

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to provide for a legislative management study;"

Page 1, line 2, replace "a transfer" with "transfers"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 23 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,643,095	(\$662,102)	\$8,980,993
Operating expenses	1,877,562	(47,736)	1,829,826
Capital assets	26,400	(26,400)	0
Grants	20,000	0	20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	(2,000,000)	6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	0	900,000
Railroad safety program	523,345	5,743	529,088
Specialized legal services	<u>150,000</u>	<u>580,000</u>	<u>730,000</u>
Total all funds	\$21,140,402	(\$2,150,495)	\$18,989,907
Less estimated income	<u>13,964,575</u>	<u>(1,375,972)</u>	<u>12,588,603</u>
Total general fund	\$7,175,827	(\$774,523)	\$6,401,304
Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	(2.00)	44.00

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The appropriation in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$125,934, of which \$76,487 is from the general fund, for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month."

Page 2, replace lines 6 through 9 with:

"Specialized legal services	<u>\$575,624</u>	<u>\$636,000</u>
Total all funds	\$575,624	\$636,000
Total special funds	<u>336,000</u>	<u>636,000</u>
Total general fund	\$239,624	\$0"

Page 2, after line 22, insert:

"SECTION 5. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$300,000, of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for specialized legal service costs during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - IMPACT OF WIND ENERGY.

1. During the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the impact of wind energy development on the environment, addressing and researching issues common to North Dakota landowners, and identifying potential issues for legislation. The study may include consideration of:
 - a. The impact of wind energy development on the environment, including aesthetic impacts;

- b. The impact of wind energy development on property values;
 - c. The impact of wind energy development on agriculture;
 - d. The advantages and disadvantages of implementing legislation for pooling or unitization of wind resources similar to that of the oil and gas industry in chapter 38-08; and
 - e. The necessary processes for the decommissioning of a wind energy project.
2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-sixth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$9,643,095	(\$662,102)	\$8,980,993
Operating expenses	1,877,562	(47,736)	1,829,826
Capital assets	26,400	(26,400)	
Grants	20,000		20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	(2,000,000)	6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000		900,000
Railroad safety program	523,345	5,743	529,088
Specialized legal services	150,000	580,000	730,000
Total all funds	\$21,140,402	(\$2,150,495)	\$18,989,907
Less estimated income	13,964,575	(1,375,972)	12,588,603
General fund	\$7,175,827	(\$774,523)	\$6,401,304
FTE	46.00	(2.00)	44.00

Department No. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Health Insurance Increases ²	Removes 2 FTE Positions ³	Underfunds Salaries and Wages ⁴	Adjusts Base Level Funding ⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for Specialized Legal Services ⁶
Salaries and wages	(\$21,053)	\$120,191	(\$286,240)	(\$475,000)		
Operating expenses					(47,736)	
Capital assets					(26,400)	
Grants						
Abandoned mined lands contractual					(2,000,000)	
Rail rate complaint case						
Railroad safety program		5,743				
Specialized legal services					(56,000)	636,000
Total all funds	(\$21,053)	\$125,934	(\$286,240)	(\$475,000)	(\$2,130,136)	\$636,000
Less estimated income	(61,419)	49,447	0	0	(2,000,000)	636,000
General fund	\$40,366	\$76,487	(\$286,240)	(\$475,000)	(\$130,136)	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total House Changes					
Salaries and wages	(\$662,102)					
Operating expenses	(47,736)					

Capital assets	(26,400)
Grants	
Abandoned mined lands contractual	(2,000,000)
Rail rate complaint case	
Railroad safety program	5,743
Specialized legal services	580,000
Total all funds	(\$2,150,495)
Less estimated income	(1,375,972)
General fund	(\$774,523)
FTE	(2.00)

¹ Funding is adjusted for cost-to-continue 2015-17 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.

² Funding is added for increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,249 per month.

³ Two FTE positions and funding of \$286,240 is removed.

⁴ General fund salaries and wages are underfunded.

⁵ Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Reduces funding for operating expenses	(\$47,736)		(\$47,736)
Removes funding for capital assets	(26,400)		(26,400)
Reduces federal funds		(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Reduces funding for specialized legal services	(56,000)		(56,000)
Total	(\$130,136)	(\$2,000,000)	(\$2,130,136)

⁶ One-time funding of \$636,000 is added for specialized legal services of which \$300,000 is from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section identifying the cost of the health insurance premium increase.
- Provides for a Legislative Management study regarding the impact of wind energy development.
- Adds a section identifying the funding provided from the strategic investment and improvements fund.