

**Department of Trust Lands  
Budget No. 226  
House Bill No. 1013 and 1176**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
<b>2015-17 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$148,243,153</b>	<b>\$148,243,153</b>
2015-17 base budget	31.00	0	8,092,245	8,092,245
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	2.00	\$0	\$140,150,908	\$140,150,908

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**

**Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Department of Trust Lands is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2015.

	Changes to Base Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for base payroll changes for cost-to-continue 2013-15 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.			(\$31,258)	(\$31,258)
Added funding for 2015-17 biennium performance salary adjustments of 2 to 4 percent per year.			226,866	226,866
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.			116,132	116,132
Added funding for a land management FTE position (\$198,278) and for an unclaimed property and compliance officer position (\$186,968).	2.00		385,246	385,246
Added funding for office space rental.			90,000	90,000
Added funding for administrative costs of the energy infrastructure and impact office to provide total funding of \$700,000 from the oil and gas impact grant fund.			163,922	163,922
Reduced funding for contingencies to provide total funding of \$100,000.			(100,000)	(100,000)
Added funding from the oil and gas impact grant fund for grants to political subdivisions affected by oil and gas development activities. (House Bill No. 1176)			139,300,000	139,300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$140,150,908</b>	<b>\$140,150,908</b>

### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 33 FTE positions, an increase of 2 FTE position from the 2013-15 biennium authorized level of 31 FTE positions. The new positions include a land management position and an unclaimed property and compliance officer position.

### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1013

**Line item transfers** - Section 3 allows the Commissioner of University and School Lands, upon approval of the Board of University and School Lands, to transfer funding between the various line items, including the contingencies line item. The Commissioner shall notify the Office of Management and Budget of each transfer made pursuant to this section.

**Fund distributions** - Section 4 provides permanent fund income distributions to state institutions as follows:

	2013-15 Legislative Appropriation	2015-17 Legislative Appropriation	Increase (Decrease)
Common schools	\$130,326,000	\$206,134,000	\$75,808,000
North Dakota State University	2,066,000	3,368,000	1,302,000
University of North Dakota	1,814,000	2,742,000	928,000
Youth Correctional Center	810,000	1,372,000	562,000
School for the Deaf	720,000	1,180,000	460,000
North Dakota State College of Science	731,428	1,066,000	334,572
State Hospital	803,428	1,078,000	274,572
Veterans' Home	325,428	434,000	108,572
Valley City State University	372,000	570,000	198,000
North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind	331,428	534,000	202,572
Mayville State University	236,000	382,000	146,000
Dakota College at Bottineau	49,428	78,000	28,572
Dickinson State University	49,428	78,000	28,572
Minot State University	49,428	78,000	28,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,683,996</b>	<b>\$219,094,000</b>	<b>\$80,410,004</b>

**Exempt records** - Section 5 creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 44-04 to provide that the value of property paid or delivered to the state abandoned property office is exempt from open records laws. Section 8 includes an emergency clause related to the open records exemption.

**Grant recommendations** - Section 6 amends Section 57-62-05 to remove the requirement that the Director of the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office provide oil and gas impact grant recommendations to the Board of University and School Lands at least quarterly.

**Study of excess lands** - Section 7 provides for a Legislative Management study of federal legislation to return excess lands related to the operation of Oahe Dam to the state.

### Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1176 - Oil and gas impact grant fund** - Section 5 of the bill appropriates \$139.3 million (\$140 million allocated to the fund less an estimated \$700,000 for administrative costs) from the oil and gas impact grant fund to the Department of Trust Lands for oil impact grants. Of the \$139.3 million, \$6.8 million is undesignated and \$132.5 million is designated as follows:

- \$48 million for airports;
- \$30 million for school districts;
- \$10 million for law enforcement agencies, of which \$750,000 is designated for grants to organizations that provide prevention and treatment services related to human trafficking in hub cities (SB 2199) and \$250,000 is designated for sexual assault examiner programs (SB 2284);
- \$10 million for critical access hospitals;

- \$8 million for certain eligible counties;
- \$6 million for emergency medical services providers;
- \$5 million for eligible political subdivisions;
- \$4 million for nursing homes, basic care facilities, and hospice programs;
- \$3 million for fire protection districts;
- \$2 million for providers serving individuals with developmental disabilities;
- \$2 million for domestic violence sexual assault organizations;
- \$2 million local district health units;
- \$1.7 million to an eligible city; and
- \$800,000 to certain eligible cities.

**House Bill No. 1377 - Contingent transfers to legacy fund** - Removes the requirement that 25 percent of strategic investment and improvements fund revenues be transferred to the legacy fund when the unobligated balance of the strategic investment and improvements fund exceeds \$300 million.