21 presentation of receipts or other memorandums.

22 **SECTION 7. EXEMPTION - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.** The sum of \$45,000
23 appropriated from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund for technology
24 enhancements in section 1 of chapter 11 of the 2023 Session Laws is not subject to the
25 provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds may be continued into the
26 biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2011 - Highway Patrol - Conference Committee Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
New and vacant FTE pool		\$2,445,122		\$2,445,122	\$2,445,122	
Highway Patrol	\$68,085,546	81,594,508	\$1,145,000	82,739,508	82,739,508	
Total all funds	\$68,085,546	\$84,039,630	\$1,145,000	\$85,184,630	\$85,184,630	\$0
Less estimated income	20,428,226	25,733,539	946,000	26,679,539	26,679,539	0
General fund	\$47,657,320	\$58,306,091	\$199,000	\$58,505,091	\$58,505,091	\$0
FTE	205.00	205.00	0.00	205.00	205.00	0.00

Department 504 - Highway Patrol - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adjusts Funding Sources ¹	Increases Funding for Motorpool Costs ²	Removes Funding for Shooting Range Ventilation ³	Adds Funding for Handgun Replacement ⁴	Adds Federal Funds Authority ⁵	Total Conference Committee Changes
New and vacant FTE pool		\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Highway Patrol						
Total all funds	\$0	\$500,000	(\$35,000)	\$200,000	\$480,000	\$1,145,000
Less estimated income	201,000	70,000	(5,000)	200,000	480,000	946,000
General fund	(\$201,000)	\$430,000	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0	\$199,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ The source of funding is adjusted for the following items:

- Funding from the general fund and highway tax distribution fund for body armor (\$184,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the highway tax distribution fund for preliminary breath test devices (\$50,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.
- Funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurface project (\$260,000) is changed to the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

The House version included a portion of funding from the highway tax distribution fund for the body armor and preliminary breath test items.

² One-time funding is increased for estimated 2025-27 biennium state fleet costs, the same as the House.

³ Funding added by the Senate for shooting range ventilation improvements is removed. The House also removed this funding.

⁴ One-time funding from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund is added for the replacement of agency handguns. The House version included a portion of funding provided from the highway tax distribution fund.

⁵ One-time federal funds authority is added for a federal Department of Justice grant for in-car router system improvements, which was initially authorized by the Emergency Commission for the 2023-25 biennium. The House also added this funding.

Senate Bill No. 2011 - Other Changes - Conference Committee Action

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to authorize the Highway Patrol to continue unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriations for technology projects into the 2025-27 biennium, the same as the House.
- Removes a section identifying funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund, the same as the House.
- Adjusts sections identifying funding from the highway tax distribution fund and motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.

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Final Recommendation

SB 2011

Date Submitted: April 17, 2025, 11:48 a.m.

Recommendation: In Place Of

Amendment LC #: 25.0178.02003

Engrossed LC #: N/A

Description:

Motioned By: Erbele, Robert

Seconded By: Burckhard, Randy A.

House Carrier: Pyle, Brandy

Senate Carrier: Sickler, Jonathan

Emergency Clause: None

Vote Results: 5 - 0 - 1

Sen. Sickler, Jonathan	Yea
Sen. Erbele, Robert	Yea
Sen. Burckhard, Randy A.	Yea
Rep. Pyle, Brandy	Yea
Rep. Kempenich, Keith	Absent
Rep. Meier, Lisa	Yea

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ENGROSSED SB 2011**

Your conference committee (Sens. Sickler, Erbele, Burckhard and Reps. Pyle, Kempenich, Meier) recommends that in place of amendment [25.0178.02002](#) adopted by the House, Engrossed SB 2011 is amended by amendment [25.0178.02003](#).

Engrossed SB 2011 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

4-17-25 Draft
11:30



Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504
Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2011

	Senate Version				House Version				House Compared to Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease)			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	205.00	\$47,657,320	\$20,428,226	\$68,085,546	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Base budget adjustments and reductions		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)		(\$1,547,059)	(\$392,830)	(\$1,939,889)				\$0
Restore trooper costs removed in base budget reductions		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625		1,190,778	193,847	1,384,625				0
Cost to continue salary increases		687,000	187,687	874,687		687,000	187,687	874,687				0
Salary increase		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087		1,466,329	550,758	2,017,087				0
Health insurance increase		886,517	332,554	1,219,071		886,517	332,554	1,219,071				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 new FTE pool		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914		1,705,561	886,353	2,591,914				0
Adds funding to replace 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023		2,019,207	708,816	2,728,023				0
2025-27 new and vacant FTE pool		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)		(769,095)	(278,815)	(1,047,910)				0
Ongoing state fleet costs		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000		204,000	1,322,000	1,526,000				0
FLIR maintenance		76,000	12,000	88,000		76,000	12,000	88,000				0
Capitol security technology costs		218,000		218,000		218,000		218,000				0
Lease rate increases		191,000	31,000	222,000		191,000	31,000	222,000				0
Inflationary increases		318,000	52,000	370,000		318,000	52,000	370,000				0
IT data processing and software		130,000	20,000	150,000		130,000	20,000	150,000				0
In-car router system		180,000	30,000	210,000		180,000	30,000	210,000				0
IT ongoing costs		186,533	79,943	266,476		186,533	79,943	266,476				0
Body armor		158,000	26,000	184,000		0	184,000	184,000		(\$158,000)	\$158,000	0
Total ongoing funding changes	0.00	\$7,300,771	\$3,761,313	\$11,062,084	0.00	\$7,142,771	\$3,919,313	\$11,062,084	0.00	(\$158,000)	\$158,000	\$0
One-Time Funding Items												
Fleet services		\$3,275,000	\$208,000	\$3,483,000		\$3,705,000	\$278,000	\$3,983,000		\$430,000	\$70,000	\$500,000
Taser replacements			870,000	870,000			870,000	870,000				0
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface			260,000	260,000			260,000	260,000				0
Preliminary breath test devices		43,000	7,000	50,000		0	50,000	50,000		(43,000)	43,000	0
Shooting range ventilation		30,000	5,000	35,000		0	0	0		(30,000)	(5,000)	(35,000)
Victims of crime act position			194,000	194,000			194,000	194,000				0
Handgun replacement				0			200,000	200,000			200,000	200,000
Federal grant - in-car router system				0			480,000	480,000			480,000	480,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$3,348,000	\$1,544,000	\$4,892,000	0.00	\$3,705,000	\$2,332,000	\$6,037,000	0.00	\$357,000	\$788,000	\$1,145,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	0.00	\$10,648,771	\$5,305,313	\$15,954,084	0.00	\$10,847,771	\$6,251,313	\$17,099,084	0.00	\$199,000	\$946,000	\$1,145,000
2025-27 Total Funding	205.00	\$58,306,091	\$25,733,539	\$84,039,630	205.00	\$58,505,091	\$26,679,539	\$85,184,630	0.00	\$199,000	\$946,000	\$1,145,000

Federal funds included in other funds			\$9,943,655				\$10,423,655				\$480,000	
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Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	15.3%	18.4%	16.2%	0.0%	15.0%	19.2%	16.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.0%	22.3%	26.0%	23.4%	0.0%	22.8%	30.6%	25.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Sections in Highway Patrol - Budget No. 504

Section Description	Senate Version	House Version	
New and vacant FTE pool line item	Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of the new and vacant FTE pool line item.	
SIIF	Section 4 identifies \$260,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for an emergency vehicle operations course resurfacing project.	Not included.	
Highway tax distribution fund	Section 5 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the highway tax distribution fund.	Section 4 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the highway tax distribution fund.	
Motor carrier electronic permit fund	Section 6 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.	Section 5 identifies the amount of special funds provided from the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund.	
Highway Patrol officer per diem	Section 7 provides for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.	Section 6 provides for Highway Patrol officer per diem of \$200 per month for the 2025-27 biennium, the same as provided during the 2023-25 biennium. The per diem payments are in lieu of reimbursement for meals and other expenses while in travel status within the state.	
Carryover authority		Section 7 authorizes the Highway Patrol to continue unexpended 2023-25 biennium appropriations for technology projects into the 2025-27 biennium.	