

2023 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2010

Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, Including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments
Senate Bill No. 2010

Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Executive Budget	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433
2023-25 Base Level	0	30,312,180	30,312,180
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253

Selected Budget Changes Recommended in the Executive Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$553,145 is for salary increases and \$174,890 is for health insurance increases	\$0	\$728,035	\$728,035
2. Transfers 1 FTE position to the Information Technology Department for IT unification, of which \$226,656 is for decreases in salaries and wages and \$148,164 is for increases in operating expenses	\$0	(\$78,492)	(\$78,492)
3. Transfers \$185,968 from operating expenses to salaries and wages	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Adds funding for additional operating expenses to provide a total of \$2,170,770	\$0	\$748,763	\$748,763
5. Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts for 5 FTE positions	\$0	\$98,300	\$98,300
6. Adds one-time funding for an office remodeling project	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000

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

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

Selected Bill Sections Recommended in the Executive Budget

Insurance tax distribution fund - Section 3 appropriates \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. These amounts are the same as the 2021-23 biennium.

Excess federal funds - Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.

Insurance Commissioner's salary - Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent in the 1st year and 4 percent the 2nd year of the biennium as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2021:

July 1, 2021	\$112,241
July 1, 2022	\$114,486

Proposed annual salary recommendation in the 2023-25 executive budget:

July 1, 2023	\$121,355
July 1, 2024	\$126,209

Continuing Appropriations

State bonding fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 26.1-21-17 - This fund was created to provide fidelity bond coverage to the state and its political subdivisions to protect against the theft of money and property by public officials and employees. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

State fire and tornado fund - Section 26.1-22-03 - This fund was created to provide affordable building and business personal property insurance coverage to state entities and political subdivisions. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

Reinsurance Association of North Dakota - Section 26.1-36.7-12 - Provides a continuing appropriation to the Insurance Commissioner for federal funding received by the Reinsurance Association of North Dakota to administer the invisible reinsurance pool.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The State Auditor's office operational audit of the Insurance Commissioner for the period ending June 30, 2021, identified one deficiency relating to the incorrect distribution of payments to fire departments and districts.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1094 - Relates to the prosecution of insurance fraud.

House Bill No. 1095 - Relates to the inclusion of comprehensive medication management services in health benefit plans.

Senate Bill No. 2031 - Relates to a prescription drug reference rate pilot program.

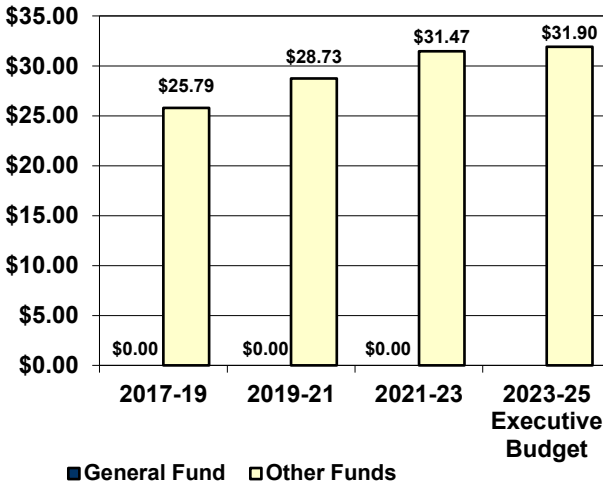
Senate Bill No. 2055 - Relates to the withdrawal of producer licensing applications.

Senate Bill No. 2056 - Relates to the Insurance Commissioner's red tape reduction.

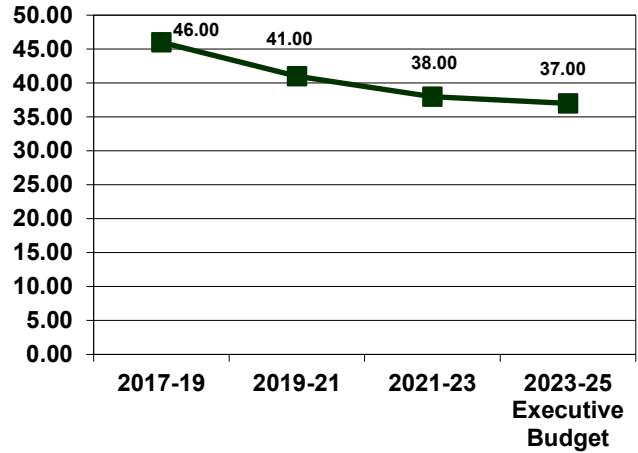
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$28,026,346	\$25,793,430	\$28,534,703	\$30,312,180	\$31,725,133
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$2,232,916)	\$2,741,273	\$1,777,477	\$1,412,953
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	10.6%	6.2%	4.7%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	1.8%	8.2%	13.2%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Removed 3.5 FTE positions (\$724,448)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$357,265)
3. Reduced grants to fire departments to provide total ongoing funding of \$14,235,561 from the insurance tax distribution fund (\$1,445,656)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Added 2 new FTE positions, including a consumer assistance outreach coordinator position and a high-risk pool and health care reform coordinator position \$382,502
2. Removed 2 FTE positions and authorized the Insurance Commissioner to contract for the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund under continuing appropriation authority (\$610,352)
3. Transferred the boiler inspection program, including 4 FTE positions, to the Department of Environmental Quality (\$753,365)
4. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$17,989,505 for grants to fire departments and \$328,525 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$3,753,944

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added 1 new FTE position for an insurance adjuster \$115,276
2. Removed 4 FTE positions, including a producer licensing division director, senior insurance form rate analyst, insurance company financial analyst, and office assistant (\$786,636)

- 3. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$19,588,470 for grants to fire departments and \$1,140,070 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$1,910,510

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Transfers 1 FTE to Information Technology Department for IT unification, of which (\$226,656) is for decreases in salaries and wages and \$148,164 is for increases in operating expenses (\$78,492)
- 2. Adds funding for additional operating expenses to provide a total of \$2,170,770 \$748,763

One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time other funds appropriations	\$220,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

Major One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. No one-time other funds appropriations \$0

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Health care analysis \$200,000

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. State flexibility to stabilize the market grant \$662,000
- 2. Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study \$200,000
- 3. Reinsurance pool study (House Bill No. 1087) \$200,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Retirement leave payouts for five positions \$98,300
- 2. Office remodel \$75,000

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195
Salary increase			553,145	553,145
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953
One-time funding items				
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.

**SENATE BILL NO.2010
(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 insurance commissioner; to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund; to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the commissioner's salary.

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 from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$8,076,281	\$847,842	\$ 8,924,123
Operating Expenses	1,507,359	663,411	2,170,770
Capital Assets	0	75,000	75,000
Total Special Funds	\$9,583,640	\$1,586,253	\$11,169,893
Full-time Equivalent Positions	38.00	(1.00)	37.00

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

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Office Remodel	\$100,000	\$ 75,000
State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant	662,000	0
Coal and Fossil Fuel Industry Insurance Study	200,000	0
Retirement Payouts	0	98,300
	0	0
Total Special Funds	\$962,000	\$173,300

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

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance tax distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,728,540 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of providing payments, in accordance with provisions of section 18-04-05, to North Dakota fire departments in the amount of \$19,588,470 and payments to the North Dakota firefighter's association in the amount of \$1,140,070 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. All federal funds received by the insurance commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is ~~one hundred twelve thousand two hundred forty one dollars through June 30, 2022~~ one hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars through June 30, 2024, and ~~one hundred fourteen thousand four hundred eighty six~~ one hundred twenty-six thousand two hundred nine dollars thereafter.

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
1/4/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Chairman Bekkedahl opened the hearing on SB 2010 at 2:00 pm.
Members present : Senators Bekkedahl, Burckhard, Davison, Dever, Dwyer, Erbele, Kreun, Meyer, Roers, Schaible, Sorvaag, Vedaa, Wanzek, Rust, Mathern; Members absent: Senator Krebsbach

Discussion Topics:

- Budget Overview/Introduction
- Department Structure and changes
- Restructure of Department and improvements
- Workforce, retirements, office locations
- IT Unification needs
- Budgetary increase needs
- Fire District, State Fire Marshall – new proposed bills being introduced
- Discussion/explanation of the lawsuit against the State of Pennsylvania

2:00 Jon Godfread - Insurance Commissioner introduced the bill, overview of the Department, in favor of bill, handout #12369

Additional Testimony: #21242

Chairman Bekkedahl assigned the Bill to Government Operations

Subcommittee Chairman Bekkedahl closed the hearing at 2:54 pm.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
1/19/2023

An appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

2:30 PM Chair Wanzek opened the meeting.

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

Discussion Topics:

- Special funding
- Departmental reorganization
- Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Fund
- IT Unification
- Line-item budget
- Legal costs
- One-time funding
- Environmental Social Governance (ESG) pressures
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
- Pay equity plan

2:32 PM Jon Godfread, Commissioner of the ND Insurance Department, testified in favor of SB 2010. Testimony #12369

3:24 PM Rachael Kriege, Administrative Division Director of the Insurance Department, testified. (No written testimony today)

Additional Testimony: #21241

3:29 PM Senator Wanzek closed the hearing.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
1/31/2023

An appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

10:22 AM Senator Wanzek called the meeting to order.

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

Discussion Topics:

- Fire Marshall
- Health insurance fraud
- New FTEs
- “Captive” self-insurance
- IT unification
- 5th floor remodel
- Inflationary costs
- Fire Marshall training duties
- Litigation costs
- Elected officials’ salaries

10:20 AM Deputy Insurance Commissioner John Arnold testified. (No written testimony)

10:24 AM ND State Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread testified. (No written testimony)

11:33 AM Rachel Kriege, Administrative Division Director, testified. (No written testimony)

11:35 AM Jon Godfread resumed testimony. (No written testimony)

Additional Testimony: #23859

11:57 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
2/3/2023

An appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

9:22 AM Chairman Wanzek called the meeting to order.
Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa are present.

Discussion Topics:

- FTEs
- Fire crime scenes
- Insurance fraud
- Accreditation standards
- Source of funds
- Transfer of Fire Marshall's Office
- ND Firefighters Association funds
- Insurance Commissioner's salary
- Unsatisfied judgement clause
- Accreditation process
- ISO rating
- Salary/Equity comparison
- Regulatory responsibilities

9:22 AM Jon Godfread, ND Insurance Commissioner, testified in support. #19054

9:47 AM Doug Nelson, State Fire Marshal, testified affirmatively. (No written testimony)

9:48 AM Toby Mertz, LC Fiscal Analyst, testified neutrally. #19051

9:50 AM Recess

10:08 AM Reconvene

10:09 AM Toby Mertz, LC Fiscal Analyst, testified. #19051

10:14 AM Doug Nelson, State Fire Marshal, testified affirmatively. (No written testimony)

10:24 AM Rachel Kriege, NDIC Administrative Division Director, testified affirmatively.
#19059

10:43 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
2/7/2023

An appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

8:58 AM Chairman Wanzek called the meeting to order.
Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fire Marshall's Office
- Commissioner's salary
- FTEs
- Four Deputy Fire Marshalls
- Travel expense
- History of payments to fire departments
- Retirement effects

9:09 AM John Arnold. Deputy Insurance Commissioner, testified. (No written testimony)

9:20 AM Senator Dwyer moved to adopt amendment LC 23.0264.01002. #20669
Senator Roers seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed. 5-0-0

9:21 AM Senator Erbele moved DO PASS as Amended.
Senator Vedaa seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed. 5-0-0

9:21 AM Senator Vedaa will carry the bill.

Additional Testimony: #23860, #23861

9:23 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
2/8/2023

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

10:51 AM Chairman Wanzek called the meeting to order.
Senators Wanzek, Erbele, Roers, Dwyer, and Vedaa are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fire Marshal transfer
- Fire districts' continuing appropriation
- Cost to continue
- Commissioner's salary
- Fire insurance premiums' designation

10:54 AM Toby Mertz, LC Fiscal Analyst, testified. Testimony #19868, #19869

11:06 AM Senator Dwyer moved to accept amendment 23.0264.01002.
Senator Roers seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0

11:07 AM Senator Vedaa moved a Do Pass recommendation to accept SB 2010 as amended.

Senator Erbele seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 5-0-0

Senator Vedaa will carry the bill.

11:08 AM Chairman Wanzek closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Roughrider Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
2/9/2023

Relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner; and to provide a transfer.

11:09 AM Chairman Bekkedahl opened the meeting.

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

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

11:09 AM Senator Vedaa introduces the bill.

11:14 AM Senator Vedaa moved DO AMEND. LC 23.0264.01002

11:14 AM Senator Dwyer seconded.

11:29 AM Roll call vote

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

Passed 14-2-0

11:30 AM Senator Vedaa moved DO PASS as AMENDED

11:30 AM Senator Kreun seconded.

11:30 AM Roll call vote

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

Passed 15-1-0

Senator Vedaa will carry the bill.

11:31 AM Chairman Bekkedahl closed the meeting.

Kathleen Hall, Committee Clerk

DR
184
2-9-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner;"

Page 1, line 2, remove "an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance"

Page 1, line 3, replace "tax distribution fund" with "a transfer"

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 16 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$7,248,105	\$16,831,745
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	11.00	49.00"

Page 1, line 17, after "FUNDING" insert "- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY"

Page 1, line 18, after "biennium" insert "and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 1, replace lines 20 through 24 with:

"Office remodel	\$100,000	\$75,000
State flexibility to stabilize the market grant	662,000	0
Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study	200,000	0
Reinsurance pool study	200,000	0
Retirement leave payouts	<u>0</u>	<u>98,300</u>
Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

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

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 10 with:

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any federal funds that become available are appropriated to the insurance commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The insurance commissioner shall report any additional federal funds under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is one hundred ~~twelve~~^{thirty} thousand ~~two hundred forty-one~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~²⁰²⁴, and one hundred ~~fourteen~~^{thirty-five} thousand ~~four~~^{two} hundred eighty ~~six~~ dollars thereafter.

*DR
284
2-9-23*

SECTION 5. TRANSFER - UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund on August 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 5 of this Act is contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295 by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. If this section takes effect, it becomes effective August 1, 2023."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets		75,000	75,000
Grants		2,400,000	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540	(20,728,540)	
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	(\$13,480,435)	\$16,831,745
Less estimated income	30,312,180	(13,480,435)	16,831,745
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	11.00	49.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Transfers an FTE for IT Unification ³	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Operating Expenses ⁴	Transfers FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁵	Adds FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$226,656)	\$185,968	\$1,797,805	\$838,979
Operating expenses			148,164	(233,516)	365,094	368,122
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$78,492)	(\$47,548)	\$2,162,899	\$1,207,101
Less estimated income	62,195	593,139	(78,492)	(47,548)	2,162,899	1,207,101
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	8.00	4.00

	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ⁷	Removes Funding for Payments to Fire Departments ⁸	Increases Funding to North Dakota Firefighters Association ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Retirement Leave Payouts ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Office Remodel ¹¹	Adds Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ¹²
Salaries and wages				\$98,300		\$26,748
Operating expenses	\$748,763					
Capital assets					\$75,000	
Grants			\$2,400,000			
Insurance tax payments		(\$19,588,470)	(1,140,070)			
Total all funds	\$748,763	(\$19,588,470)	\$1,259,930	\$98,300	\$75,000	\$26,748
Less estimated income	748,763	(19,588,470)	1,259,930	98,300	75,000	26,748
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

DR
324
2-9-23

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$3,376,478
Operating expenses	1,396,627
Capital assets	75,000
Grants	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	(20,728,540)
Total all funds	(\$13,480,435)
Less estimated income	(13,480,435)
General fund	\$0
FTE	11.00

¹ Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

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

Other Funds

Salary increase	\$414,226
Health insurance increase	178,913
Total	\$593,139

³ One FTE information technology (IT) position is transferred to the Information Technology Department for the IT unification initiative, including a decrease in salaries and wages and an increase in operating expenses.

⁴ Funding is increased for salaries and wages and decreased for operating expenses.

⁵ Eight FTE fire marshal positions are transferred from the Attorney General to the Insurance Commissioner.

⁶ Four FTE fire marshal positions are added, including related operating expenses.

⁷ Funding is increased for operating expenses, including \$408,558 for IT data processing, \$166,323 for travel, \$108,025 for professional fees and services, and \$26,775 for operating fees and services.

⁸ Funding is removed for payments to fire departments and districts. Payments to fire departments and districts will be made pursuant to a continuing appropriation provided for in Senate Bill No. 2211.

⁹ Funding is increased for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association to provide a total of \$2.4 million from the insurance regulatory trust fund rather than the insurance tax distribution fund.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$98,300 from special funds is added for retirement leave payouts.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$75,000 from special funds is added for an office remodeling project.

¹² Funding is added from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner's salary is increased from the current level of \$114,486 to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.

This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any federal funds received by the insurance commission in excess of the amount appropriated.
- Provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.
- Provide a transfer of any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295. The section identifying funding from the unsatisfied judgment fund included in the Insurance Commissioner's appropriation is removed.

MR
474
2-9-23

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2010: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Bekkedahl, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2010 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner;"

Page 1, line 2, remove "an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance"

Page 1, line 3, replace "tax distribution fund" with "a transfer"

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 16 with:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
Grants	0	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$7,248,105	\$16,831,745
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	11.00	49.00"

Page 1, line 17, after "**FUNDING**" insert "**- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 1, line 18, after "biennium" insert "and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 1, replace lines 20 through 24 with:

"Office remodel	\$100,000	\$75,000
State flexibility to stabilize the market grant	662,000	0
Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study	200,000	0
Reinsurance pool study	200,000	0
Retirement leave payouts	0	<u>98,300</u>
Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

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

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 10 with:

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any federal funds that become available are appropriated to the insurance commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The insurance commissioner shall report any additional federal funds under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is one hundred ~~twelvethirty~~ thousand ~~two hundred forty-one~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~fourteen~~~~thirty-five~~ thousand ~~four~~~~two~~ hundred ~~eighty-six~~ dollars thereafter.

SECTION 5. TRANSFER - UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund on August 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 5 of this Act is contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295 by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. If this section takes effect, it becomes effective August 1, 2023."

ReNUMBER accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets		75,000	75,000
Grants		2,400,000	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540	(20,728,540)	
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	(\$13,480,435)	\$16,831,745
Less estimated income	30,312,180	(13,480,435)	16,831,745
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	11.00	49.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Transfers an FTE for IT Unification ³	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Operating Expenses ⁴	Transfers FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁵	Adds FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$226,656)	\$185,968	\$1,797,805	\$838,979
Operating expenses			148,164	(233,516)	365,094	368,122
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$78,492)	(\$47,548)	\$2,162,899	\$1,207,101
Less estimated income	62,195	593,139	(78,492)	(47,548)	2,162,899	1,207,101
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	8.00	4.00

	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ⁷	Removes Funding for Payments to Fire Departments ⁸	Increases Funding to North Dakota Firefighters Association ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Retirement Leave Payouts ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Office Remodel ¹¹	Adds Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ¹²
Salaries and wages				\$98,300		\$26,748
Operating expenses	\$748,763					
Capital assets					\$75,000	
Grants			\$2,400,000			
Insurance tax payments		(\$19,588,470)	(1,140,070)			
Total all funds	\$748,763	(\$19,588,470)	\$1,259,930	\$98,300	\$75,000	\$26,748
Less estimated income	748,763	(19,588,470)	1,259,930	98,300	75,000	26,748
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$3,376,478
Operating expenses	1,396,627
Capital assets	75,000
Grants	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	(20,728,540)
Total all funds	(\$13,480,435)
Less estimated income	(13,480,435)
General fund	\$0
FTE	11.00

¹ Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

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

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$414,226
Health insurance increase	178,913
Total	\$593,139

³ One FTE information technology (IT) position is transferred to the Information Technology Department for the IT unification initiative, including a decrease in salaries and wages and an increase in operating expenses.

⁴ Funding is increased for salaries and wages and decreased for operating expenses.

⁵ Eight FTE fire marshal positions are transferred from the Attorney General to the Insurance Commissioner.

⁶ Four FTE fire marshal positions are added, including related operating expenses.

⁷ Funding is increased for operating expenses, including \$408,558 for IT data processing, \$166,323 for travel, \$108,025 for professional fees and services, and \$26,775 for operating fees and services.

⁸ Funding is removed for payments to fire departments and districts. Payments to fire departments and districts will be made pursuant to a continuing appropriation provided for in Senate Bill No. 2211.

⁹ Funding is increased for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association to provide a total of \$2.4 million from the insurance regulatory trust fund rather than the insurance tax distribution fund.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$98,300 from special funds is added for retirement leave payouts.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$75,000 from special funds is added for an office remodeling project.

¹² Funding is added from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner's salary is increased from the current level of \$114,486 to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.

This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any federal funds received by the insurance commission in excess of the amount appropriated.
- Provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.
- Provide a transfer of any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to

the insurance regulatory trust fund contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295. The section identifying funding from the unsatisfied judgment fund included in the Insurance Commissioner's appropriation is removed.

2023 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2010

**Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, Including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire
Departments
Senate Bill No. 2010**

First Chamber Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 First Chamber Version	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745
2023-25 Base Level	0	30,312,180	30,312,180
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)

First Chamber Changes

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

Selected Bill Sections Included in the First Chamber Version

Excess federal funds - Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.

Insurance Commissioner's salary - Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.

Unsatisfied judgement fund - Sections 5 and 6 transfer any remaining balance in the unsatisfied judgement fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund contingent upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.

Continuing Appropriations

State bonding fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 26.1-21-17 - This fund was created to provide fidelity bond coverage to the state and its political subdivisions to protect against the theft of money and property by public officials and employees. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

State fire and tornado fund - Section 26.1-22-03 - This fund was created to provide affordable building and business personal property insurance coverage to state entities and political subdivisions. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

Reinsurance Association of North Dakota - Section 26.1-36.7-12 - Provides a continuing appropriation to the Insurance Commissioner for federal funding received by the Reinsurance Association of North Dakota to administer the invisible reinsurance pool.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The State Auditor's office operational audit of the Insurance Commissioner for the period ending June 30, 2021, identified one deficiency relating to the incorrect distribution of payments to fire departments and districts.

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2056 - Changes reporting and auditing requirements.

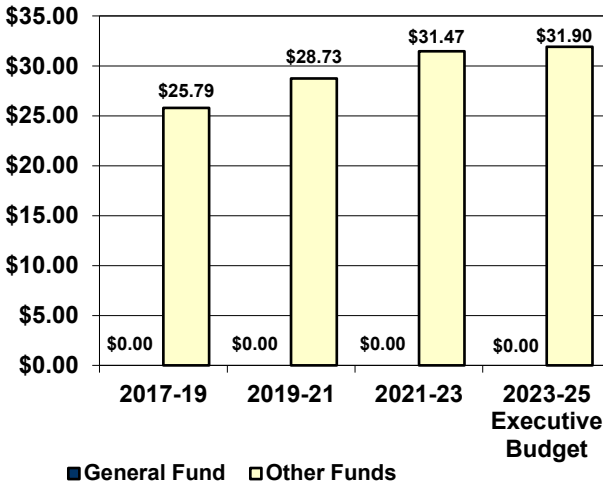
Senate Bill No. 2211 - Transfers the State Fire Marshal from the Attorney General's office to the Insurance Commissioner and provides for a continuing appropriation for payments to fire departments and districts from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Senate Bill No. 2295 - Repeals provisions relating to the unsatisfied judgement fund.

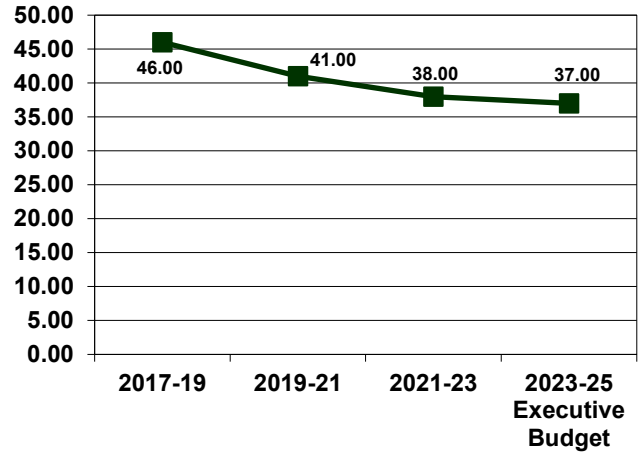
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$28,026,346	\$27,793,430	\$28,534,703	\$30,312,180	\$31,725,133
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$2,232,916)	\$2,741,273	\$1,777,477	\$1,412,953
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	10.6%	6.2%	4.7%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	1.8%	8.2%	13.2%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Removed 3.5 FTE positions (\$724,448)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$357,265)
3. Reduced grants to fire departments to provide total ongoing funding of \$14,235,561 from the insurance tax distribution fund (\$1,445,656)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Added 2 new FTE positions, including a consumer assistance outreach coordinator position and a high-risk pool and health care reform coordinator position \$382,502
2. Removed 2 FTE positions and authorized the Insurance Commissioner to contract for the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund under continuing appropriation authority (\$610,352)
3. Transferred the boiler inspection program, including 4 FTE positions, to the Department of Environmental Quality (\$753,365)
4. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$17,989,505 for grants to fire departments and \$328,525 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$3,753,944

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added 1 new FTE position for an insurance adjuster \$115,276
2. Removed 4 FTE positions, including a producer licensing division director, senior insurance form rate analyst, insurance company financial analyst, and office assistant (\$786,636)

- 3. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$19,588,470 for grants to fire departments and \$1,140,070 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$1,910,510

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Transfers 1 FTE to Information Technology Department for information technology (IT) unification, of which (\$226,656) is for decreases in salaries and wages and \$148,164 is for increases in operating expenses (\$78,492)
- 2. Adds funding for additional operating expenses to provide a total of \$2,170,770 \$748,763

One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time other funds appropriations	\$220,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

Major One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

None \$0

2019-21 Biennium

Health care analysis \$200,000

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. State flexibility to stabilize the market grant \$662,000
- 2. Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study \$200,000
- 3. Reinsurance pool study (House Bill No. 1087) \$200,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Retirement leave payouts for five positions \$98,300
- 2. Office remodel \$75,000

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195
Salary increase			553,145	553,145			414,226	414,226
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890			178,913	178,913
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General				0	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal				0	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials				0			26,748	26,748
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			748,763	748,763
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation				0			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association				0			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)
One-Time Funding Items								
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916				\$599,701	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%	28.9%		(45.0%)	(45.0%)
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%	28.9%		(44.5%)	(44.5%)

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the 1st year and 4 percent the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund		Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.
Contingency - Effective Date		Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
3/17/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Chairman Monson opened the meeting at 8:45 AM

Members present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Kempenich, Rep. Meier, Rep. Pyle, Rep. Mock

Discussion Topics:

- Health Insurance
- Flood Insurance
- Claims
- ND Insurance reserve fund
- Funding for the fire dept.
- Advancing services
- Grants

John Godfread, ND Insurance Commission (#25637)

Doug Nelson, ND State Fire Marshall, Answered question for the committee. (#25613)

John Godfread, ND Insurance Commission responded to questions about travel expenditures.

John Godfread, continues with testimony and talks about audit bill (#25637) (#25708)

Doug Nelson, ND State Fire Marshall, Answered question for the committee. (Continued #25613)

Robert Knuth, Training Director of the ND Firefighter Association, (#25711) (#25724) (#25966)

Blaine Eisenbeis, Treasurer of the ND Fire Association, Pembina County Fire Marshall, verbally in support of SB 2010

Additional written testimony:

- Brian Paulson, Fire Chief for the Jamestown Rural Fire Department (#25654)
- Chairman Monson, (#25685)

Chairman Monson closed the hearing at 11:36 AM

Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
3/28/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Chairman Monson opened the meeting at 2:32 PM

Members present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Meier, Rep. Pyle, Rep. Mock

Members absent: Rep. Kempenich

Discussion Topics:

- Budget 401
- Additional FTE's
- Additional Fire marshals
- New office space
- Insurance regulatory trust fund

John Godfread, ND Insurance Commission, states he's available for questions.

Legislative Council, Budget 401 (#26910)

John Godfread, Answers questions for the committee.

Rachel Kreige, Administration Division Director for the ND Insurance Commissioner, answers questions for the committee.

John Godfread, answers questions for the committee

Rachel Kreige, answers question for the committee

Chairman Monson closed the hearing at 3:48 PM

Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/4/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Chairman Monson opened the meeting at 3:02 PM

Members present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Kempenich, Rep. Meier, Rep. Pyle, Rep. Mock

Discussion Topics:

- Amendments (23.0264.02001)

John Godfred talks about Amendment (23.0264.02001) (#27281)

Representative Meier Moves to adopt amendments (23.0264.02001) to SB 2010

Representative Pyle seconds motion

Roll Call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	AB
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y

Motion Carries: 6-0-1

Additional Testimony: #27280

Chairman Monson closed the hearing at 3:40 PM

Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/5/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

Chairman Monson opened the meeting at 2:48 PM

Members present: Chairman Monson, Vice Chair Brandenburg, Rep. Bellew, Rep. Meier, Rep. Pyle, Rep. Mock

Members absent: Rep. Kempenich

Discussion Topics:

- Fire and tornado fund
- OMB Budget
- Amendment (230264.02002)
- Budget 401

John Godfread, ND Insurance Commission, answers questions for the committee

Representative Meier moved to further amend by adding fund for equipment. (#27318)

Vice Chairman Brandenburg seconds motion

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y

Motion carries: 6-0-1

Representative Meier Moves to adopt (23.0264.02002) (#27309)

Representative Pyle seconds motion

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	AB
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y

Motion carries: 6-0-1

Representative Meier moves a DO PASS as amended.

Representative Pyle seconds motion

Roll call vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative David Monson	Y
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	N
Representative Keith Kempenich	AB
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y
Representative Brandy Pyle	Y

Motion carries: 5-1-1

Bill carrier: Representative Meier

Chairman Monson closed the hearing at 3:06 PM

Leah Kuball, Committee Clerk

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations Committee Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/6/2023

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; and to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund.

4:49 PM Chairman Vigesaa Called the meeting to order and roll call was taken-

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

Members not present: Representative Monson

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment
- Committee Action

Representative Meier Gives the statement of purpose and explains the amendment 23.0264.02003 (Testimony # 27367).

Representative Meier Move to adopt the amendment 23.0264.02003

Representative Brandenburg Seconds the motion

Committee discussion Roll call vote;

Representatives	Vote
Representative Don Vigesaa	Y
Representative Keith Kempenich	Y
Representative Bert Anderson	Y
Representative Larry Bellew	N
Representative Mike Brandenburg	Y
Representative Karla Rose Hanson	Y
Representative Gary Kreidt	Y
Representative Bob Martinson	Y
Representative Lisa Meier	Y
Representative Alisa Mitskog	Y
Representative Corey Mock	Y

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

Motion Carries 20-2-1

Representative Meier moves a do pass as amended

Representative Brandenburg seconds the motion

Roll call vote;

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

Motion Carries 20-2-1 Representative Meier will carry the bill.

4:59 PM Chairman Vigesaa Closed the meeting for SB 2010.

House Appropriations Committee
SB 2010
April 6, 2023
Page 3

Risa Berube, Committee Clerk

H-Q-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools;
and to provide for a legislative management report"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,578,635	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	938,278	2,445,637
Capital assets	0	147,540	147,540
Grants	0	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$6,064,453	\$15,648,093
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	8.00	46.00"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"State fire marshal equipment	0	72,540"
-------------------------------	---	---------

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$245,840"
----------------------	-------------	------------

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 25 with:

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured ~~government~~ pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established

44
4-G-23

for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$797,843)	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(458,349)	2,445,637
Capital assets		75,000	72,540	147,540
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540			
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$1,183,652)	\$15,648,093
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(1,183,652)	15,648,093
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(3.00)	46.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Removes Salary Funding for Pool ⁴	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for State Fire Marshal Equipment ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$635,289)	(\$441,056)		
Operating expenses			(276,091)		(\$182,258)	
Capital assets						\$72,540
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$911,380)	(\$441,056)	(\$182,258)	\$72,540
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(911,380)	(441,056)	(182,258)	72,540
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$797,843)
Operating expenses	(458,349)
Capital assets	72,540
Grants	
Insurance tax payments	
Total all funds	(\$1,183,652)
Less estimated income	(1,183,652)
General fund	\$0
FTE	(3.00)

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

27
4-6-23

	<u>Other Funds</u>
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	<u>37,127</u>
Total	\$284,102

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148 as the House has approved salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$911,380 from other funds is removed for 3 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$635,289 is salaries and wages and \$276,091 is related operating expenses.

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
New FTE positions	(\$203,690)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(237,366)</u>
Total	(\$441,056)

⁵ Funding for travel is reduced by \$182,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$400,000.

⁶ One-time funding of \$72,540 is added from other funds for State Fire Marshal equipment.

 This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund. The Senate had added these sections.
- Amends Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2010, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2010 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,578,635	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	938,278	2,445,637
Capital assets	0	147,540	147,540
Grants	0	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$6,064,453	\$15,648,093
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	8.00	46.00"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"State fire marshal equipment	0	72,540"
-------------------------------	---	---------

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$245,840"
----------------------	-------------	------------

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 25 with:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured ~~government~~ pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$797,843)	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(458,349)	2,445,637
Capital assets		75,000	72,540	147,540
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540			
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$1,183,652)	\$15,648,093
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(1,183,652)	15,648,093
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(3.00)	46.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for State Fire Marshal Equipment ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$635,289)	(\$441,056)		
Operating expenses			(276,091)		(\$182,258)	
Capital assets						\$72,540
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$911,380)	(\$441,056)	(\$182,258)	\$72,540
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(911,380)	(441,056)	(182,258)	72,540
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$797,843)
Operating expenses	(458,349)
Capital assets	72,540
Grants	
Insurance tax payments	
Total all funds	(\$1,183,652)
Less estimated income	(1,183,652)
General fund	\$0
FTE	(3.00)

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

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	37,127
Total	\$284,102

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148 as the House has approved salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4

percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$911,380 from other funds is removed for 3 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$635,289 is salaries and wages and \$276,091 is related operating expenses.

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
New FTE positions	(\$203,690)
Vacant FTE positions	(237,366)
Total	(\$441,056)

⁵ Funding for travel is reduced by \$182,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$400,000.

⁶ One-time funding of \$72,540 is added from other funds for State Fire Marshal equipment.

This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund. The Senate had added these sections.
- Amends Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

2023 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2010

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/17/2023
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

3:08 PM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.
Senators Vedaa, and J. Roers, and Representatives Meier, Pyle and Mock are present.
Senator Wanzek is absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Fire Marshalls positions
- Deputy Fire Marshal position
- Travel expenses
- Cause & effects of positions removed

Toby Mertz, Legislative Council Fiscal Analyst Testimony #27628

3:18 PM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/19/2023
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

10:02 AM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.
Senators Vedaa, J. Roers, and Wanzek and Representatives Meir, Mock, and Pyle are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Williston fire marshal position
- Accreditation
- Certification of fire investigators and inspectors
- Agencies providing certification
- Fire investigation standards
- Balance of existing workload and accreditation process time requirements
- Fire marshals now in Dickinson, Minot, Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck
- Proposed fire marshal positions in Devils Lake, Williston
- Fire scene investigations
- Fire scene forensic analysis
- Fire code compliance – all new construction
- ND Fire Marshal's regional staff priorities: Devils Lake, Jamestown, Williston
- Fire services' effects on insurance rates

10:06 AM ND Fire Marshal Doug Nelson testified. (No written testimony)

10:27 AM Legislative Fiscal Analyst Toby Mertz testified. (No written testimony)

10:34 AM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/20/2023
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

11:30 AM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.
Senators Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek, and Representatives Meier, Pyle, and Mock are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fire prevention duties
- ISO (insurance rating)
- State Fire Marshal's Office workload/staffing levels
- Changes brought by moving Fire Marshal to Insurance Commission

11:30 AM Legislative Council Fiscal Analyst Toby Mertz testified. (No written testimony)

11:31 AM Senator J. Roers made a motion that the House recede from its amendments and the committee further amend SB 2010 to add one more new fire marshal, that the two new fire marshals be in regions designated by the Agency, restore \$100,000 of the \$182,258 operating expense line, and replenish the \$13,256 which was unintentionally left out of the employee retirement fund.
Senator Wanzek seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 3-Y, 3-N Motion failed

11:37 AM Senator Vedaa distributed handout from the Fire Marshall. Testimony #27769

11:43 AM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

**2023 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES**

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Enter Bill/Resolution No." as (re) engrossed

Senate "Enter committee name" Committee

- Action Taken** **SENATE accede to House Amendments**
 SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend
 HOUSE recede from House amendments
 HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows
- Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Senator J. Roers Seconded by: Senator Terry Wanzek

Senators					Representatives				
	4/20		Yes	No		4/20		Yes	No
Shawn Vedaa	X		X		Lisa Meier	X			X
Jim Roers	X		X		Brandy Pyle	X			X
Terry Wanzek	X		X		Corey Mock	X			X
Total Senate Vote			3		Total Rep. Vote				3

Vote Count Yes: 3 No: 3 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier _____ House Carrier _____

LC Number _____ of amendment

LC Number _____ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted

Statement of purpose of amendment:

To add one more new fire marshal, that the two new fire marshals be in regions designated by the Agency, restore \$100,000 of the \$182,258 operating expense line, and replenish the \$13,256 which was unintentionally left out of the employee retirement fund.

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/21/2023 AM
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

11:04 AM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.
Senators Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek, and Representatives Meier, Pyle, and Mock are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Fire marshals
- Fire department training
- Insurance premiums
- Restoration of \$100,000 operating monies
- Volunteer fire departments

Chairman Vedaa called for discussion.

Committee discussion.

11:11 AM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/21/2023 PM
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

6:04 PM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.

Senators Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek, and Representatives Meier, Pyle, and Mock are present.

Discussion Topics:

- Amendment

6:04 PM Committee discussed amendment; however it is not ready yet. No written testimony.

6:17 PM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Nathan Liesen on behalf of Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Appropriations - Government Operations Division Red River Room, State Capitol

SB 2010
4/24/2023
Conference Committee

A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the Insurance Commissioner; relating to the salary of the Insurance Commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

3:35 PM Chairman Vedaa opened the meeting.
Senators Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek, and Representatives Meier, Pyle, and Mock are present

Discussion Topics:

- Amendments

3:36 PM Representative Mock moved to recede from the amendments and further amend SB 2010 to add two new fire marshals to be located in areas of the Agency's choosing, add back the \$100,000 the House removed from the operating line, and include the adjustments to the policy language regarding the self-insurance pool. #27857

Senator Wanzek seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – motion carried 6-0-0.

Senator Vedaa is the Senate bill carrier.

Representative Meier is the House bill carrier.

3:38 PM Chairman Vedaa closed the meeting.

Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk

OK
183
4-25-23

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1524-1527 of the Senate Journal and pages 1732-1734 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2010 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,591,891	\$10,668,172
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,130,308	2,637,667
Capital assets	0	147,540	147,540
Grants	0	2,400,000	2,400,000
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$6,269,739	\$15,853,379
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	9.00	47.00"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"State fire marshal equipment 0 72,540"

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total special funds \$1,162,000 \$245,840"

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 25 with:

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 with the exception of sections 26.1-26-06, 26.1-26-07, and 26.1-26-13.1 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured government pool established for purposes of

DR
243
4-25-02

satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$784,587)	\$10,668,172	\$10,654,916	\$13,256
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(266,319)	2,637,667	2,445,637	192,030
Capital assets		75,000	72,540	147,540	147,540	
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000	2,400,000	
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540					
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$978,366)	\$15,853,379	\$15,648,093	\$205,286
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(978,366)	15,853,379	15,648,093	205,286
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(2.00)	47.00	46.00	1.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Add Funding for Retirement Changes for Peace Officers ⁴	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁵	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$431,599)	\$13,256	(\$644,746)	
Operating expenses			(184,061)			(\$82,258)
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$615,660)	\$13,256	(\$644,746)	(\$82,258)
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(615,660)	13,256	(644,746)	(82,258)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for State Fire Marshal Equipment ⁷	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		(\$784,587)
Operating expenses		(266,319)
Capital assets	\$72,540	72,540
Grants		
Insurance tax payments		
Total all funds	\$72,540	(\$978,366)
Less estimated income	72,540	(978,366)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	(2.00)

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	<u>37,127</u>
Total	\$284,102

OR
3-23
4-25-23

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148, the same as the House version due to salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$615,660 from other funds is removed for 2 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$431,599 is salaries and wages and \$184,061 is related operating expenses. The House had removed 3 FTE positions for a total of \$911,380. The Senate had added 4 FTE positions for the State Fire Marshal.

⁴ Funding is added from other funds for an employer retirement contribution increase due to approval of House Bill No. 1183. The Senate and House did not include this funding.

⁵ Funding for the new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	<u>Other Funds</u>
New FTE positions	(\$407,380)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(237,366)</u>
Total	(\$644,746)

The House also removed funding for the new and vacant FTE pool.

⁶ Funding for travel is reduced by \$82,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$500,000. The House had removed \$182,258.

⁷ One-time funding of \$72,540 is added from other funds for State Fire Marshal equipment, the same as the House version.

This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer, the same as the House version. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund.
- The House added sections amending Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools. The Conference Committee included the sections but included exceptions to Sections 26.1-26-06, 26.1-26-07, and 26.1-26-13.1 from the amendment to Section 26.1-23.1-02.

**2023 SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL VOTES**

SB 2010 as engrossed

Senate "Enter committee name" Committee

- Action Taken**
- SENATE accede to House Amendments**
 - SENATE accede to House Amendments and further amend**
 - HOUSE recede from House amendments**
 - HOUSE recede from House amendments and amend as follows**
 - Unable to agree**, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed

Motion Made by: Representative Mock Seconded by: Senator Wanzek

Senators	4/21 AM	4/21 PM	4/24	Yes	No	Representatives	4/21 AM	4/21 PM	4/24	Yes	No
Shawn Vedaa	X	X	X	X		Lisa Meier	X	X	X	X	
Jim P. Roers	X	X	X	X		Brandy Pyle	X	X	X	X	
Terry M. Wanzek	x	X	x	X		Corey Mock	X	X	x	X	
Total Senate Vote				3		Total Rep. Vote				3	

Vote Count Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 0

Senate Carrier Senator Vedaa House Carrier Representative Meier

LC Number 23.0264 . 02006 of amendment

LC Number 23.0264 . 04000 of engrossment

Statement of purpose of amendment

3:36 PM Representative Mock moved to recede from the amendments and further amend SB 2010 to add two new fire marshals to be located in areas of the Agency's choosing, add back the \$100,000 the House removed from the operating line, and include the adjustments to the policy language regarding the self-insurance pool.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2010, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Vedaa, J. Roers, Wanzek and Reps. Meier, Pyle, Mock) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments as printed on SJ pages 1524-1527, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2010 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from is amendments as printed on pages 1524-1527 of the Senate Journal and pages 1732-1734 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2010 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,591,891	\$10,668,172
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,130,308	2,637,667
Capital assets	0	147,540	147,540
Grants	0	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$6,269,739	\$15,853,379
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	9.00	47.00"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"State fire marshal equipment	0	72,540"
-------------------------------	---	---------

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$245,840"
----------------------	-------------	------------

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 25 with:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 with the exception of sections 26.1-26-06, 26.1-26-07, and 26.1-26-13.1 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured government pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.
2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$784,587)	\$10,668,172	\$10,654,916	\$13,256
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(266,319)	2,637,667	2,445,637	192,030
Capital assets		75,000	72,540	147,540	147,540	
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000	2,400,000	
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540					
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$978,366)	\$15,853,379	\$15,648,093	\$205,286
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(978,366)	15,853,379	15,648,093	205,286
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(2.00)	47.00	46.00	1.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Add Funding for Retirement Changes for Peace Officers ⁴	Removes Salary Funding for Pool ⁵	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$431,599)	\$13,256	(\$644,746)	
Operating expenses			(184,061)			(\$82,258)
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$615,660)	\$13,256	(\$644,746)	(\$82,258)
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(615,660)	13,256	(644,746)	(82,258)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Adds One-Time Funding for State Fire Marshal Equipment ⁷	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages		(\$784,587)
Operating expenses		(266,319)
Capital assets	\$72,540	72,540
Grants		
Insurance tax payments		
Total all funds	\$72,540	(\$978,366)
Less estimated income	72,540	(978,366)
General fund	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	(2.00)

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	37,127
Total	\$284,102

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148, the same as the House version due to salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$615,660 from other funds is removed for 2 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$431,599 is salaries and wages and \$184,061 is related operating expenses. The House had removed 3 FTE positions for a total of \$911,380. The Senate had added 4 FTE positions for the State Fire Marshal.

⁴ Funding is added from other funds for an employer retirement contribution increase due to approval of House Bill No. 1183. The Senate and House did not include this funding.

⁵ Funding for the new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	<u>Other Funds</u>
New FTE positions	(\$407,380)
Vacant FTE positions	(237,366)
Total	(\$644,746)

The House also removed funding for the new and vacant FTE pool.

⁶ Funding for travel is reduced by \$82,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$500,000. The House had removed \$182,258.

⁷ One-time funding of \$72,540 is added from other funds for State Fire Marshal equipment, the same as the House version.

This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer, the same as the House version. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund.
- The House added sections amending Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools. The Conference Committee included the sections but included exceptions to Sections 26.1-26-06, 26.1-26-07, and 26.1-26-13.1 from the amendment to Section 26.1-23.1-02.

Engrossed SB 2010 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2010

Senate Bill No. 2010

Presented by: Jon Godfread
Commissioner
North Dakota Insurance Department

Before: Senate Appropriations
Senator Brad Bekkedahl, Chairman

Date: January 4, 2023

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. For the record, my name is Jon Godfread, Insurance Commissioner. Before we get into the budget changes we are proposing, I feel it would be best to give you a very brief overview of insurance regulation and a summary of our Insurance Department.

Insurance regulation in the United States is primarily the responsibility of the individual states. Each state has its own Insurance Commissioner that is responsible for overseeing the insurance industry within that state. My role as an insurance regulator is to ensure that insurance companies operating within North Dakota are financially stable and able to pay claims when they are due. We accomplish this by reviewing financial reports, examining insurance companies doing business within our state, reviewing the products that these companies sell within the state to make sure that they comply with the laws that you all pass, and offering consumers assistance when they feel that a company is not honoring the terms of insurance contracts.

In addition to the state-level regulation, North Dakota is also a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or the NAIC. Currently, I serve as Vice President of this organization. The NAIC is a voluntary organization made up of insurance commissioners from each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. The NAIC assists state-based regulation through the development of model laws, regulations and provides accreditation to states, which is a third-party review of our financial analysis.

North Dakota just last month received another 5-year accreditation from the NAIC, we were the only state in our cohort to receive a clean bill of health, meaning that other states can confidently rely on our work when it comes to reviewing insurance companies. While this process may

sound overly technical and boring, I cannot stress the importance of accreditation. It's a big deal. Staffing was the only concern raised in our accreditation review. We are a small and efficient team, but we cannot get any smaller, and it was recommended that we maintain our current staff level and develop a plan to expand when needed.

There are also a few federal agencies that have some regulatory authority the insurance industry. For example, the Department of Labor regulates employee benefit plans, including group health insurance plans. Additionally, the Affordable Care Act extended federal involvement in health insurance with regards to the individual marketplace.

The National Flood Insurance Plan or NFIP, operates our country's flood insurance program. Recent changes to the NFIP have allowed private flood insurance to finally be recognized as acceptable coverage to the NFIP. This is a small step in a positive direction when it comes to flood insurance in North Dakota. Traditionally flood insurance in North Dakota has been cost prohibitive, it will be interesting to see if the private flood market can have an impact on the cost of flood insurance. We continue to attempt to explain to the NFIP that flooding in North Dakota is different, its generally overland flooding, we do not face hurricanes like our coast friends. NFIP must recognize the difference.

It should come as no surprise that the issues we see in the insurance industry primarily stem from health insurance and flood insurance, the two areas where there is the most federal intrusion. Our state-based system has withstood over 150 years of insurance evolution; our system has survived depressions, financial crises, and most recently a pandemic. Our state and our country benefit from a strong state-based system, and I am proud of the work we continue to do here in North Dakota and happy to provide a brief summary of some of the changes we would like to see.

ND Insurance Industry and Regulation—At a Glance:

The North Dakota Insurance Department is a special funded agency that primarily serves as a consumer protection agency for North Dakota. We receive our funding from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund, which is funded by all fees and fines paid for by insurance companies

and agents operating in this state. The Department contributed \$49.7 million of premium tax and turned back an additional \$6.3 million to the general fund for the fiscal year 2021.

It is the Department's mission to safeguard the promises made to North Dakotans and foster a fair and thriving marketplace to meet the needs of our consumers and evolving insurance industry. The Department serves North Dakotans by assisting consumers with insurance needs, investigating insurance fraud, and regulating the insurance industry in the State. Simply put, we are one of the best kept secrets in North Dakota, but we are working on changing that, and continue to engage with our consumers at an ever-increasing rate.

One of our primary activities is to help consumers navigate the complex world of insurance. We can stand in the shoes of our consumers with insurance companies when our consumers have been treated unfairly or simply have questions. When you pick up the phone to ask questions or complain to your insurance company you are often at a big disadvantage, insurance companies work on these issues daily, and consumers often only call their insurance company in the middle of what might be one of the worst days of their lives. The Department can take that burden from our consumers and stand in their shoes to provide the best possible outcome, given their coverage. It is truly expert talking with expert and letting the consumer put their life back together without having to navigate the often-confusing insurance process. We take great pride in the services we offer our citizens, and we are bringing forth a budget that not only allows us to help more people but does so in a fiscally prudent manner.

Department Overview:

The North Dakota Insurance Department began the 2021-2023 biennium with 38 FTEs working in 7 different divisions.

BUSINESS LINE SHIFT

At the beginning of 2021 we shifted our focus to business lines of insurance rather than the functional department operations. Meaning we now have a Life and Health Division and a Property and Casualty Division.

These changes have allowed the experts in each division to focus on the business line versus trying to be everything to everyone.

LIFE AND HEALTH DIVISION

The Life and Health Division is made up of 3 branches. The first is the Consumer Assistance, which deals with North Dakota consumers who have concerns about their life or health insurance products. Consumer Assistance also contains our State Health Insurance Assistance Program or SHIP.

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)

SHIP provides free, unbiased, and confidential health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, or other representatives. The program held virtual appointments for the 2021 and 2022 open enrollments periods and found them to be very successful. This is one of our many consumer outreach programs that not only assists our consumers, as they enroll in Medicare, but also helps answer any questions that may arise throughout the year. While Medicare is a federally operated program, our SHIP team is a group of experts in North Dakota that can assist North Dakotans with their questions. I know our citizens appreciate talking to a fellow citizen rather than waiting on hold for a federal government official. This program is primarily funded through federal grants, and we are seeking some language changes within our budget to help clear up some timing issues with how we receive those grants for this program. I will cover more on that later.

PRESCRIPTION CONNECTION PROGRAMS

Our Prescription Connection program helps low-income North Dakotans find low-cost and no-cost prescription drugs by connecting them with prescription assistance programs offered by various pharmaceutical companies. The program assists consumers with the application process and connects over 95 percent of all applicants to a program.

Lastly, the Life and Health Division has a product filing component. Product Filing reviews policy forms and rate requests to ensure policy language complies with all the laws of this state, properly reflects the benefits provided by the policy and is not deceptive or misleading. For most types of insurance, this division evaluates the premium rates companies propose to charge to ensure that the premiums are not excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY DIVISION

The Property and Casualty Division is made 2 teams, Consumer Assistance and Product Filing. Consumer Assistance helps North Dakota consumers who have issues or concerns about property and casualty products. While Product Filing reviews policy forms and rate requests on the P&C side to ensure compliance with our laws.

PRODUCER LICENSING DIVISION

The producer licensing division is responsible for the licensing of 109,462 individual insurance producers doing business in the State, of which 5,874 are North Dakota resident producers. Insurance producers must comply with pre-licensing exams, background checks and continuing education requirements.

EXAMINATIONS AND COMPANY LICENSING

The primary function of the Examinations and Company Licensing Division is to monitor the financial strength of insurance companies licensed to do business in North Dakota.

As of December 2022, there were 2,506 insurance entities licensed to do business in North Dakota which has increased 175 from 2019. 33 of those companies call North Dakota home, which we are proud to report is up 4 from 2019.

LEGAL DIVISION

The Legal Division provides legal counsel to the Department; investigates and enforces all laws governing insurance producers and insurance companies; litigates administrative actions, and

researches and prepares proposed legislative bills and administrative rules. Currently, the Legal Division is comprised of a General Counsel and 3 staff attorneys.

FRAUD

The Fraud Division is comprised of 3 licensed peace officers, 1 attorney, and 1 civilian investigator. The Fraud Division is responsible for conducting investigations on behalf of the public. Our team investigates fraud claims, recommends charges, and may prosecute alleged fraud, through our insurance fraud prosecution program. Our fraud prosecution program is a partnership program with local states attorneys, which allows us to assist them in the prosecution of insurance fraud. Its beneficial for our states attorneys to receive this assistance as it lessens their workload, and it's a benefit to the state as it allows us to ensure that insurance fraud is prosecuted. In 2021 there were 272 known fraud cases which unfortunately resulted in \$1.1 million dollars of actual loss to North Dakotans. We take insurance fraud very seriously in the department, as it ultimately ends up coming out of our pockets by way of increased premiums. We have taken great strides to stamp out insurance fraud in this state but there is more work to be done.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division of the Insurance Department is responsible for oversight of the budget, accounting, IT needs and general office support through the Department. In addition, the division oversees day-to-day business operations, public relations, human resource management and the internal policies and procedures for the Department.

Since I took office over 7 years ago, we have undertaken a significant amount of restructuring and right-sizing of our department, this has led to not only right-sizing our budget, but we have also improved our functionality. It is important to note that we are down from our appropriated numbers by 13.59% in operations, 8.35% in salaries, and 25.25% in FTEs over the past 7 years.

You may recall in 2019 we moved our State's Boiler Inspection program and Petroleum Tank Storage program to the Department of Environmental Quality. We also moved the administration of the State's Fire and Tornado Fund and Bonding Fund to the North Dakota Insurance Reserve

Fund (NDIRF). These are two prime examples of improving efficiencies and making sure programs are housed in agencies where they can provide the services, while removing duplication and added expense.

We are particularly proud of our work with NDIRF, that move has truly been one of those rare instances where everyone involved has benefited. Our state has benefited by lowering administrative costs of the program, the clients of the fund have benefited by receiving a more comprehensive overview of their policies and leading to better coverage and our insurance agents are once again at the table, doing what they do best, advising their clients on appropriate coverage levels.

Because of this move, the North Dakota Insurance Department is no longer directly selling insurance, which I would argue, we should never have been in the business of selling insurance. To date, NDIRF has identified over 2 billion dollars of uncovered property in our state, this is government owned property that did not previously have insurance coverage. This change has dramatically lessened potential exposure of significant losses to our state and political subdivisions, and they are still finding more. We have found that when we get out of the way of the experts at NDIRF, good things happen and that benefits our state greatly.

While the pandemic placed a significant amount of stress on everyone, it also allowed us to experiment with different work models. Like everyone, at the height of the pandemic we went to remote work, we found that transition to remote work to be effective and we didn't miss a beat. Since the pandemic, we have gone back to a more traditional model, but we still do employ hybrid options. Presently 75% of our staff is working in person and 25% working in a hybrid work model. We have had positive reactions to having anchor days and bringing back the much-needed comradery to our small team. This flexibility has helped with attracting and retaining employees, which as you know is a significant challenge across our state.

We have seen a great deal of success with this model. Much of the work we do at the Insurance Department is of a financial or regulatory nature and we have found removing some of the office distractions has actually made some of our team members more productive, while also allowing

us to better utilize our existing space and eliminate another off-site location located Burnt Boat Dr.

By eliminating our last off-site lease, we have saved \$28,500 for the current biennium and will be able to realize savings of \$70,000 for the next biennium by acquiring all of the 5th floor. We are asking for \$75,000 dollars to make modifications to our capitol office space which was previously occupied by the Securities Commissioner. These renovations will allow us to better accommodate walk-in traffic and hotel offices for staff who are in the hybrid working model. With the elimination of our last off-site lease and our acquiring the entirety of the 5th floor, for the first time in as far back as I can remember, the Insurance Department will be entirely under one roof. This makes perfect sense for an agency our size as having multiple locations has been an additional and unnecessary cost to our state.

We are not yet done reorganizing our Department and I will cover some additional ideas we have for the future in a moment, but I hope the Insurance Department has gained your trust over the past 7 years, we accomplish what we set out to do, we do so in an efficient manner, and ultimately the moves we have made have not only improved the processes and performance of our state functions, but have done so in a very efficient cost effective manner.

Changes Proposed to 2023-2025 Budget:

Changes and requests for Insurance Department Budget:

I would like to cover some of the changes we are proposing to our salary and operating lines of our budget. Our 2023-25 base budget is reported as \$30.3 million dollars. Currently over 2/3rds of our budget is simply pass through dollars that are appropriated to our fire districts and fire fighter association from the Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Fund. During this session there will be at least one bill that is seeking to change the fire districts appropriation to a continuing appropriation, as it was from 1887 – to the late 1980s. What I want to talk with you today is the remaining 1/3rd of our budget, which is departments salaries and operations.

Salaries and Wages Line:

On our salaries and wages line the Department is requesting to join the IT Unification project. As a department we have been re-evaluating our IT needs for the past two years. We have determined that we would benefit from IT unification, and it would be a cost-saving for our department. This is reflected in our salary and fringe line with moving \$78,492 salary dollars over to ITD.

Also related to salary, we are asking for a one-time funding of \$98,300 for retirement payouts as we have 5 staff members who could potentially retire in the 23-25 biennium.

We are currently not requesting any additional Insurance Department FTEs at this time, and through IT Unification we would be reducing our FTE count by one bringing us to 37.

However, as with any legislative session, bills may be introduced or pass that could have a dramatic impact on our needs at the Insurance Department. One piece of legislation that has been introduced regarding regulation of the pharmaceutical industry is already scheduled for a hearing. Should that bill pass, we would need additional FTEs and additional dollars to implement. There is another piece of legislation which I will touch on at the end of my testimony regarding the funding and structure of our fire service in North Dakota, that would require changes to our budget. We understand we are in day 2 of the session and stand ready to assist this body with any changes brought forward.

I would again like to point out that over the past 7 years we are down 8.35% in salaries, and 25.25% in FTEs.

Operational Line:

As for our operational line, travel is returning to normal and, due to inflation, increase in cost. You do see an increase in our travel line. As insurance is a state-based system, the Insurance Department generally attends 3 national meetings of the NAIC, these meetings are critical to work with our colleagues from other states and to strengthen our state-based system. Our primary involvement with the NAIC is to prevent federal overreach into a system that has a 150-year track record of protecting consumers and regulating the insurance industry. Given the recent rise in inflation, airline travel and hotel prices have risen dramatically, our travel line reflects a

movement back to normal travel and the increased costs we are all. Normally, the NAIC reimburses the state for a significant portion of our NAIC based travel, but I find it hard to assume that will always continue. Any travel that does get reimbursed from the NAIC will be turn back dollars next biennium.

Other notable increases to our operating line is an increase in electronic services due to the nature of our global environment conducting business has shifted to more electronic needs. Additionally, there are items that are not covered by the IT unification that we need to provide to staff. Such as additional licenses from electronic services we use and provide, which give us access to critical information for our core functions. Our data processing and communications line increased for IT Unification as well as creating a new system for our Property and Casualty division.

Lastly, we did increase our professional services line to cover expenses related to unforeseen legal battles. During the current biennium we did go to the Emergency Commission to request an additional \$250,000 to defend our state laws that you all pass from over-reach by Pennsylvania. I am happy to talk more about it, but essentially a Pennsylvania domiciled long-term care insurance company, that is in rehabilitation and, through the actions of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner, is flagrantly disregarding the laws in our state by seeking to impose an unapproved 400% rate increase upon North Dakota consumers. We are currently in a legal battle which we did not anticipate during the appropriation process of the last regular session, to block that action.

We have had many decreases in our operational line as well. Due to IT unification, we were able to cut from our IT equipment line. We have reduced our rent due to the elimination of the off-site lease at Burnt Boat Dr. and the relocation to the capitol tower occupying the space formerly occupied by the Securities Department.

One-Time Funding

For the 23-25 biennium we are requesting a \$75,000 one-time funding for an office remodel of the west side of 5th floor previously occupied by the Securities Commission. This biennium we did remodel our current space with the \$100,000 appropriated last session.

Last session we also received one time of \$662,000 in federal funds for the State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program. This program was intended to provide added flexibility to strengthen the private health insurance market through the implementation of market reforms under Part A of Title XXVII (27) of the Public Health Service Act. During the interim, with the help of two consultants we completed 3 studies on our current health market. The studies consisted of reviewing our Essential Health Benchmark or EHB plan, the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota or CHAND program, and the concept of combining our small group and individual market for purposes of reinsurance. As a result of these 3 studies, there are 2 legislative initiatives have been introduced, one being a resolution regarding proposed changes to our EHB plan, which has not been updated since 2010.

The second is a continuation of the study to allow our department to partner with NDPERS and DHHS to determine the next steps of CHAND, which is our high-risk pool with our state, and develop a plan to eventually wind-down our high risk pool.

The final study of the combination of small group and the individual market was determined to not benefit our health marketplace and would negatively impact consumers. So we are not recommending any further action on that idea. Currently, we consider all of these studies to be complete, and are presently not seeking any funding for studies of this nature.

Last session we also received \$200,000 from the SIIF fund to study our coal and fossil fuel industry and the insurance impacts on those industries. This study was primarily to address the increasing cost of insurance in our energy sector, phase two of that study is currently underway and is being supported by the Lignite Energy Council. We determined that ESG pressures being applied globally to our reinsurance marketplace are having a secondary impact on the affordability and availability of insurance to our energy sector. Phase two of that study is seeking to find solutions on what, we as a state, can do to prevent further problems.

This is also a conversation that is continuing in the insurance industry all over the world. ESG pressures are having a real-world impact right here in North Dakota and while insurance is generally the last thing on people's minds, it is appearing to be the first domino to fall. If our energy industry cannot acquire insurance, it will be unable to operate. We have partnered with like-minded states such as Alaska, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia to sound the alarm bells that removing reliable, affordable electricity from our society will cause a host of other issues

within the insurance sector that are not being properly mitigated. This continues to be a top priority for me and the department as it is an emerging threat in our marketplace.

EXCESS APPROPRIATION FOR OUR FEDERAL GRANTS TO OPERATE OUR STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP):

As previously described, our State Health Insurance Assistance Program or SHIP provides free, unbiased, and confidential health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, or other representatives. We are requesting an excess appropriation for our federal funds that would allow us to fully access all the federal funds that are awarded to the state above the level of funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. The Department continues to be challenged by the biennial budget process vs. the federal government's award windows which are not aligned with the state's fiscal years. An excess appropriation would allow ultimate flexibility to utilize all the federal funds awarded to the state to operate SHIP as the federal funds continue to fluctuate. This would also allow us to use our federal dollars fully, before spending any state dollars on these programs.

Conclusion:

These changes bring the Department's salary and fringe budget to \$8,097,788 before the executive compensation package and before the one-time funding ask of \$98,300 for retirements. This is approximately a quarter percent (.27%) increase from the 21-23 legislative base budget.

Our operational changes resulted in a requested appropriation of \$2,170,770 which is an increase from the 21-23 legislative base budget primarily due to IT unification, travel, and unexpected legal costs.

Our total ask for our department appropriation comes to \$10,441,858 which includes the one-time funding request of \$75,000 for remodeling and \$98,300 for retirement payouts

The Department's FTE count from 21-23 was 38. Our proposed 23-25 FTE count would be 37 due to the one position being transferred as the result of IT unification.

These changes plus the conclusion of our one-time funding packages from last session -- the State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program, the SIIF fund appropriation to study our coal and fossil fuel industry, and the \$100,000 capital asset remodel -- would result in approximately a 3.28% decrease in our overall Department salary and operating budget from the last biennium.

Finally, I do feel it's important when considering the Insurance Department budget to look at the last 7 years, we have undertaken some significant restructuring and repurposing. Since the 2015-17 biennium and if this body adopts our proposed budget, we are bringing forward, the Insurance Department would be down roughly 8.35% in salary, 13.59% in operations, and 25.25% in FTEs.

During my time as Commissioner, we have consistently brought forward budgets that recognize our need to increase efficiencies which have often resulted in greater reductions than targeted by this body.

My ask would be that when considering our request, you consider the work and reductions we have accomplished over the past 7 years while still making contributions to the general fund in the form of licensing fees, fines, and premium tax, and give us the tools we believe necessary to uphold the insurance laws of North Dakota.

Lastly, although it is not a part of our proposed budget, I wanted to let this Committee know that Senator Weber is bringing forth a policy bill that introduces a few items that will affect our budget if passed. I would encourage this committee to await the results from Senator Weber's bill regarding the State Fire Marshal and the Fire District funding, before acting on the Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Fund portion of the Insurance Department's budget. It is for this reason I did not address the additional \$20.7 million that is currently in our budget, however, I do want to provide a brief overview of what is to come from Senator Weber's bill.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DISTRICTS/SENATOR WEBER'S BILL:

Funding for fire departments and fire districts comes from a couple of different sources (property taxes, benefits, etc.) but a significant portion of the funding has come from the insurance premium tax. The Department administers the premium tax and from that, the Legislature appropriates an amount up to 100% of the fire insurance premium tax revenue collected.

This is essentially a pass-through fund, whereby we collect the tax and pass that collection on to the fire districts. This fund was a continuing appropriation from 1887 – 1985. Since 1985, funding to the fire districts has fluctuated between 101% of the funds to as low as 48% of the funds available.

Senator Weber's bill is asking that the continuing appropriation be restored; this ensures that the dollars that are intended to go to the fire districts are going to the fire districts. The average consumer likely knows that a portion of their homeowner's insurance premiums goes to funding fire departments. What they do not know is that a portion of those dollars are being put back into the general fund. Our consumers are being double or triple hit, once on their homeowner's premiums, once on their property tax, and then again by participating in various benefits put on by fire departments to cover their costs.

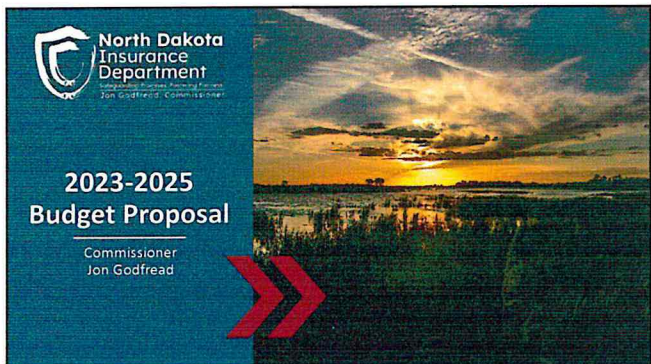
In addition to the continuing appropriation for the fire districts, Senator Weber's bill introduces language to pay a flat amount to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association (NDFFA) from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund, or our special fund, instead of the Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Fund. This would allow all dollars that are collected on behalf of the fire districts to go only to the fire districts. Because of the flat amount set to be allocated to NDFFA, the last major item Senator Weber's bill introduces, is restoring the State Fire Marshal's office in the Insurance Department. Currently the State Fire Marshal is appointed by and a part of the Attorney General's Office, which is a general funded agency. Senator Weber's bill proposes to move the State Fire Marshal back to the Insurance Department where it was housed up until the 1960's, this move would allow the State Fire Marshal to have oversight and reporting requirements of NDFFA.

The statutory requirements of the State Fire Marshal are already in line with what we do at the Insurance Department. We believe that the realignment with the Insurance Department would allow the State Fire Marshal to focus on what they are statutorily obligated to do at an elevated level, which is to prevent fires, suppress arson, oversee combustibles, explosives, fire alarms, fire extinguishing equipment, and educate the citizens of North Dakota on the hazards of fire. These

requirements align with risk mitigation and the prevention of loss, which are closely related to the insurance industry.

Again, this is separate from the Department budget before you so I will end my testimony here, but I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Additionally, Doug Nelson, the State Fire Marshal, is here and can also answer questions in a neutral position.

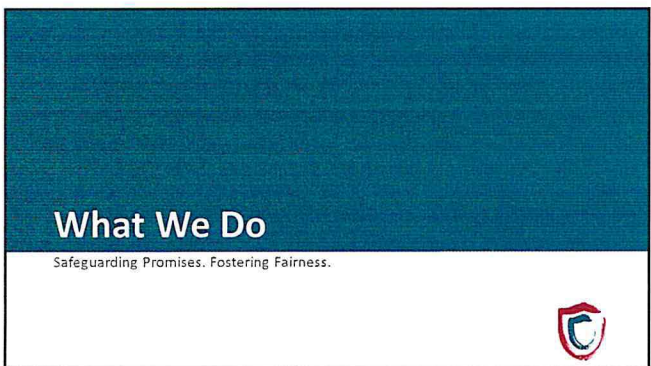
Chairman Bekkedahl and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to share the Insurance Department's story and introduce our budget request for the next biennium. I am happy to answer any questions that you have now and throughout the session.



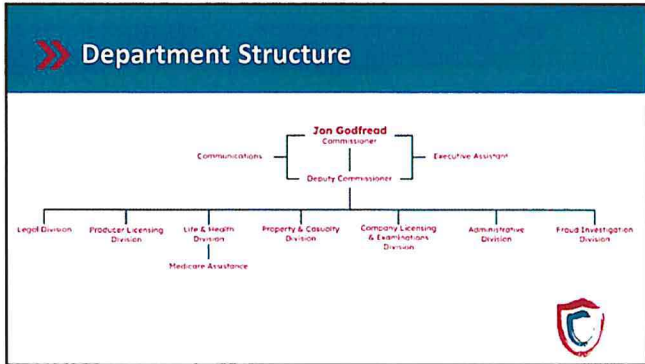
1



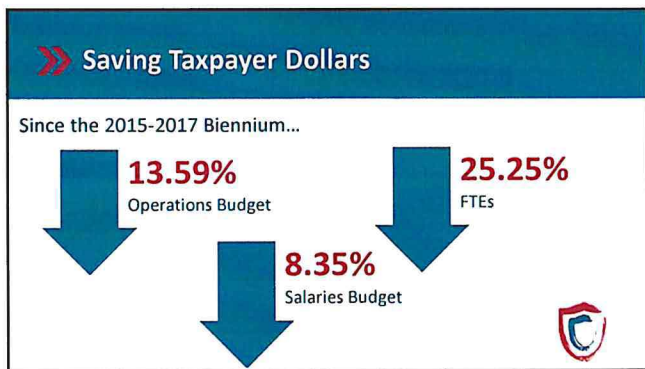
2



3



4

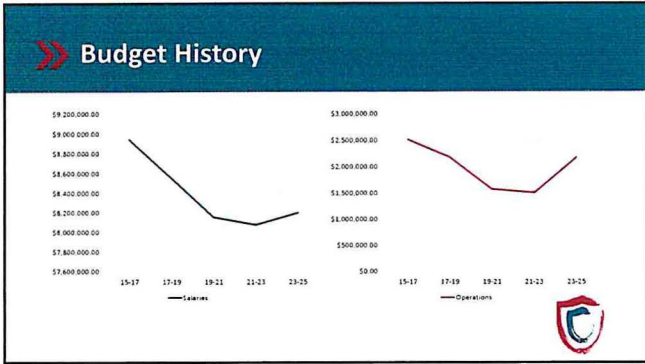


5

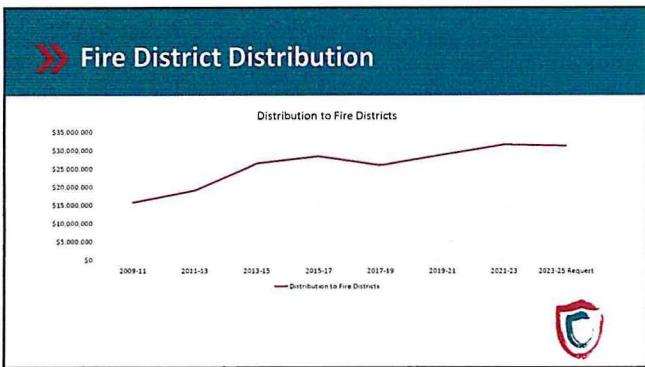
Our Budget Proposal

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.

6



7



8

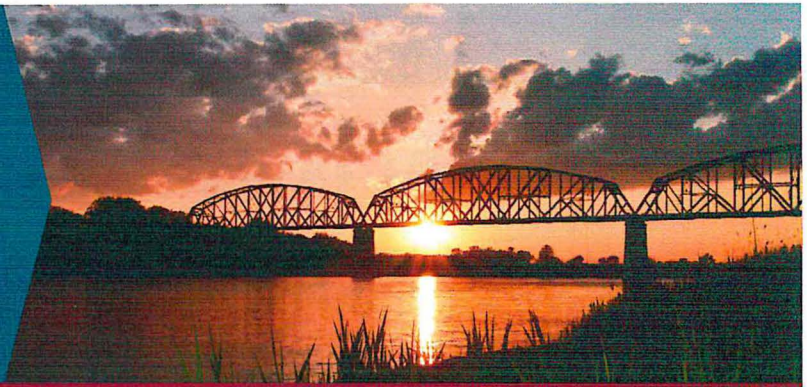


9



North Dakota Insurance Department

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.
Jon Godfread, Commissioner



What we do

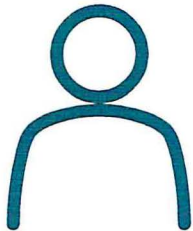
Mission

Safeguarding the promises made to North Dakotans and fostering a fair and thriving marketplace to meet the needs of our consumers and evolving insurance industry.

Functions

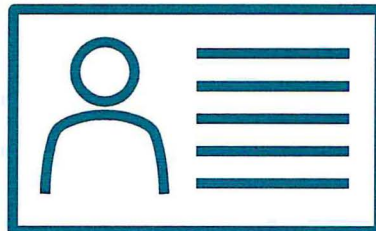
- » Consumer Protection & Assistance
- » Rate & Benefit Analysis
- » Agent & Company Licensing
- » Financial & Market Conduct Examinations
- » Fraud Investigation
- » Insurance Tax Distribution

Who we serve



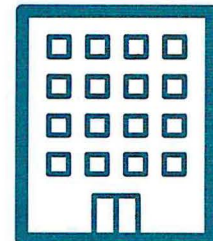
Consumers

Offer consumer assistance and advocacy.



Agents

Manage the licensing of agents and producers.



Companies

Regulate insurance companies and products sold.

Numbers at a glance

For the 2021-2023 biennium

38

Full-Time Positions

10.8 million

2021-2023 Budget

20.7 million

Distributed to Fire Districts & ND Firefighter's Assn.

Department Budget

The North Dakota Insurance Department is a special-funded agency where the agency is not allocated money from the General Fund, rather by company and producer licensing fees and fines. Any remaining funds over a million dollars are placed into the General Fund annually.

2021-2023 Biennium **Legislative Base**

38 FTE positions

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8.076 million
Operating	\$ 1.507 million
One-time Funding	+ \$ 0

\$ 9.583 million

2021-2023 Biennium **Appropriated**

38 FTE positions

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8.076 million
Operating	\$ 1.507 million
One-time Funding	\$ 962,000
Emergency Commission	+ \$ 250,000

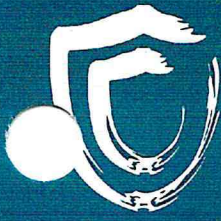
\$ 10.795 million

2023-2025 Biennium **Request**

37 FTE positions

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8.196 million
Operating	\$ 2.170 million
One-time Funding	+ \$ 75,000

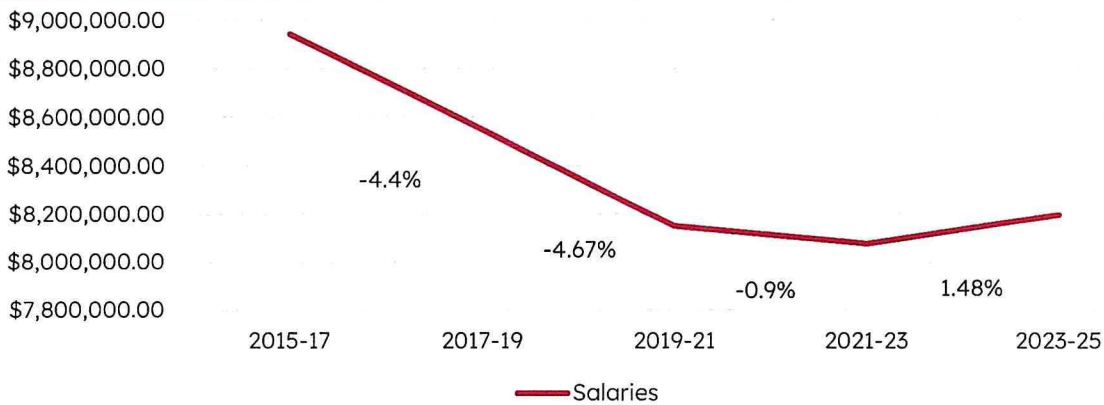
\$ 10.441 million



Department Budget History

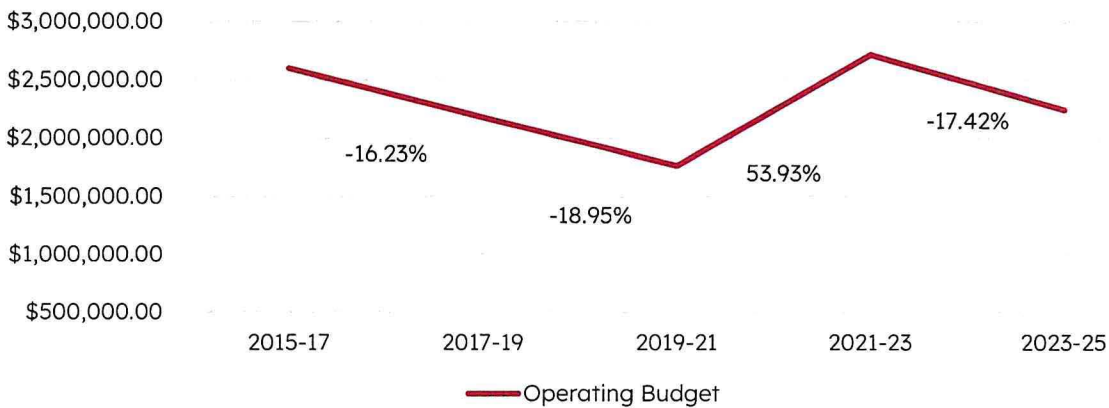
Appropriated Salaries Over Time

2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
\$ 8,943,097.00	\$ 8,549,567.00	\$ 8,149,998.00	\$ 8,076,281.00	\$ 8,196,088.00



Appropriated Operating Budget Over Time*

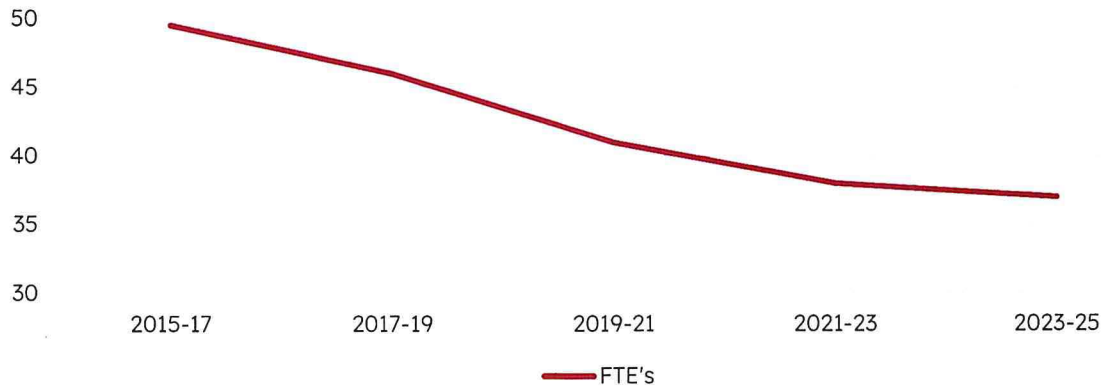
2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
\$ 2,602,042.00	\$ 2,179,777.00	\$ 1,766,675.00	\$ 2,719,359.00	\$ 2,245,770.00



*Includes one-time funding.

Appropriated FTE's Over Time

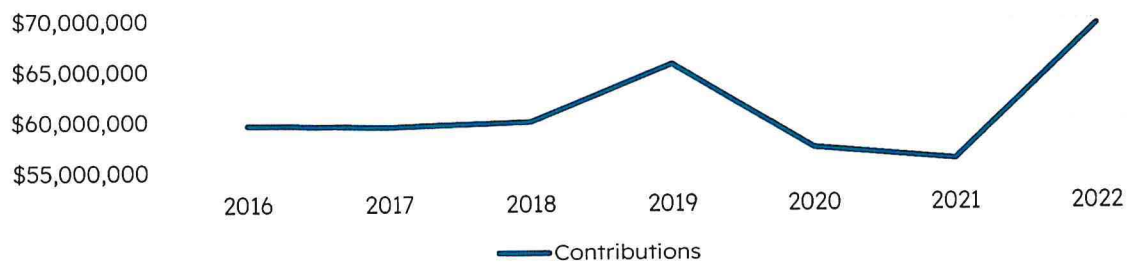
2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
49.50	46	41	38	37

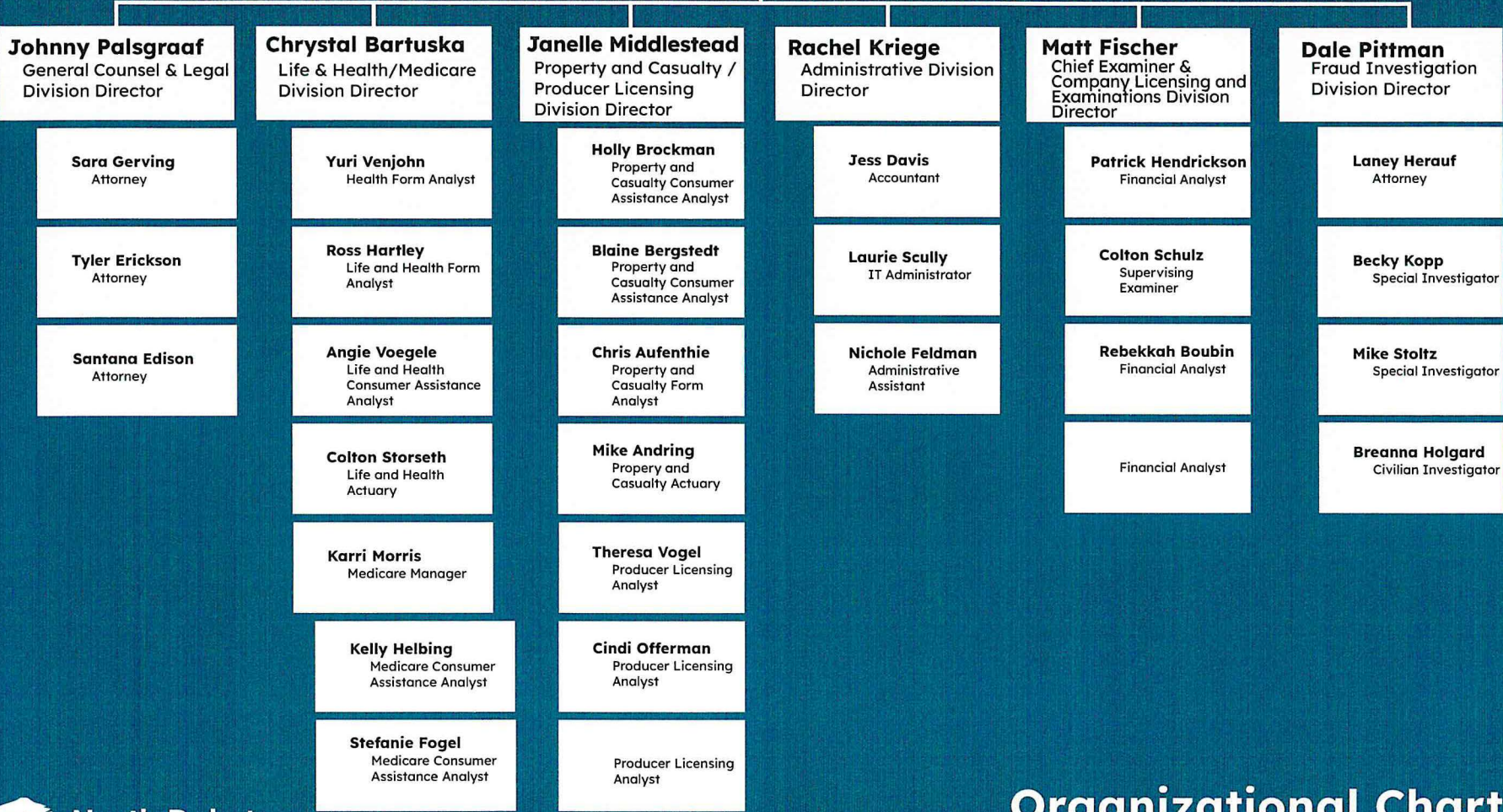


2015-17 to 2023-25 Comparison



General Fund Contributions by Year





Organizational Chart
Updated November 2022

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145			414,226	414,226			(138,919)	(138,919)
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890			178,913	178,913			4,023	4,023
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfer State Fire Marshal from Attorney General				0	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal				0	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			748,763	748,763				0
Reduces funding for payments to fire departments				0			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association				0			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	11.00	\$0	(\$13,680,483)	(\$13,680,483)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	11.00	\$0	(\$13,507,183)	(\$13,507,183)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	49.00	\$0	\$16,804,997	\$16,804,997	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			<i>\$607,916</i>				<i>\$599,701</i>				<i>(\$8,215)</i>	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(45.1%)</i>	<i>(45.1%)</i>				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(44.6%)</i>	<i>(44.6%)</i>				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	Section 3 appropriates all funds in the insurance tax distribution fund received by the Insurance Commissioner under section 18-04-04 to certified fire departments and districts.
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 4 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.	

Insurance Department Funds

As of 2021-2023 Biennium

Fees & fines generated by the insurance industry

Insurance Premium Taxes

Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund

Insurance Department Budget

Insurance Tax Distribution Fund

Fire Districts

North Dakota Firefighter's Association

Limited to \$1 million reserve after each fiscal year. Anything in excess is turned over to the General Fund.

General Fund

Insurance Department Funds

Proposed 2023-2023 Biennium

Fees & fines generated by the insurance industry

Insurance Premium Taxes

Insurance Tax Distribution Fund

Fire Districts

Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund

Insurance Department Budget

North Dakota Firefighter's Association

IRTF is limited to \$1 million reserve after each fiscal year. Anything in excess is turned over to the General Fund.

General Fund

Unit	Descr	Name	Position Title	Entry Date	Comp Rate	Annual Salary	Appointed/Elected Salary	
61600	Seed Department	Stephen Sebesta	DEPUTY - N Seed Department Deputy	1/2/2017	14400.00	\$ 172,800.00	\$ 169,020.00	\$ (3,780.00)
54000	Adjutant General	Jackie Huber	DEPUTY - N Adjutant General Deputy	10/1/2019	13298.00	\$ 159,576.00	\$ 214,956.00	\$ 55,380.00
80100	Department of Transportation	Robin Rehborg	DEPUTY - N Driver Safety Deputy Director	11/12/2019	12643.00	\$ 151,716.00	\$ 201,861.00	\$ 50,145.00
12500	Attorney General	Clara Ness	DEPUTY - N Deputy Attorney General	5/9/2022	12566.66	\$ 150,799.92	\$ 169,161.96	\$ 18,362.04
10800	Secretary of State	Sandra McMerty	DEPUTY - N Secretary Of State Deputy	5/29/2018	12333.00	\$ 147,996.00	\$ 114,486.00	\$ (33,510.00)
12700	State Tax Commissioner	Sandra McMerty	DEPUTY - N State Tax Commissioner Deputy		12150.00	\$ 145,800.00	\$ 124,249.92	\$ (21,550.08)
19000	Retirement & Investment Office	Chad Roberts	DEPUTY - N Dep Exec Dir/CRO	7/11/2022	11834.00	\$ 142,008.00	\$ 207,072.00	\$ 65,064.00
41300	Dept of Financial Institutions	Corey Krebs	DEPUTY - N Depart Of Fin Inst Deputy	10/15/2018	11379.00	\$ 136,548.00	\$ 151,116.00	\$ 14,568.00
72000	Game and Fish Department	Scott Peterson	DEPUTY - N Game and Fish Deputy	8/24/2021	11078.00	\$ 132,936.00	\$ 137,700.00	\$ 4,764.00
60200	Department of Agriculture	Thomas Bodine	DEPUTY - N Depart Of Agriculture Deputy	5/1/2013	10302.00	\$ 123,624.00	\$ 123,984.00	\$ 360.00
62500	State Wheat Commission	James Peterson	DEPUTY - N Deputy	7/1/2014	10175.70	\$ 122,108.40	\$ 198,060.60	\$ 75,952.20
20100	Public Instruction	Donna Fishbeck	DEPUTY - N Public Instruction Deputy Dir	4/15/2019	9923.00	\$ 119,076.00	\$ 130,323.00	\$ 11,247.00
18800	Legal Counsel for Indigents	Todd Ewell	DEPUTY - N Comm Legal Coun Indi VC Deputy	3/23/2020	9748.78	\$ 116,985.39	\$ 137,257.40	\$ 20,272.01
40100	Insurance Department	John Arnold	DEPUTY - N Insurance Department Deputy	9/16/2019	9016.59	\$ 108,199.08	\$ 114,486.00	\$ 6,286.92
11700	State Auditor	Brianna Ludwig	DEPUTY - N State Auditor Deputy	4/5/2020	8976.00	\$ 107,712.00	\$ 114,486.00	\$ 6,774.00
40500	Industrial Commission	Reice Haase	DEPUTY - N Deputy	6/1/2022	8750.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 137,311.68	\$ 32,311.68

12 Deputies are compensated higher than the 3 PSCs, the SOS, Auditor, Treasurer, and Insurance Commissioner.

9 Deputies are compensated higher than our Tax and Ag Commisioners.

23.0264.01002
Title.

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

Fiscal No.

February 7, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner;"

Page 1, line 2, remove "an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance"

Page 1, line 3, replace "tax distribution fund" with "a transfer"

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 16 with:

"	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$7,248,105	\$16,831,745
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	11.00	49.00"

Page 1, line 17, after "**FUNDING**" insert "**- EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 1, line 18, after "biennium" insert "and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 1, replace lines 20 through 24 with:

"Office remodel	\$100,000	\$75,000
State flexibility to stabilize the market grant	662,000	0
Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study	200,000	0
Reinsurance pool study	200,000	0
Retirement leave payouts	<u>0</u>	<u>98,300</u>
Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

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

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 10 with:

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any federal funds that become available are appropriated to the insurance commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The insurance commissioner shall report any additional federal funds under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is one hundred ~~twelve~~^{thirty} thousand ~~two hundred forty-one~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~²⁰²⁴, and one hundred ~~fourteen~~^{thirty-five} thousand ~~four~~^{two} hundred ~~eighty-six~~ dollars thereafter.

SECTION 5. TRANSFER - UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund on August 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 5 of this Act is contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 2295 by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. If this section takes effect, it becomes effective August 1, 2023."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets		75,000	75,000
Grants		2,400,000	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	<u>20,728,540</u>	<u>(20,728,540)</u>	
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	(\$13,480,435)	\$16,831,745
Less estimated income	<u>30,312,180</u>	<u>(13,480,435)</u>	<u>16,831,745</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	11.00	49.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Transfers an FTE for IT Unification ³	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Operating Expenses ⁴	Transfers FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁵	Adds FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$226,656)	\$185,968	\$1,797,805	\$838,979
Operating expenses			148,164	(233,516)	365,094	368,122
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$78,492)	(\$47,548)	\$2,162,899	\$1,207,101
Less estimated income	<u>62,195</u>	<u>593,139</u>	<u>(78,492)</u>	<u>(47,548)</u>	<u>2,162,899</u>	<u>1,207,101</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	8.00	4.00

	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ⁷	Removes Funding for Payments to Fire Departments ⁸	Increases Funding to North Dakota Firefighters Association ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Retirement Leave Payouts ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Office Remodel ¹¹	Adds Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ¹²
Salaries and wages				\$98,300		\$26,748
Operating expenses	\$748,763					
Capital assets					\$75,000	
Grants			\$2,400,000			
Insurance tax payments		(\$19,588,470)	(1,140,070)			
Total all funds	\$748,763	(\$19,588,470)	\$1,259,930	\$98,300	\$75,000	\$26,748
Less estimated income	748,763	(19,588,470)	1,259,930	98,300	75,000	26,748
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$3,376,478
Operating expenses	1,396,627
Capital assets	75,000
Grants	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	(20,728,540)
Total all funds	(\$13,480,435)
Less estimated income	(13,480,435)
General fund	\$0
FTE	11.00

¹ Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

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

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$414,226
Health insurance increase	178,913
Total	\$593,139

³ One FTE information technology (IT) position is transferred to the Information Technology Department for the IT unification initiative, including a decrease in salaries and wages and an increase in operating expenses.

⁴ Funding is increased for salaries and wages and decreased for operating expenses.

⁵ Eight FTE fire marshal positions are transferred from the Attorney General to the Insurance Commissioner.

⁶ Four FTE fire marshal positions are added, including related operating expenses.

⁷ Funding is increased for operating expenses, including \$408,558 for IT data processing, \$166,323 for travel, \$108,025 for professional fees and services, and \$26,775 for operating fees and services.

⁸ Funding is removed for payments to fire departments and districts. Payments to fire departments and districts will be made pursuant to a continuing appropriation provided for in Senate Bill No. 2211.

⁹ Funding is increased for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association to provide a total of \$2.4 million from the insurance regulatory trust fund rather than the insurance tax distribution fund.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$98,300 from special funds is added for retirement leave payouts.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$75,000 from special funds is added for an office remodeling project.

¹² Funding is added from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner's salary is increased from the current level of \$114,486 to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.

This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any federal funds received by the insurance commission in excess of the amount appropriated.
- Provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.
- Provide a transfer of any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295. The section identifying funding from the unsatisfied judgment fund included in the Insurance Commissioner's appropriation is removed.

23.0264.01002

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance
2 commissioner; to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner; and to provide ~~an appropriation for the~~
4 ~~distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund~~ a transfer.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other
8 income, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
9 insurance commissioner, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025,
10 as follows:

	<u>Governor's</u>		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$8,924,123	\$8,076,281
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,170,770	1,507,359
Capital assets	0	75,000	0
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$11,169,893	\$9,583,640
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	37.00	38.00

	<u>Adjustments or</u>		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
<u>Salaries and wages</u>	<u>\$8,076,281</u>	<u>\$3,376,478</u>	<u>\$11,452,759</u>
<u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>1,507,359</u>	<u>1,396,627</u>	<u>2,903,986</u>
<u>Capital assets</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
<u>Grants</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>

1	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$9,583,640</u>	<u>\$7,248,105</u>	<u>\$16,831,745</u>
2	<u>Full-time equivalent positions</u>	<u>38.00</u>	<u>11.00</u>	<u>49.00</u>

3 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE**
4 **SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
5 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium and the
6 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

7	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
8	Office remodel	\$100,000	\$0
9	State flexibility to stabilize the market grant	662,000	0
10	Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study	200,000	0
11	Reinsurance pool study	200,000	0
12	Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$0
13	<u>Office remodel</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>
14	<u>State flexibility to stabilize the market grant</u>	<u>662,000</u>	<u>0</u>
15	<u>Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>
16	<u>Reinsurance pool study</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>
17	<u>Retirement leave payouts</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98,300</u>
18	<u>Total special funds</u>	<u>\$1,162,000</u>	<u>\$173,300</u>

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

23 ~~**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance-~~
24 ~~tax distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,728,540 or~~
25 ~~so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of~~
26 ~~providing payments, in accordance with the provisions of section 18-04-05, to North Dakota fire~~
27 ~~departments in the amount of \$19,588,470 and payments to the North Dakota firefighter's~~
28 ~~association in the amount of \$1,140,070 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending~~
29 ~~June 30, 2025.~~

1 ~~SECTION 4. UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND.~~ Section 1 of the Act includes ~~\$26,610-~~
2 ~~from the state unsatisfied judgment fund to pay unsatisfied judgment fund administrative-~~
3 ~~expenses for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.~~

4 **SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING.** In addition to the
5 amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any federal funds that become available are
6 appropriated to the insurance commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and
7 ending June 30, 2025. The insurance commissioner shall report any additional federal funds
8 under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

9 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.**

12 The annual salary of the commissioner is one hundred ~~twelve~~thirty thousand ~~two hundred-~~
13 ~~forty-one~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~2024, and one hundred ~~fourteen~~thirty-five thousand
14 ~~four~~two hundred ~~eighty-six~~ dollars thereafter.

15 **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND.** The office of management
16 and budget shall transfer any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the
17 insurance regulatory trust fund on August 1, 2023.

18 **SECTION 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** Section 5 of this Act is contingent on the
19 passage of Senate Bill 2295 by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. If this section takes effect,
20 it becomes effective August 1, 2023.

23.0264.01002
Title.02000

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
the Senate Appropriations - Government
Operations Division Committee
February 7, 2023

Fiscal No. 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon insert "to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner;"

Page 1, line 2, remove "an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance"

Page 1, line 3, replace "tax distribution fund" with "a transfer"

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 16 with:

"	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$7,248,105	\$16,831,745
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	11.00	49.00"

Page 1, line 17, after "FUNDING" insert "- **EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**"

Page 1, line 18, after "biennium" insert "and the 2023-25 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act"

Page 1, replace lines 20 through 24 with:

"Office remodel	\$100,000	\$75,000
State flexibility to stabilize the market grant	662,000	0
Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study	200,000	0
Reinsurance pool study	200,000	0
Retirement leave payouts	<u>0</u>	<u>98,300</u>
Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

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

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 10 with:

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORTING. In addition to the amounts appropriated in section 1 of this Act, any federal funds that become available are appropriated to the insurance commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The insurance commissioner shall report any additional federal funds under this section to the office of management and budget and the legislative council.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is one hundred ~~twelve~~^{thirty} thousand ~~two hundred forty-one~~ dollars through June 30, ~~2022~~²⁰²⁴, and one hundred ~~fourteen~~^{thirty-five} thousand ~~four~~^{two} hundred ~~eighty-six~~ dollars thereafter.

SECTION 5. TRANSFER - UNSATISFIED JUDGMENT FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund on August 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 5 of this Act is contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295 by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly. If this section takes effect, it becomes effective August 1, 2023."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - Senate Action

	Base Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$3,376,478	\$11,452,759
Operating expenses	1,507,359	1,396,627	2,903,986
Capital assets		75,000	75,000
Grants		2,400,000	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	<u>20,728,540</u>	<u>(20,728,540)</u>	
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	(\$13,480,435)	\$16,831,745
Less estimated income	<u>30,312,180</u>	<u>(13,480,435)</u>	<u>16,831,745</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	11.00	49.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Transfers an FTE for IT Unification ³	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Operating Expenses ⁴	Transfers FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁵	Adds FTE for State Fire Marshal ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$226,656)	\$185,968	\$1,797,805	\$838,979
Operating expenses			148,164	(233,516)	365,094	368,122
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$62,195	\$593,139	(\$78,492)	(\$47,548)	\$2,162,899	\$1,207,101
Less estimated income	<u>62,195</u>	<u>593,139</u>	<u>(78,492)</u>	<u>(47,548)</u>	<u>2,162,899</u>	<u>1,207,101</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	8.00	4.00

	Adds Funding for Operating Expenses ⁷	Removes Funding for Payments to Fire Departments ⁸	Increases Funding to North Dakota Firefighters Association ⁹	Adds One-Time Funding for Retirement Leave Payouts ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for Office Remodel ¹¹	Adds Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ¹²
Salaries and wages				\$98,300		\$26,748
Operating expenses	\$748,763					
Capital assets					\$75,000	
Grants			\$2,400,000			
Insurance tax payments		(\$19,588,470)	(1,140,070)			
Total all funds	\$748,763	(\$19,588,470)	\$1,259,930	\$98,300	\$75,000	\$26,748
Less estimated income	748,763	(19,588,470)	1,259,930	98,300	75,000	26,748
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$3,376,478
Operating expenses	1,396,627
Capital assets	75,000
Grants	2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	(20,728,540)
Total all funds	(\$13,480,435)
Less estimated income	(13,480,435)
General fund	\$0
FTE	11.00

¹ Funding is added for the cost to continue salary increases.

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

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$414,226
Health insurance increase	178,913
Total	\$593,139

³ One FTE information technology (IT) position is transferred to the Information Technology Department for the IT unification initiative, including a decrease in salaries and wages and an increase in operating expenses.

⁴ Funding is increased for salaries and wages and decreased for operating expenses.

⁵ Eight FTE fire marshal positions are transferred from the Attorney General to the Insurance Commissioner.

⁶ Four FTE fire marshal positions are added, including related operating expenses.

⁷ Funding is increased for operating expenses, including \$408,558 for IT data processing, \$166,323 for travel, \$108,025 for professional fees and services, and \$26,775 for operating fees and services.

⁸ Funding is removed for payments to fire departments and districts. Payments to fire departments and districts will be made pursuant to a continuing appropriation provided for in Senate Bill No. 2211.

⁹ Funding is increased for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association to provide a total of \$2.4 million from the insurance regulatory trust fund rather than the insurance tax distribution fund.

¹⁰ One-time funding of \$98,300 from special funds is added for retirement leave payouts.

¹¹ One-time funding of \$75,000 from special funds is added for an office remodeling project.

¹² Funding is added from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner's salary is increased from the current level of \$114,486 to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.

This amendment also adds sections to:

- Provide an appropriation of any federal funds received by the insurance commission in excess of the amount appropriated.
- Provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) effective July 1, 2023, and to \$135,200 (4 percent) effective July 1, 2024.
- Provide a transfer of any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295. The section identifying funding from the unsatisfied judgment fund included in the Insurance Commissioner's appropriation is removed.

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145				0
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890				0
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-Time Funding Items								
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916				\$602,642	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.	

**Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, Including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments
Senate Bill No. 2010**

Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Executive Budget	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433
2023-25 Base Level	0	30,312,180	30,312,180
Increase (Decrease)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253

Selected Budget Changes Recommended in the Executive Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$553,145 is for salary increases and \$174,890 is for health insurance increases	\$0	\$728,035	\$728,035
2. Transfers 1 FTE position to the Information Technology Department for IT unification, of which \$226,656 is for decreases in salaries and wages and \$148,164 is for increases in operating expenses	\$0	(\$78,492)	(\$78,492)
3. Transfers \$185,968 from operating expenses to salaries and wages	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. Adds funding for additional operating expenses to provide a total of \$2,170,770	\$0	\$748,763	\$748,763
5. Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts for 5 FTE positions	\$0	\$98,300	\$98,300
6. Adds one-time funding for an office remodeling project	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000

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

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

Selected Bill Sections Recommended in the Executive Budget

Insurance tax distribution fund - Section 3 appropriates \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. These amounts are the same as the 2021-23 biennium.

Excess federal funds - Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.

Insurance Commissioner's salary - Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent in the 1st year and 4 percent the 2nd year of the biennium as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2021:

July 1, 2021	\$112,241
July 1, 2022	\$114,486

Proposed annual salary recommendation in the 2023-25 executive budget:

July 1, 2023	\$121,355
July 1, 2024	\$126,209

Continuing Appropriations

State bonding fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 26.1-21-17 - This fund was created to provide fidelity bond coverage to the state and its political subdivisions to protect against the theft of money and property by public officials and employees. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

State fire and tornado fund - Section 26.1-22-03 - This fund was created to provide affordable building and business personal property insurance coverage to state entities and political subdivisions. Administration of the fund is contracted with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund.

Reinsurance Association of North Dakota - Section 26.1-36.7-12 - Provides a continuing appropriation to the Insurance Commissioner for federal funding received by the Reinsurance Association of North Dakota to administer the invisible reinsurance pool.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The State Auditor's office operational audit of the Insurance Commissioner for the period ending June 30, 2021, identified one deficiency relating to the incorrect distribution of payments to fire departments and districts.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1094 - Relates to the prosecution of insurance fraud.

House Bill No. 1095 - Relates to the inclusion of comprehensive medication management services in health benefit plans.

Senate Bill No. 2031 - Relates to a prescription drug reference rate pilot program.

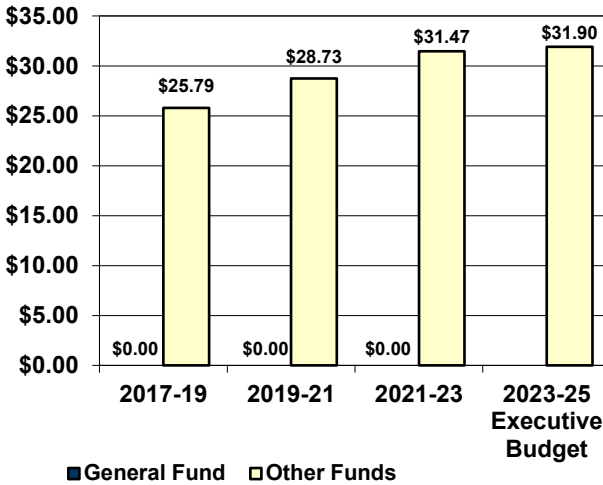
Senate Bill No. 2055 - Relates to the withdrawal of producer licensing applications.

Senate Bill No. 2056 - Relates to the Insurance Commissioner's red tape reduction.

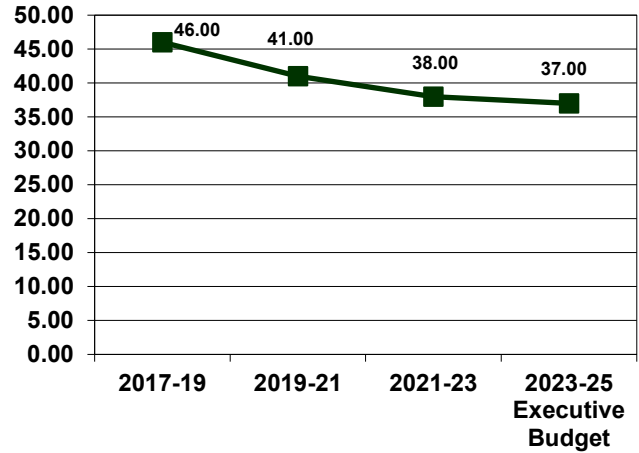
Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions

Agency Funding (Millions)



FTE Positions



Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing other funds appropriations	\$28,026,346	\$25,793,430	\$28,534,703	\$30,312,180	\$31,725,133
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(\$2,232,916)	\$2,741,273	\$1,777,477	\$1,412,953
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	10.6%	6.2%	4.7%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(8.0%)	1.8%	8.2%	13.2%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Removed 3.5 FTE positions (\$724,448)
2. Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$357,265)
3. Reduced grants to fire departments to provide total ongoing funding of \$14,235,561 from the insurance tax distribution fund (\$1,445,656)

2019-21 Biennium

1. Added 2 new FTE positions, including a consumer assistance outreach coordinator position and a high-risk pool and health care reform coordinator position \$382,502
2. Removed 2 FTE positions and authorized the Insurance Commissioner to contract for the administration of the state fire and tornado fund and the state bonding fund under continuing appropriation authority (\$610,352)
3. Transferred the boiler inspection program, including 4 FTE positions, to the Department of Environmental Quality (\$753,365)
4. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$17,989,505 for grants to fire departments and \$328,525 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$3,753,944

2021-23 Biennium

1. Added 1 new FTE position for an insurance adjuster \$115,276
2. Removed 4 FTE positions, including a producer licensing division director, senior insurance form rate analyst, insurance company financial analyst, and office assistant (\$786,636)

- 3. Increased funding from the insurance tax distribution fund for grants to fire districts to provide a total of \$19,588,470 for grants to fire departments and \$1,140,070 to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association \$1,910,510

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Transfers 1 FTE to Information Technology Department for IT unification, of which (\$226,656) is for decreases in salaries and wages and \$148,164 is for increases in operating expenses (\$78,492)
- 2. Adds funding for additional operating expenses to provide a total of \$2,170,770 \$748,763

One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time other funds appropriations	\$220,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,162,000	\$173,300

Major One-Time Other Funds Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

- 1. No one-time other funds appropriations \$0

2019-21 Biennium

- 1. Health care analysis \$200,000

2021-23 Biennium

- 1. State flexibility to stabilize the market grant \$662,000
- 2. Coal and fossil fuel industry insurance study \$200,000
- 3. Reinsurance pool study (House Bill No. 1087) \$200,000

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

- 1. Retirement leave payouts for five positions \$98,300
- 2. Office remodel \$75,000

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195
Salary increase			553,145	553,145
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953
One-time funding items				
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			<i>\$607,916</i>	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.

**SENATE BILL NO.2010
(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 insurance commissioner; to provide an appropriation for the distribution of funds from the insurance tax distribution fund; to amend and reenact section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the commissioner's salary.

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 from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that agency, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$8,076,281	\$847,842	\$ 8,924,123
Operating Expenses	1,507,359	663,411	2,170,770
Capital Assets	0	75,000	75,000
Total Special Funds	\$9,583,640	\$1,586,253	\$11,169,893
Full-time Equivalent Positions	38.00	(1.00)	37.00

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

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Office Remodel	\$100,000	\$ 75,000
State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant	662,000	0
Coal and Fossil Fuel Industry Insurance Study	200,000	0
Retirement Payouts	0	98,300
	0	0
Total Special Funds	\$962,000	\$173,300

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

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the insurance tax distribution fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,728,540 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the insurance commissioner for the purpose of providing payments, in accordance with provisions of section 18-04-05, to North Dakota fire departments in the amount of \$19,588,470 and payments to the North Dakota firefighter's association in the amount of \$1,140,070 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. All federal funds received by the insurance commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-01-09. Salary of commissioner.

The annual salary of the commissioner is ~~one hundred twelve thousand two hundred forty one dollars through June 30, 2022~~ one hundred twenty-one thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars through June 30, 2024, and ~~one hundred fourteen thousand four hundred eighty six~~ one hundred twenty-six thousand two hundred nine dollars thereafter.

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145				0
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890				0
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763				0
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
One-Time Funding Items								
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916				\$602,642	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.	

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145			414,226	414,226			(138,919)	(138,919)
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890			178,913	178,913			4,023	4,023
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfer State Fire Marshal from Attorney General				0	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal				0	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			748,763	748,763				0
Reduces funding for payments to fire departments				0			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association				0			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	11.00	\$0	(\$13,680,483)	(\$13,680,483)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	11.00	\$0	(\$13,507,183)	(\$13,507,183)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	49.00	\$0	\$16,804,997	\$16,804,997	12.00	\$0	(\$15,093,436)	(\$15,093,436)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916				\$599,701				(\$8,215)	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%	28.9%		(45.1%)	(45.1%)				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%	28.9%		(44.6%)	(44.6%)				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	Section 3 appropriates all funds in the insurance tax distribution fund received by the Insurance Commissioner under section 18-04-04 to certified fire departments and districts.
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 4 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.	
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund		Section 6 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.
Contingency - Effective Date		Section 7 provides an effective date for Section 6 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 2295.

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145			414,226	414,226			(138,919)	(138,919)
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890			178,913	178,913			4,023	4,023
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General				0	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal				0	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials				0			26,748	26,748			26,748	26,748
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			748,763	748,763				0
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation				0			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association				0			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$607,916				\$599,701				(\$8,215)	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		4.7%	4.7%	28.9%		(45.0%)	(45.0%)				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	(2.6%)		5.2%	5.2%	28.9%		(44.5%)	(44.5%)				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the first year and 4 percent the second year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the first year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the second year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund		Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.
Contingency - Effective Date		Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill 2295.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
 1720 Burlington Dr. Suite B
 Bismarck, ND 58504

March 17th, 2023

To the Honorable Representative David Monson, Chairman of the House Government Operations Division of the Appropriations Committee, and Committee members,

I appear before you today to testify to the budget request by the Insurance Department on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Division under the proposed move under Senate Bill 2211.

The State Fire Marshal Division is responsible for public education; fire prevention and safety inspections; reviews of new construction plans for fuel tanks, fire protection systems, and related items; and fire investigations. These tasks are related to community risk reduction, addressing State liability related to safety hazards of fire, and minimizing impacts from fire losses.

The State Fire Marshal Division currently consists of eight full-time employees and one part-time temporary administrative assistant. Our five Deputy Fire Marshal positions are spread throughout the State to cover large geographic regions from offices out of Bismarck, Dickinson, Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo.

Included in the budget request for the State Fire Marshal Division are four additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions. The greatest resource of any State Agency is personnel. It is here that our division is lacking the ability to review and inspect new buildings, conduct and report on all fire investigations as requested, and develop public education or community risk reduction initiatives. To further define why these FTE's are necessary please consider the following points:

- The State Fire Marshals Division has not increased in FTE's since prior to 1988.
- Requests have been made in the 2019, 2021 and 2023 budget planning processes to correct this issue, and have not been carried forward.
- Each Deputy Fire Marshal spends 6 weeks of time on travel each year.
- Deputy Fire Marshals have put 10,000 more miles on our State Fleet Vehicles compared to the prior year's total.
- Comp payouts for the State Fire Marshals Division have increased exponentially in the past three bienniums.
 - o 2017 - \$8,304.00
 - o 2019 - \$16,205.00
 - o 2021 - \$43,985.95
- The State Fire Marshals Division has gone from investigating approximately 60-70 fires annually to upwards of 120 in recent years. This is nearly double the workload.
- The quality of work on fire investigations is clear and demonstrable as well. Our reports have gone from bare details, opinion based, and rarely over three pages, to reports full of detail, fact and data based conclusions, and often over twenty pages in length. The point being that not only have our requests for investigations increased, but the time required to complete them to the level of quality necessary has also increased greatly.
 - o This is demonstrated by the fact that as I have traveled around the State visiting with Fire Chiefs, many have shared stories about the arson fire in their

communities. I often follow up these stories with what happened and too often they reply back that nothing happened after the State Fire Marshal had come out.

- We have worked hard to change this and with our increased focus on quality, and partnership with Local, State and Federal law enforcement, we have been able to see more fire cases closed through criminal prosecutions.
- On March 20, 2022 the State Fire Marshals Office was contacted to conduct a fire investigation in a local community. We were able to conclude that the fire was intentionally set for criminal purposes. Working with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, we were able to effectively ensure that the States Attorney had enough evidence to prosecute the crime, ending in the subject pleading guilty to the charges.
- The State Fire Marshals Division records anywhere from 20-40 fire tips every year. Fire tips are our records of when a fire chief reports a fire to us, but does not request our assistance with the investigation. This can be due to many factors, but often it is related to not having a Deputy Fire Marshal close enough to the area of the State, and our response taking too long for the fire chief to wait. This is a failure to meet the needs of local fire departments that are often looking for further assistance that our division can't give them with our current personnel.
 - On February 13, 2022, the State Fire Marshals Office was contacted by a fire department on the east side of the State. Due to staffing levels, our closest available deputy fire marshal was located in Dickinson. The fire chief cancelled the request for the deputy's response when they learned that it would take over four hours to respond.
- The State Fire Marshals Division has begun enforcing code on new construction plan reviews of fire protection systems, above-ground fuel storage tanks, and other buildings or items as requested by local fire departments. This has caused our plan review numbers to go from approximately 20 projects annually to 120 projects in 2021. Each plan review includes time reviewing codes, communicating with contractors, and final inspections on-site when staffing allows.
 - Two years ago, the State Fire Marshals Office was contacted regarding questions about a proposed hazardous materials facility moving into a downtown building in Richardton, ND. Hazardous Materials buildings are a high-hazard for fire departments, and if not protected correctly for the communities they are in. After working with the fire chief, together we determined that the building would need a fire sprinkler system, fire alarm system and hazardous materials control areas. All of which helped to make this building and location safer for the community and reduce risk. Without the relationship we have established with the Richardton fire chief, his outreach, and partnered enforcement, this building may have gone into place with many high-hazard fire code violations. This is one example of many that show the value of our plan review program and the ability to reduce risk and liability exposure to local communities and fire chiefs.
- Fire Inspection levels have remained relatively stable, but our division has added the service of assistance to local fire departments through complaints, complex buildings, or other situations where they request our help with fire code inspection and code enforcement.
- Due to the level of staffing and workload that fire investigations, plans review, and fire inspections require, our division is unable to offer or sustain any public education programs at this time, even though it is outlined in century code as one of our duties.
- Deputy Fire Marshals cover districts of 10-11 counties. Currently, there are three markets/areas that Deputy Fire Marshals cannot get to quickly, or focus efforts on, which are holes in our service area. These are the cities and surrounding areas of Devils Lake,

Jamestown and Williston. Fire Chiefs in and around these areas have voiced support for Deputy Fire Marshals to be added.

Other items and risks that Deputy Fire Marshals lack time to address or institute include: assistance/information to lowering ISO ratings, fireworks assistance or inspections program, plan review of new childcare licenses, hazardous materials assistance or inspections program, accreditation as a fire investigation unit or fire prevention organization, and assistance with all fires we are contacted for. Adding four additional staff would allow us staffing to correct and address the issues stated.

If the additional four FTE's were appropriated for the State Fire Marshals Division, we do have a plan in place and work identified to ensure they are utilized effectively and efficiently. Three of the FTE's would be used to fill our service holes in Devils Lake, Jamestown and Williston. These areas already average approximately 17 fire investigations requested per year, 30 fire inspections a year, and 10 plan reviews a year. All of this work is already existing without a Deputy Fire Marshal within 1-2 hours of the areas.

The position of Deputy Fire Marshal is a very specialized position with a small pool of qualified individuals. Our current Deputy Fire Marshals are dedicated, qualified and certified to conduct their jobs professionally. However, this is accomplished with much investment into their career development and is not easily recovered if we have turnover. Supporting our hard-working Deputy Fire Marshals is necessary, and if not accomplished we could face continual turnover and training, which does not lead to a successful organization.

The fourth FTE being requested is a second Chief Deputy Fire Marshal to supervise, manage, train, and ensure quality control of work products. Typical effective span of control for the fire service is 3-7. With the addition of FTE's this would bring the number of Deputy Fire Marshals from 5, to 8. Supervision of eight personnel is difficult for one supervisor when all staff are in the same physical location. However, when those positions are spread throughout the State and located up to 4 hours away, this adds travel time and additional barriers to communication.

The Chief Deputy Fire Marshal position is responsible for quality control. Industry standard requires that every fire investigation receive a technical review to ensure it follows established scientific principles and guidelines. This is a time-consuming process, especially as new Deputy Fire Marshals are trained on the fire investigation and reporting process. The position is also responsible to oversee, coordinate and ensure that all plan reviews (and subsequent inspections) are conducted and correctly documented. This process often involves supervision to ensure that codes are being enforced uniformly across the State and at times requires multiple meetings between our office, contractors and building designers. This also is time consuming, especially as we train new Deputy Fire Marshals in the process.

Part of supervision is spending time with employees and actually over-seeing their work. Our current Chief Deputy Fire Marshal schedules ride-alongs twice a year with each Deputy Fire Marshal that she oversees. We also strive to make it to one to two fire investigations with each Deputy Fire Marshal annually. This is done to ensure we understand what is being encountered in the field, and to verify the level of quality of our investigations. These are commitments to ensuring the professional development of our staff and effective supervision, but are difficult to accomplish with the number of Deputy Fire Marshals supervised and the statewide locations they are in. Two Chief Deputy Fire Marshals (one additional) would allow them to focus on developing Deputy Fire Marshal careers. We often have to recruit and hire individuals with little experience or background, so ensuring quality supervision and training is in place is critical to our operations.

The State Fire Marshals Division, if appropriated this second Chief Deputy Fire Marshal, would be in a location that would split the State and ensure the most efficient supervision and division operations possible.

The State Fire Marshals Division does not hold a vision of endless additional Deputy Fire Marshals. Eight Deputy Fire Marshals is all that is planned for to cover our basic response requirements and would help meet the needs of the division and State. With the additional FTE's being requested, part of our focus would be to expand our public education and training (in partnership with the North Dakota Firefighters Association), so that more fire prevention could be done at the local level by trained fire chiefs and firefighters. This would help ensure that we do not have to continue adding Deputy Fire Marshals, and keep our focus of empowering local fire departments through fire prevention. Continuing our State's focus on local control and empowerment.

Also included in this budget request for the State Fire Marshal are additional operating funds. These funds are being requested to cover a myriad of items that include but are not limited to: specialized fire investigation equipment, vehicles to carry specialized equipment, training and certification of staff, educational support, bench/field testing of possible fire causes, fire reporting software, personal protective equipment, software for fire inspections and database, and office equipment.

One item that the division currently does not have either the staffing or operational budget to undertake is accreditation. In its April 2021 report, the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) - Fire and Explosion Subcommittee noted that, "accreditation will become the norm in fire investigation units. In some jurisdictions now, public and private laboratories that are not accredited are prevented from participating in the criminal justice system". Current staffing levels would make this an insurmountable task to undertake. However, with the additional FTE's and operational budget, the North Dakota State Fire Marshals Division could pursue and achieve accreditation, remaining on the forefront of the forensic science of fire investigation.

Some of the additional operational budget costs are attributed to any additional FTE's appropriated, and would be initial investments in new Deputy Fire Marshal positions. There are start up costs associated with any FTE, but Deputy Fire Marshals have a physical, hazardous job that requires a number of specialized equipment items and safety gear. The approximate costs can currently approach \$20,000.00, and with supply backlogs and inflation, these numbers are only increasing.

- \$3,500.00 for initial set of personal protective equipment
- \$3,500.00 for back up set of personal protective equipment after completion of probation
 - o Deputy Fire Marshals regularly run to multiple fires in the same week or within days. Each set of gear must be cleaned and decontaminated before going to the next scene.
- \$3,500.00 for vehicle topper and tool tray to carry and protect equipment
- \$1,000.00 for uniforms
- \$1,500.00 for four gas monitor
- \$2,000.00 for small tools for fire investigation (shovels, evidence containers, tool box, containers for smaller tools, contractor bags, rakes, etc.)
- \$5,000.00 for fire gear extractor to decontaminate personal protective equipment

The State Fire Marshal Divisions operating budget was reduced from \$694,513.00 in 2019-2021 to \$365,094.00 in the 2023-2025 biennium, roughly a 45% decrease. This reduced budget made

it difficult or impossible to: outfit all fire investigation vehicles with equipment, invest in new technologies that aid in fire investigations, complete necessary trainings for new Deputy Fire Marshals, purchase all necessary personal protective equipment, purchase necessary uniform materials, provide fire safety materials to local fire departments, purchase hazardous materials identification software, and contribute to the Emergency Reporting Software Contract shared with the Department of Forestry. Currently the division is approximately 20% over our appropriated budget, even though we have been very cautious with our spending as noted.

The State Fire Marshals Division has not increased in FTE's for many years, workload has more than doubled in the last ten years, we don't have enough personnel to help local fire departments, and significant investment has not been maintained towards the division. Work already exists and is waiting for these positions to be appropriated. The State Fire Marshal does not have a vision of endless growth, but we do need a minimum staffing level to effectively help the State's local fire departments. Travel time, mileage, comp hours used, comp hours earned, comp payouts and workload are all increasing at a high-rate. Without great change, this is a recipe not for success, but for inevitable failure.

Under SB 2211, the State Fire Marshals Division would be transferred from the Attorney Generals Office, to the Insurance Department. Now is the time to bring the State Fire Marshals Division up to speed, invest in our State resources, so that we can further spread that influence to local fire departments, resulting in the fire service of North Dakota rising higher for the benefit of our State's great citizens.

I would like to thank you for the time to address the committee today.

Respectfully,

Douglas Nelson
ND State Fire Marshal

Senate Bill No. 2010

Presented by: Jon Godfread
Commissioner
North Dakota Insurance Department

Before: House Appropriations
Representative David Monson, Chairman – Government Operations

Date: March 17, 2023

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, and members of the House Appropriations Government Operations Subcommittee. For the record, my name is Jon Godfread, Insurance Commissioner. Before we get into the budget changes we are proposing, I feel it would be best to give you a very brief overview of insurance regulation and a summary of our Insurance Department.

Insurance regulation in the United States is primarily the responsibility of the individual states. Each state has its own Insurance Commissioner that is responsible for overseeing the insurance industry within that state. My role as an insurance regulator is to ensure that insurance companies operating within North Dakota are financially stable and able to pay claims when they are due. We accomplish this by reviewing financial reports, examining insurance companies doing business within our state, reviewing the products that these companies sell within the state to make sure that they comply with the laws that you all pass, and offering consumers assistance when they feel that a company is not honoring the terms of insurance contracts.

In addition to the state-level regulation, North Dakota is also a member of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or the NAIC. Currently, I serve as Vice President of this organization. The NAIC is a voluntary organization made up of insurance commissioners from each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories. The NAIC assists state-based regulation through the development of model laws, regulations and provides accreditation to states, which is a third-party review of our financial analysis.

North Dakota late last year received another 5-year accreditation from the NAIC, we were the only state in our cohort to receive a clean bill of health, meaning that other states can confidently rely on our work when it comes to reviewing insurance companies. While this process may

sound overly technical and boring, I cannot stress the importance of accreditation. It's a big deal. Staffing was the only concern raised in our accreditation review. I will highlight the different divisions of the office shortly, but want to take a moment to expand on both the concern suggested by the accreditation review and to address our vacant positions. As of May 1st, we will have 5 open positions. Two of those vacancies are in the Company Licensing Division. Both positions have been posted since the beginning of March, however we have only received two applicants; neither of whom were qualified. Of the remaining three positions, one is for our Property and Casualty Division, and as of yesterday there had been no applicants, one position for our Producer Licensing Division which, will be posted after completing a process improvement plan to increase efficiencies, and lastly, we have an admin services position that has remained open due largely to the potential need to reclassify that position based on Department need. We are a small and efficient team, but we cannot get any smaller, and it was recommended that we maintain our current staff level and develop a plan to expand when needed.

There are also a few federal agencies that have some regulatory authority over the insurance industry. For example, the U.S. Department of Labor regulates employee benefit plans, including group health insurance plans. Additionally, the Affordable Care Act extended federal involvement in health insurance with regards to the individual marketplace.

The National Flood Insurance Plan or NFIP, operates our country's flood insurance program. Recent changes to the NFIP have allowed private flood insurance to finally be recognized as acceptable coverage to the NFIP. This is a small step in a positive direction when it comes to flood insurance in North Dakota. Traditionally flood insurance in North Dakota has been cost prohibitive, it will be interesting to see if the private flood market can have an impact on the cost of flood insurance. We continue to attempt to explain to the NFIP that flooding in North Dakota is different, its generally overland flooding, we do not face hurricanes like our coast friends. NFIP must recognize the difference.

It should come as no surprise that the issues we see in the insurance industry primarily stem from health insurance and flood insurance, the two areas where there is the most federal intrusion. Our

state-based system has withstood over 150 years of insurance evolution; our system has survived depressions, financial crises, and most recently a pandemic. Our state and our country benefit from a strong state-based system, and I am proud of the work we continue to do here in North Dakota and happy to provide a brief summary of some of the changes we would like to see.

ND Insurance Industry and Regulation—At a Glance:

The North Dakota Insurance Department is a special funded agency that primarily serves as a consumer protection agency for North Dakota. We receive our funding from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund, which is funded by all fees and fines paid for by insurance companies and agents operating in this state. The Department contributed \$102 million of premium tax that was directly deposited into the general fund for the 19-21 biennium. Additionally, the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund is estimated to turn back \$12.5 million to the general fund after funding the Department's operations for this current biennium.

It is the Department's mission to safeguard the promises made to North Dakotans and foster a fair and thriving marketplace to meet the needs of our consumers and evolving insurance industry. The Department serves North Dakotans by assisting consumers with insurance needs, investigating insurance fraud, and regulating the insurance industry in the State. Simply put, we are one of the best kept secrets in North Dakota, but we are working on changing that, and continue to engage with our consumers at an ever-increasing rate.

One of our primary activities is to help consumers navigate the complex world of insurance. We can stand in the shoes of our consumers with insurance companies when our consumers have been treated unfairly or simply have questions. When you pick up the phone to ask questions or complain to your insurance company you are often at a big disadvantage, insurance companies work on these issues daily, and consumers often only call their insurance company in the middle of what might be one of the worst days of their lives. The Department can take that burden from our consumers and stand in their shoes to provide the best possible outcome, given their coverage. It is truly expert talking with expert and letting the consumer put their life back together without having to navigate the often-confusing insurance process. We take great pride in

the services we offer our citizens, and we are bringing forth a budget that not only allows us to help more people but does so in a fiscally prudent manner.

Department Overview:

The North Dakota Insurance Department began the 2021-2023 biennium with 38 FTEs working in 7 different divisions.

BUSINESS LINE SHIFT

At the beginning of 2021 we shifted our focus to business lines of insurance rather than the functional department operations. Meaning we now have a Life and Health Division and a Property and Casualty Division.

These changes have allowed the experts in each division to focus on the business line versus trying to be everything to everyone.

LIFE AND HEALTH DIVISION

The Life and Health Division is made up of 3 branches. The first is Consumer Assistance, which deals with North Dakota consumers who have concerns about their life or health insurance products. Consumer Assistance also contains our State Health Insurance Assistance Program or SHIP.

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)

SHIP provides free, unbiased, and confidential health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, or other representatives. The program held virtual appointments for the 2021 and 2022 open enrollment periods and found them to be very successful. This is one of our many consumer outreach programs that not only assists our consumers, as they enroll in Medicare, but also helps answer any questions that may arise throughout the year. While Medicare is a federally operated program, our SHIP team is a group of experts in North Dakota

that can assist North Dakotans with their questions. I know our citizens appreciate talking to a fellow citizen rather than waiting on hold for a federal government official. This program is primarily funded through federal grants, and included in our budget are some language changes to help clear up some timing issues with how we receive those grants for this program. I will cover more on that later.

PRESCRIPTION CONNECTION PROGRAMS

Our Prescription Connection program helps low-income North Dakotans find low-cost and no-cost prescription drugs by connecting them with prescription assistance programs offered by various pharmaceutical companies. The program assists consumers with the application process and connects over 95 percent of all applicants to a program.

Lastly, the Life and Health Division has a product filing component. Product Filing reviews policy forms and rate requests to ensure policy language complies with all the laws of this state, properly reflects the benefits provided by the policy and is not deceptive or misleading. For most types of insurance, this division evaluates the premium rates companies propose to charge to ensure that the premiums are not excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY DIVISION

The Property and Casualty Division is made 2 teams, Consumer Assistance and Product Filing. Consumer Assistance helps North Dakota consumers who have issues or concerns about property and casualty products. While Product Filing reviews policy forms and rate requests on the P&C side to ensure compliance with our laws.

PRODUCER LICENSING DIVISION

The producer licensing division is responsible for the licensing of 109,462 individual insurance producers doing business in the State, of which 5,874 are North Dakota resident producers. Insurance producers must comply with pre-licensing exams, background checks and continuing education requirements.

EXAMINATIONS AND COMPANY LICENSING

The primary function of the Examinations and Company Licensing Division is to monitor the financial strength of insurance companies licensed to do business in North Dakota.

As of December 2022, there were 2,506 insurance entities licensed to do business in North Dakota which has increased 175 from 2019. 33 of those companies call North Dakota home, which we are proud to report is up 4 from 2019.

LEGAL DIVISION

The Legal Division provides legal counsel to the Department; investigates and enforces all laws governing insurance producers and insurance companies; litigates administrative actions, and researches and prepares proposed legislative bills and administrative rules. Currently, the Legal Division is comprised of a General Counsel and 3 staff attorneys.

FRAUD

The Fraud Division is comprised of 3 licensed peace officers, 1 attorney, and 1 civilian investigator. The Fraud Division is responsible for conducting investigations on behalf of the public. Our team investigates fraud claims, recommends charges, and may prosecute alleged fraud, through our insurance fraud prosecution program. Our fraud prosecution program is a partnership program with local states attorneys, which allows us to assist them in the prosecution of insurance fraud. Its beneficial for our states attorneys to receive this assistance as it lessens their workload, and it's a benefit to the state as it allows us to ensure that insurance fraud is prosecuted. In 2021 there were 272 known fraud cases which unfortunately resulted in \$1.1 million dollars of actual loss to North Dakotans. We take insurance fraud very seriously in the department, as it ultimately ends up coming out of our pockets by way of increased premiums. We have taken great strides to stamp out insurance fraud in this state but there is more work to be done.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Division of the Insurance Department is responsible for oversight of the budget, accounting, IT needs and general office support through the Department. In addition, the

division oversees day-to-day business operations, public relations, human resource management and the internal policies and procedures for the Department.

Since I took office over 7 years ago, we have undertaken a significant amount of restructuring and right-sizing of our department, this has led to not only right-sizing our budget, but we have also improved our functionality. It is important to note that we are down from our appropriated numbers by 13.59% in operations, 8.35% in salaries, and 25.25% in FTEs over the past 7 years.

You may recall in 2019 we moved our State's Boiler Inspection program and Petroleum Tank Storage program to the Department of Environmental Quality. We also moved the administration of the State's Fire and Tornado Fund and Bonding Fund to the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF). These are two prime examples of improving efficiencies and making sure programs are housed in agencies where they can provide the services, while removing duplication and added expense.

Because of this move, the North Dakota Insurance Department is no longer directly selling insurance, which I would argue, we should never have been in the business of selling insurance. To date, NDIRF has identified over 2 billion dollars of uncovered property in our state, this is government owned property that did not previously have insurance coverage. This change has dramatically lessened potential exposure of significant losses to our state and political subdivisions, and they are still finding more.

While the pandemic placed a significant amount of stress on everyone, it also allowed us to experiment with different work models. Like everyone, at the height of the pandemic we went to remote work, we found that transition to remote work to be effective and we didn't miss a beat. Since the pandemic, we have gone back to a more traditional model, but we still do employ hybrid options. Presently 75% of our staff is working in person and 25% working in a hybrid work model. We have had positive reactions to having anchor days and bringing back the much-needed comradery to our small team. This flexibility has helped with attracting and retaining employees, which as you know is a significant challenge across our state.

We have seen a great deal of success with this model. Much of the work we do at the Insurance Department is of a financial or regulatory nature and we have found removing some of the office distractions has actually made some of our team members more productive, while also allowing us to better utilize our existing space and eliminate another off-site location located Burnt Boat Drive.

By eliminating our last off-site lease, we have saved \$28,500 for the current biennium and will be able to realize savings of \$70,000 for the next biennium by acquiring all of the 5th floor. We are asking for \$75,000 dollars to make modifications to our capitol office space which was previously occupied by the Securities Commissioner. These renovations will allow us to better accommodate walk-in traffic and hotel offices for staff who are in the hybrid working model. With the elimination of our last off-site lease and our acquiring the entirety of the 5th floor, for the first time in as far back as I can remember, the Insurance Department will be entirely under one roof. This makes perfect sense for an agency our size as having multiple locations has been an additional and unnecessary cost to our state.

We are not yet done reorganizing our Department and I will cover some additional ideas we have for the future in a moment, but I hope the Insurance Department has gained your trust over the past 7 years, we accomplish what we set out to do, we do so in an efficient manner, and ultimately the moves we have made have not only improved the processes and performance of our state functions, but have done so in a very efficient cost effective manner.

Changes Proposed to 2023-2025 Budget:

Changes and requests for Insurance Department Budget:

I would like to cover some of the changes we are proposing to our salary and operating lines of our budget that were present before the senate version. Our 2021-23 legislative base budget is reported as \$30.3 million dollars. Currently over 2/3rds of our budget is simply pass through dollars that are appropriated to our fire districts and fire fighter association from the Insurance

Tax Distribution Fund. Senate Bill 2211 is seeking to change the fire districts appropriation to a continuing appropriation, as it was from 1887 – to the late 1980s. First, I want to talk with you about the remaining 1/3rd of our budget, which is the Department’s salaries and operations. I will then cover the changes requested in SB 2211 and the additional funds that we are requesting and ultimately included in our budget as passed by the Senate.

Salaries and Wages Line:

On our salaries and wages line the Department is requesting to join the IT Unification project. As a department we have been re-evaluating our IT needs for the past two years. We have determined that we would benefit from IT unification, and it would be a cost-saving for our department. This is reflected in our salary and fringe line with moving \$78,492 salary dollars over to ITD.

Also related to salary, we are asking for a one-time funding of \$98,300 for retirement payouts as we have 5 staff members who could potentially retire in the 23-25 biennium.

We are currently not requesting any additional Insurance Department FTEs at this time, and through IT Unification we would be reducing our FTE count by one bringing us to 37.

However, as with any legislative session, bills have been introduced that could have a dramatic impact on our needs at the Insurance Department. One piece of legislation which I will touch on at the end of my testimony regarding the funding and structure of our fire service in North Dakota, that would require changes to our base budget; changes that were included in the budget that was passed by the Senate.

I would again like to point out that over the past 7 years we are down 8.35% in salaries, and 25.25% in FTEs.

Operational Line:

In our operational line, you see an increase in the travel line. Travel is returning to normal, but not without increased costs. As insurance is a state-based system, the Insurance Department generally attends 3 national meetings of the NAIC. These meetings are critical to work with our colleagues from other states and to strengthen our state-based system. Our primary involvement with the NAIC is to prevent federal overreach into a system that has a 150-year track record of

protecting consumers and regulating the insurance industry. Given the recent rise in inflation, airline travel and hotel prices have risen dramatically, our travel line reflects a movement back to normal travel and the increased costs we are all. Normally, the NAIC reimburses the state for a significant portion of our NAIC based travel, but I find it hard to assume that will always continue. Any travel that does get reimbursed from the NAIC will be turn back dollars next biennium.

Another notable increase to our operating line is an increase in electronic services due to the nature of our global environment conducting business has shifted to more electronic needs. Additionally, there are items that are not covered by the IT unification that we need to provide to staff. Such as additional licenses from electronic services specific to the Insurance Department and insurance regulation, that we use and provide, these services give us access to critical information for our core functions. Our data processing and communications line increased for IT Unification as well as creating a new system for our Property and Casualty division.

We are also requesting an increase to our professional services line to cover expenses related to unforeseen legal battles and audit fees. During the current biennium we did go to the Emergency Commission to request an additional \$250,000 to defend our state laws that you all pass from over-reach by Pennsylvania. I am happy to talk more about it, but essentially a Pennsylvania domiciled long-term care insurance company, that is in rehabilitation and, through the actions of the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner, is flagrantly disregarding the laws in our state by seeking to impose an unapproved 400% rate increase upon North Dakota consumers. We are currently in a legal battle which we did not anticipate during the appropriation process of the last regular session, to block that action. One other point I would like to draw your attention to is that we did see a 146% increase in our audit fees from the previous biennium. We did need to increase our budget request to pay for those expenses as it is currently based off a calculation of our special fund appropriation.

This raises the question about the relationship between special funded agencies and general funded agencies. As a special funded agency, we are often charged for services within state government; rent from OMB, IT services from NDITD, attorney fees from the Attorney General, audit fees from the State Auditor.

As our current budget process stands right now, we turnback any dollars over \$1 million from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund at the end of each fiscal year. If we were allowed to maintain and have a continuing appropriation on the funds collected within the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund, paying fees to general fund agencies would make more sense. However, given this body has established a reserve limit for our funds (anything over \$1 million is turned back to the general fund,) that policy decision to establish a reserving limit, would seem to negate or at the very least diminish the necessity of a special fund agency like ours to pay for general fund services.

The process we have set up as established by this body, works and we can certainly continue as we are, but I wanted to draw it to your attention that if fees change or unexpected things happen, it then requires us to either operate outside of our budget, which has never occurred, or seek Emergency Commission approval for additional services.

We have been party to unexpected events and increased fees during the last biennium. Again, the Auditor raised his fees and we had to find dollars to absorb that 146% increase, and we needed to partner with the Attorney General to file a lawsuit against a company that is acting under the shield of the State of Pennsylvania, requiring us to gain approval from the Emergency Commission for \$250,000 to cover those legal costs of the Attorney General. I wanted to bring these real examples to this committee as I know this has been a topic of discussion this session.

Moving back to our budget, we have had many decreases in our operational line as well. Due to IT unification, we were able to cut from our IT equipment line, and we have reduced our rent due to the elimination of the off-site lease at Burnt Boat Drive.

One-Time Funding

For the 23-25 biennium we are requesting a \$75,000 one-time funding for an office remodel of the west side of 5th floor previously occupied by the Securities Commission. This biennium we did remodel our current space with the \$100,000 appropriated last session.

Last session we also received one time of \$662,000 in federal funds for the State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program. This program was intended to provide added flexibility to strengthen the private health insurance market through the implementation of market reforms under Part A of Title XXVII (27) of the Public Health Service Act. During the interim, with the

help of two consultants we completed 3 studies on our current health market. The studies consisted of reviewing our Essential Health Benchmark or EHB plan, the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota or CHAND program, and the concept of combining our small group and individual market for purposes of reinsurance. As a result of these 3 studies, there are 2 legislative initiatives have been introduced, one being a resolution regarding proposed changes to our EHB plan, which has not been updated since 2010.

The second is a continuation of the study to allow our department to partner with NDPERS and DHHS to determine the next steps of CHAND, which is our high-risk pool with our state, and develop a plan to eventually wind-down our high-risk pool.

The final study of the combination of small group and the individual market was determined to not benefit our health marketplace and would negatively impact consumers. Thus, we are not recommending any further action on that idea. Currently, we consider all of these studies to be complete, and are presently not seeking any funding for studies of this nature.

Last session we also received \$200,000 from the SIIF fund to study our coal and fossil fuel industry and the insurance impacts on those industries. This study was primarily to address the increasing cost of insurance in our energy sector, phase two of that study is currently underway and is being supported by the Lignite Energy Council. We determined that ESG pressures being applied globally to our reinsurance marketplace are having a secondary impact on the affordability and availability of insurance to our energy sector. Phase two of that study is seeking to find solutions on what, we as a state, can do to prevent further problems.

This is also a conversation that is continuing in the insurance industry all over the world. ESG pressures are having a real-world impact right here in North Dakota and while insurance is generally the last thing on people's minds, it is appearing to be the first domino to fall. If our energy industry cannot acquire insurance, it will be unable to operate. We have partnered with like-minded states such as Alaska, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia to sound the alarm bells that removing reliable, affordable electricity from our society will cause a host of other issues within the insurance sector that are not being properly mitigated. This continues to be a top priority for me and the department as it is an emerging threat in our marketplace. HB 1429 as passed by the House, included language from our office that will likely be also debated in other

states. It's important that likeminded states continue to work together to maintain our necessary energy production and development, insurance plays a vital role in those industries.

EXCESS APPROPRIATION FOR OUR FEDERAL GRANTS TO OPERATE OUR STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SHIP):

As previously described, our State Health Insurance Assistance Program or SHIP provides free, unbiased, and confidential health insurance counseling to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, or other representatives. We are requesting an excess appropriation for our federal funds that would allow us to fully access all the federal funds that are awarded to the state above the level of funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. The Department continues to be challenged by the biennial budget process vs. the federal government's award windows which are not aligned with the state's fiscal years. An excess appropriation would allow ultimate flexibility to utilize all the federal funds awarded to the state to operate SHIP as the federal funds continue to fluctuate. This would also allow us to use our federal dollars fully, before spending any state dollars on these programs. This type of change is in line with many other agencies who utilize federal funds and it was included in the Senate version of our budget.

Conclusion:

These changes bring the Department's salary and fringe budget to \$8,097,788 before the executive compensation package and before the one-time funding ask of \$98,300 for retirements. This is approximately a quarter percent (.27%) increase from the 21-23 legislative base budget.

Our operational changes resulted in a requested appropriation of \$2,170,770 which is an increase from the 21-23 legislative base budget primarily due to IT unification, travel, and unexpected legal costs.

The total request for our department appropriation before the Fire Marshal move and the approved Senate changes comes to \$10,441,858 which includes the one-time funding request of \$75,000 for remodeling and \$98,300 for retirement payouts.

The Department's FTE count from 21-23 was 38. Our proposed 23-25 FTE count would be 37 due to the one position being transferred as the result of IT unification.

These changes plus the conclusion of our one-time funding packages from last session -- the State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program, the SIIF fund appropriation to study our coal and fossil fuel industry, and the \$100,000 capital asset remodel -- would result in approximately a 3.28% decrease in our overall Department salary and operating budget from the last biennium.

Finally, I do feel it's important when considering the Insurance Department budget to look at the last 7 years, we have undertaken some significant restructuring and repurposing. Since the 2015-17 biennium and if this body adopts our proposed budget, we are bringing forward, the Insurance Department would be down roughly 8.35% in salary, 13.59% in operations, and 25.25% in FTEs.

During my time as Commissioner, we have consistently brought forward budgets that recognize our need to increase efficiencies which have often resulted in greater reductions than targeted by this body.

My ask would be that when considering our request, and other bills that may affect our request, you consider the work and reductions we have accomplished over the past 7 years while still making contributions to the general fund in the form of licensing fees, fines, and premium tax, and give us the tools we believe necessary to uphold the insurance laws of North Dakota.

Lastly, I wanted to touch on Senate Bill 2211 which is a policy bill that was introduced by Senator Weber and co-sponsored by Representatives Kempenich and Pyle, among others. Much of SB 2211 is the policy behind moving the State Fire Marshal and the Fire District funding. Given the Senate's approval of SB 2211, and the House IBL's unanimous Do Pass recommendation and rereferral to the full appropriations committee, I want to address that bill as well as the budgetary changes required and requested to move the Fire Marshal back under the Insurance Department.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE DISTRICTS/SB 2211:

Funding for fire departments and fire districts comes from a couple of different sources (property taxes, benefits, etc.) but a significant portion of the funding has come from the Insurance Tax

Distribution fund which is made up of premium tax. The Department calculates the amount of money collected on behalf of each fire district, and then distributes those funds based on the amount appropriated by the Legislature.

This is essentially a pass-through fund, whereby we collect the tax and pass that collection on to the fire districts. This fund was a continuing appropriation from 1887 – 1985. Since 1985, funding to the fire districts has fluctuated between 101% of the funds to as low as 48% of the funds available.

SB 2211, is asking that the continuing appropriation be restored; this ensures that the dollars that are intended to go to the fire districts are going to the fire districts. The average consumer likely knows that a portion of their homeowner's insurance premiums goes to funding fire departments. What they do not know is that a portion of those dollars are being put back into the general fund. Our consumers are being double or triple hit, once on their homeowner's premiums, once on their property tax, and then again by participating in various benefits put on by fire departments to cover their costs.

In addition to the continuing appropriation for the fire districts, SB 2211 introduces language to pay a flat amount to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association (NDFA) from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund, or our special fund, instead of the Insurance Tax Distribution Fund. This would allow all dollars that are collected on behalf of the fire districts to go only to the fire districts. Because of the flat amount set to be allocated to NDFA, the last major item SB 2211 introduces, is restoring the State Fire Marshal's office in the Insurance Department. Currently, the State Fire Marshal is appointed by and a part of the Attorney General's Office, which is a general funded agency. SB 2211 proposes to move the State Fire Marshal back to the Insurance Department where it was housed up until the 1960's, this move would allow the State Fire Marshal to have oversight and reporting requirements of NDFA.

The statutory requirements of the State Fire Marshal are already in line with what we do at the Insurance Department. We believe that the realignment with the Insurance Department would allow the State Fire Marshal to focus on what they are statutorily obligated to do at an elevated

level, which is to prevent fires, suppress arson, oversee combustibles, explosives, fire alarms, fire extinguishing equipment, and educate the citizens of North Dakota on the hazards of fire. These requirements align with risk mitigation and the prevention of loss, which are closely related to the insurance industry.

Up to this point, we have not mentioned the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity and Firefighter Protection Act enforcement fund. The fund must consist of all certification fees submitted by cigarette manufacturers, and, in addition to any other moneys made available, be available pursuant to legislative appropriation, to the state fire marshal solely to support processing, testing, enforcement, and oversight activities under chapter 18-13. Senate Bill 2211 does change all language from Attorney General to Insurance Department and it is the intent to be able to utilize the Cigarette Propensity Fund as it has been used in the Attorney General's Office to continue to carry out State Fire Marshal operations.

SENATE VERSION CHANGES:

The Senate version of our budget does incorporate parts of SB 2211. The biggest line item amount the Senate removed was the \$20,728,540 which was a combination of the Fire District and NDFA payments from the Insurance Tax Distribution Fund. The Senate made the Fire District payments a continuing appropriation still payable from the Insurance Tax Distribution Fund and added the \$2.4 million to the NDFA as a grants line that is paid out of the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund. The last item the Senate version did was transfer the current 8 SFM employees to our budget as well as added 4 new SFM FTEs, which are the first FTEs added to the SFM for over 40 years. Along with the FTEs, the operating expenses to operate the SFM office was also transferred to our budget.

Other items not related to SB 2211 that the Senate version added on the salary and benefits side was the health insurance changes and the 4 and 4 legislative increases to 45 of the FTES, but it did NOT include the 4 & 4 to the new State Fire Marshal FTES, this is something that I assume will be addressed by OMB and Legislative Council. The last item was an increase to my salary that followed suit with other elected officials.

From an operational side, the Senate added a transfer of the fund balance of the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund, this was due to Senate passage of SB 2295, to the Insurance Regulatory Trust fund, however there is no authority to spend those funds so ultimately they will be swept into the general fund come July 1st 2024 given the \$1 million reserve. I would request that this committee appropriate these funds to defray the initial costs of transferring the State Fire Marshal to the Department. We have language drafted, if the committee would be open to considering our draft.

Chairman Monson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to share the Insurance Department's story and introduce our budget request for the next biennium. I am happy to answer any questions that you have now and throughout the session.

2023-2025 Biennium

Budget Request



**North Dakota
Insurance
Department**

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.
Jon Godfread, Commissioner



North Dakota Insurance Department

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.
Jon Godfread, Commissioner



What we do

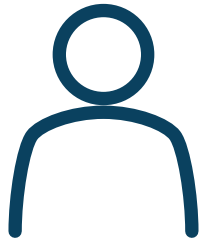
Mission

Safeguarding the promises made to North Dakotans and fostering a fair and thriving marketplace to meet the needs of our consumers and evolving insurance industry.

Functions

- » Consumer Protection & Assistance
- » Rate & Benefit Analysis
- » Agent & Company Licensing
- » Financial & Market Conduct Examinations
- » Fraud Investigation
- » Insurance Tax Distribution

Who we serve



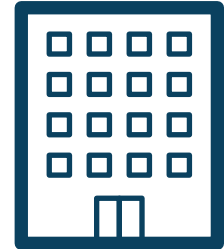
Consumers

Offer consumer assistance and advocacy.



Agents

Manage the licensing of agents and producers.



Companies

Regulate insurance companies and products sold.

Numbers at a glance

For the 2021-2023 biennium

38

Full-Time Positions

10.8 million

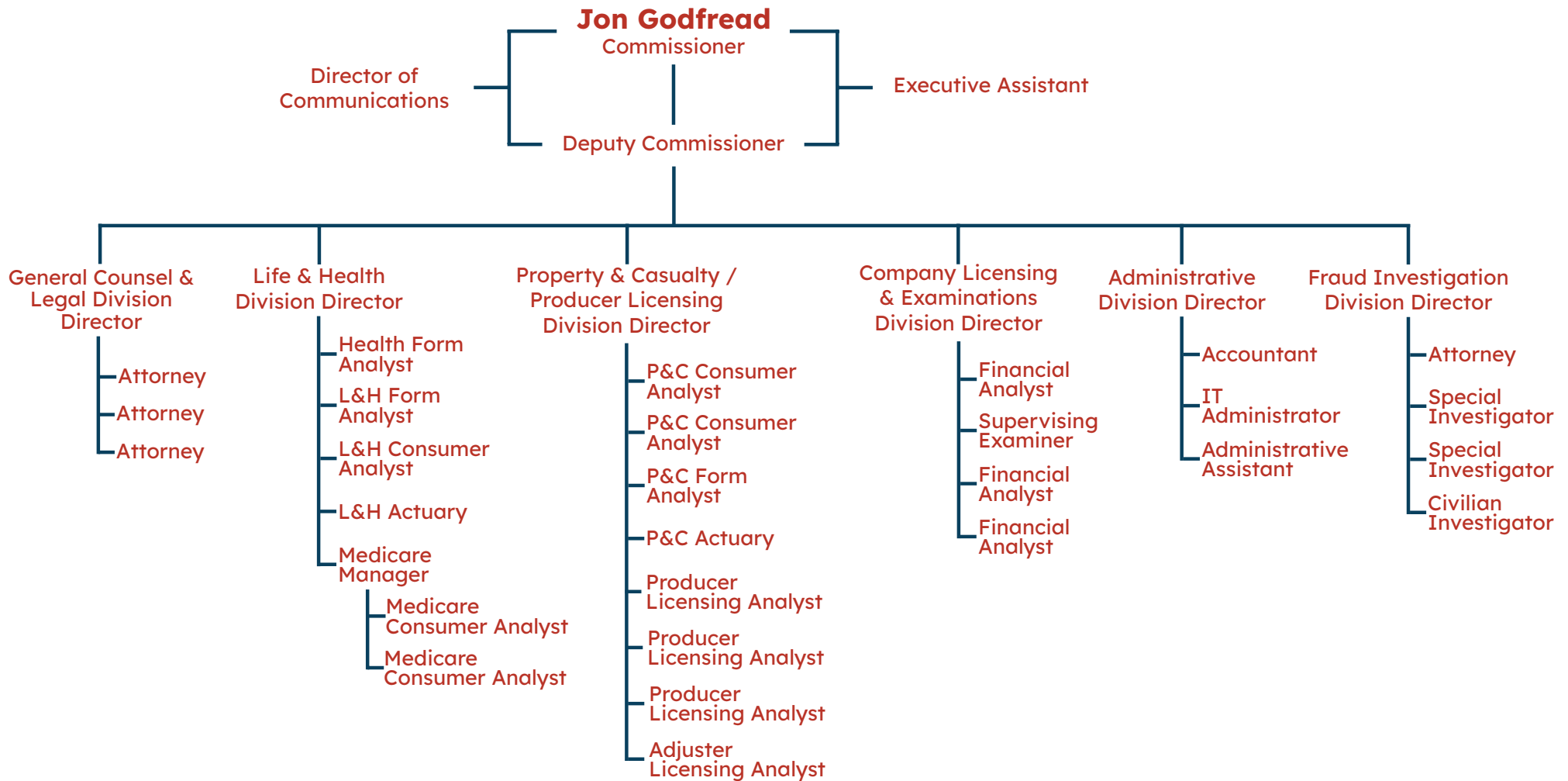
2021-2023 Budget

20.7 million

Distributed to Fire Districts & ND Firefighter's Assn.

Department Organizational Chart

2021-2023 Biennium

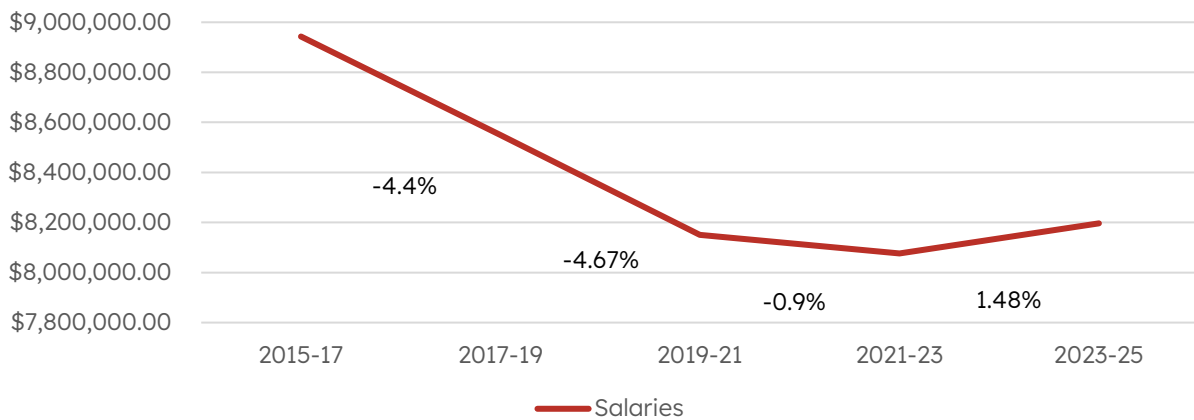




Department Budget History

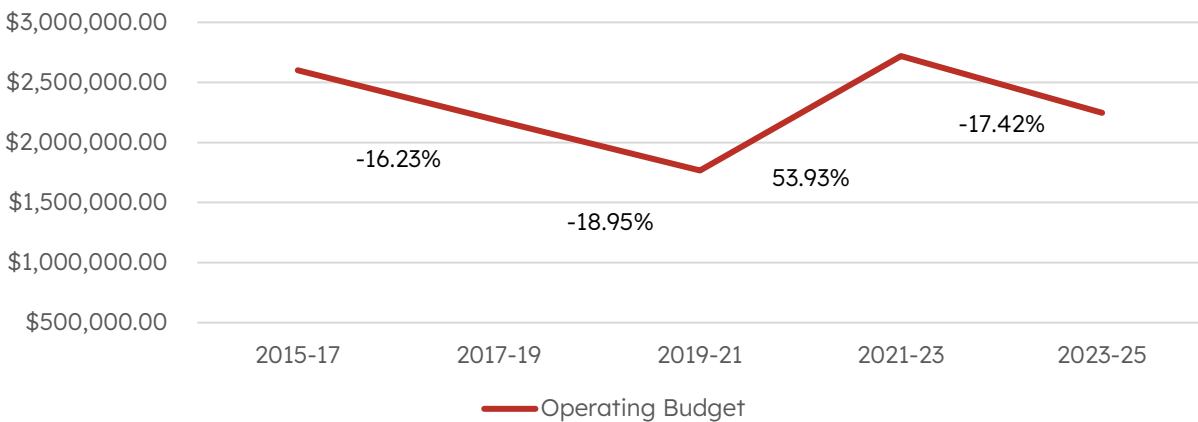
Appropriated Salaries Over Time

2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
\$ 8,943,097.00	\$ 8,549,567.00	\$ 8,149,998.00	\$ 8,076,281.00	\$ 8,196,088.00



Appropriated Operating Budget Over Time*

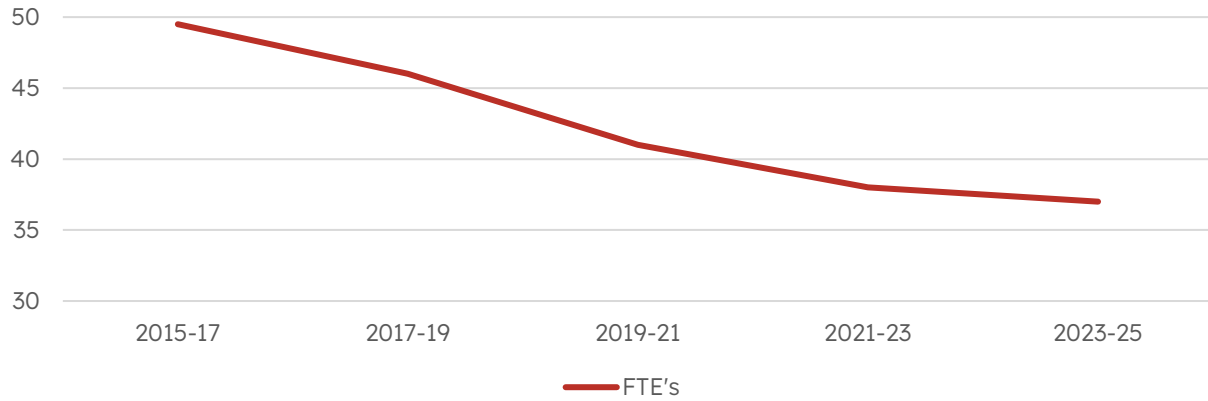
2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
\$ 2,602,042.00	\$ 2,179,777.00	\$ 1,766,675.00	\$ 2,719,359.00	\$ 2,245,770.00



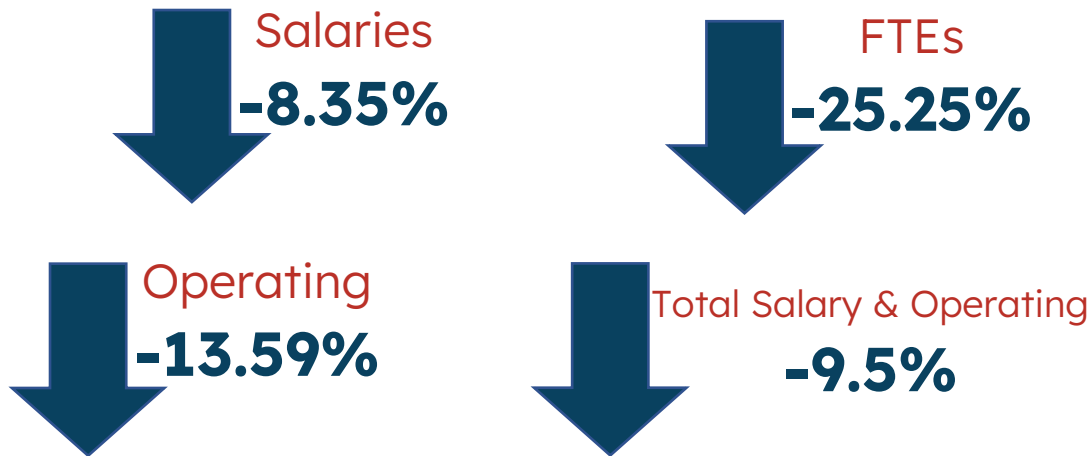
*Includes one-time funding.

Appropriated FTE's Over Time

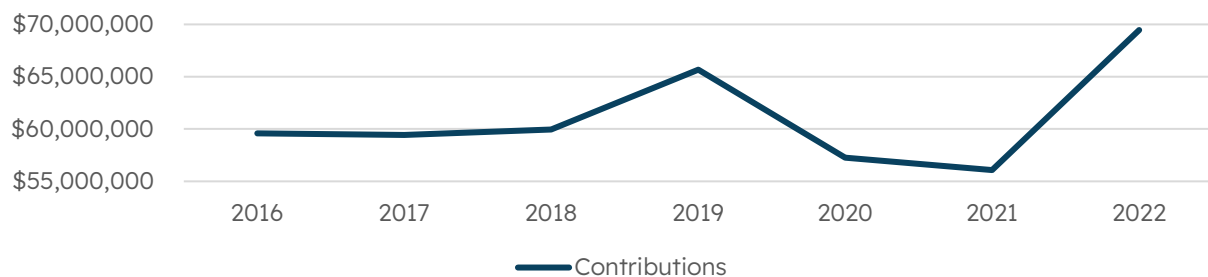
2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request
49.50	46	41	38	37



2015-17 to 2023-25 Comparison



General Fund Contributions by Year



Insurance Department Funds

As of today

Fees & fines generated by the insurance industry

Insurance Premium Taxes

Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund

Insurance Department Budget - \$10.2 million

Insurance Tax Distribution Fund

Fire Districts - \$19.5 million

North Dakota Firefighter's Association - \$1.1 million

\$102 million

Limited to \$1 million reserve after each fiscal year. Anything in excess is turned over to the General Fund.

\$12.5 million

General Fund

Insurance Department Funds

Beginning July 1 (with approval)

Fees & fines generated by the insurance industry

Insurance Premium Taxes

1.75%

Insurance Tax Distribution Fund

Fire Districts
Continuing Appropriation

\$102 million

Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund

Insurance Department &
State Fire Marshal Budget
\$16.2 million

North Dakota Firefighter's
Association - \$2.4 million

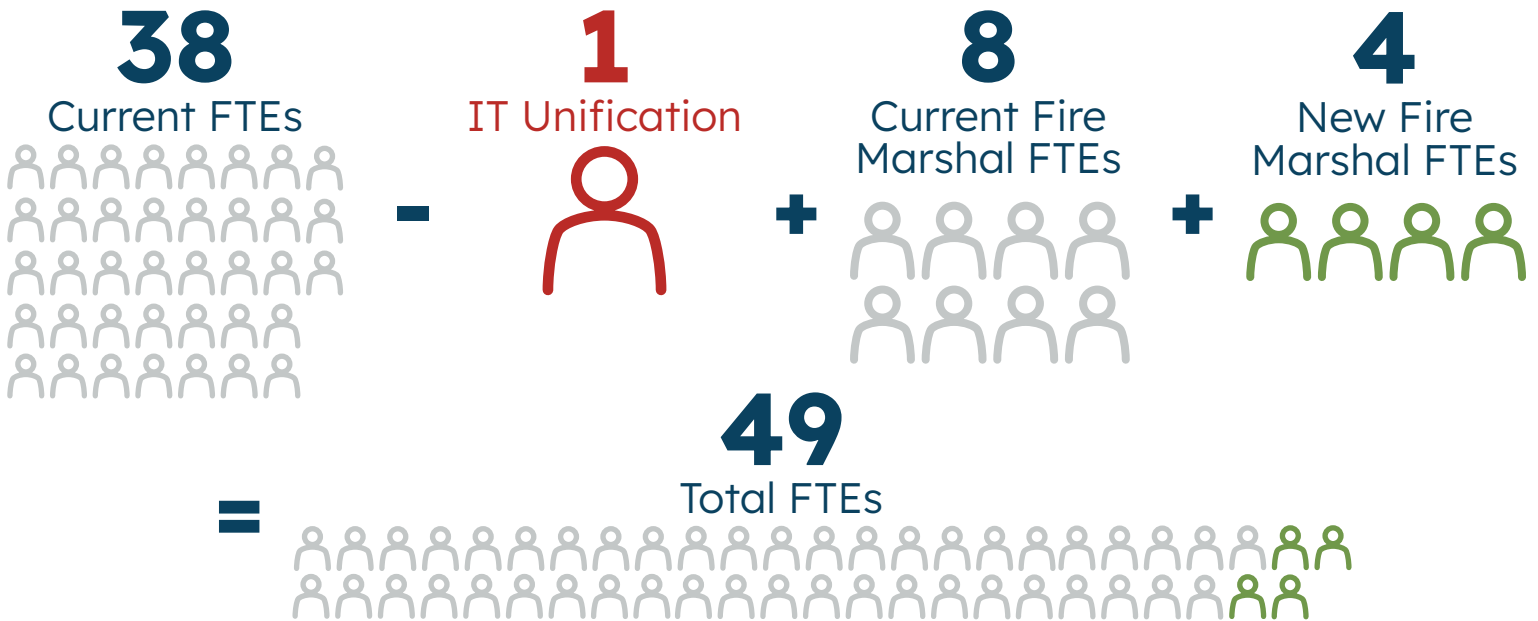
Limited to \$1 million reserve
after each fiscal year. Anything
in excess is turned over to the
General Fund.

6.76 million

General Fund

2023-25 Department Budget

Including State Fire Marshal & Passage of SB 2211



2023-2025 Biennium **FTE Costs**

49 FTE positions - Does not include legislative or equity adjustments.

Salaries	\$ 7,480,652
Fringe	\$ 3,253,920
Retirements +	\$ 98,300

\$ 10,832,872

Total Request: **\$16,211,858**

*See page 8 for breakdown

2023-2025 Biennium **Operations**

Operating	\$ 2,903,986*
One-time Funding	\$ 75,000
NDFA +	\$ 2,400,000
	\$ 5,378,986

2023-2025 Biennium **Requests**

	Base Level	Senate Version
Salaries	\$ 8,076,281	\$ 11,452,759**
Operating	\$ 1,507,359	\$ 2,903,986
One-time Funding	\$ 0	\$ 75,000
NDFA +	\$ 0	+ \$ 2,400,000
	\$ 9,583,640	\$ 16,831,745

*Includes \$98,300 in retirement payouts

Operations Breakdown

Travel	\$ 582,258
IT - Software/Supplies	\$ 60,950
Professional Supplies	\$ 27,415
Safety	\$ 51,800
Building Supplies	\$ 7,080
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ 13,940
Office Supplies	\$ 15,720
Postage	\$ 44,790
Printing	\$ 29,200
IT Equipment under \$5,000	\$ 2,575
Other Equipment under \$5,000	\$ 18,000
Office Equipment/Furniture under \$5,000	\$ 25,600
Insurance	\$ 12,690
Rental/Leases - Equipment/Other	\$ 4,920
Rental/Leases - Building & Land	\$ 341,980
Repairs	\$ 14,170
IT - Data Processing	\$ 780,034
IT - Communications	\$ 82,780
IT - Contract Service/Repair	\$ -
Professional Development	\$ 115,765
Operating Fees and Services	\$ 112,819
Professional Services	\$ 559,500

Total **\$ 2,903,986**

Travel

Department staff travel three times a year to National Association of Insurance Commissioner (NAIC) Conferences. These conferences are vital in strengthening our state-based system. Additionally, fleet charges are included in this expense code. With the addition of the State Fire Marshal, this line has increased.

Rent

The Department rented office space off-site for many years, but that contract ended in Summer 2022. The Department plans to be housed entirely on the fifth floor of the Capitol.

Cost savings this biennium: \$70,000

IT

The Department will be unifying with ITD and thus the service fees are primarily in the Data Processing line. Other expenses would include migrating systems for the State Fire Marshal to the Insurance Department and miscellaneous equipment not covered by the unification.

Cost savings: \$80,000

Professional Services

The Department increased this line primarily for attorney fees for a long-term care insurance case in the courts. This money is requested now to have available, should it be needed, rather than requesting before the Emergency Commission. Other expenses include consultant fees for studies and audit fees.

Requested \$250,000 from Emergency Commission in 21-23.

Audit fees have increased 146%

Fire Marshal FTE Request

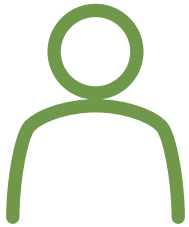
2023-2025 Biennium



Chief Deputy Fire Marshal

Duties & Responsibilities

- » Supervise Deputy Fire Marshals within their command
- » Assign & track progress of projects & investigations
- » Pursue accreditation for division programs
- » Recruit and train Deputy Fire Marshals



Deputy Fire Marshal

» Jamestown



Deputy Fire Marshal

» Devils Lake



Deputy Fire Marshal

» Williston



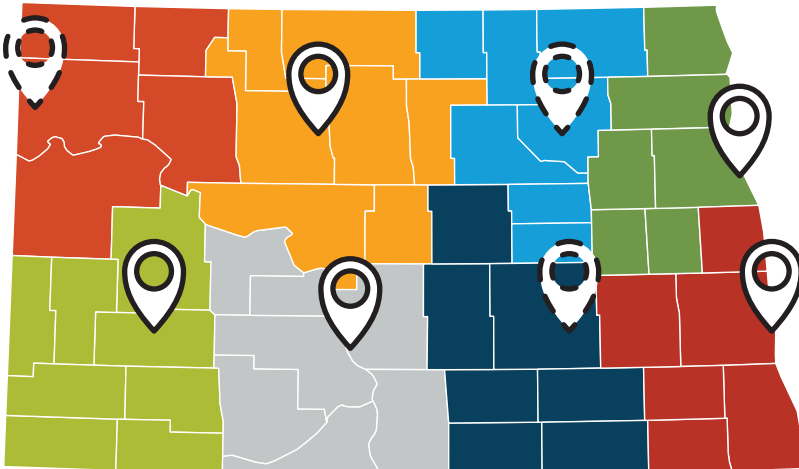
Let's get accredited

Additional FTEs help us achieve accreditation

- » American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- » Commission on Fire Accreditation International

Why is this important?

- » Quality standards
- » Consistency
- » ISO Ratings
- » Credibility
- » Competitive advantage for grants & other funding



Existing Deputy Fire Marshal offices

Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks & Minot



Proposed additional Deputy Fire Marshal offices

Devils Lake, Jamestown & Williston

Benefits to North Dakota

- » No overtime expenses
- » Less mileage expenses
- » Investigate all requests
- » ISO rating improvements, leading to lower property insurance premiums
- » Reduced liabilities

Fire Marshal FTE Expenses

2023-2025 Biennium



1 Chief Deputy
Fire Marshal

Annual salary: \$91k
Fringe: \$35.5k

\$126.5k annually
\$253k biennially

3 Deputy Fire
Marshals

Annual salary: \$71.5k
Fringe: \$31.5k

\$103k annually each
\$206k biennially each



Total salary & fringe of
four additional FTEs

\$872k

Figures do not include any legislative or equity salary adjustments.

2023-2025 Biennium Operational

PPE	\$ 3,500
Backup PPE	\$ 3,500
Vehicle Tools	\$ 3,500
Uniforms	\$ 1,000
Gas Monitor	\$ 1,500
Small Tools	\$ 2,000
Gear Extractor	\$ 5,000
Fleet Vehicle	\$ 28,800

Total per FTE \$ 48,800

Total of 4 FTEs \$ 195,200

2023-2025 Biennium Total

Total salary & fringe **\$872k**

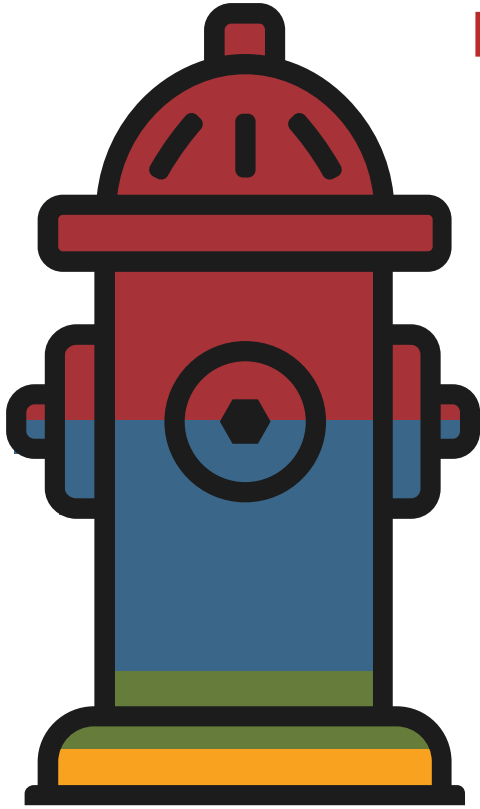
+ Total operating **\$195k**

\$ 1,067,000

Total for 4
additional FTEs

ISO Ratings

How are ISO Ratings determined?



50 Points - Fire Department

A review of fire suppression capabilities including equipment and personnel training.

40 Points - Water Supply

Evaluation of a community's water supply system as well as the maintenance and quality of hydrants.

10 Points - Emergency Communications System

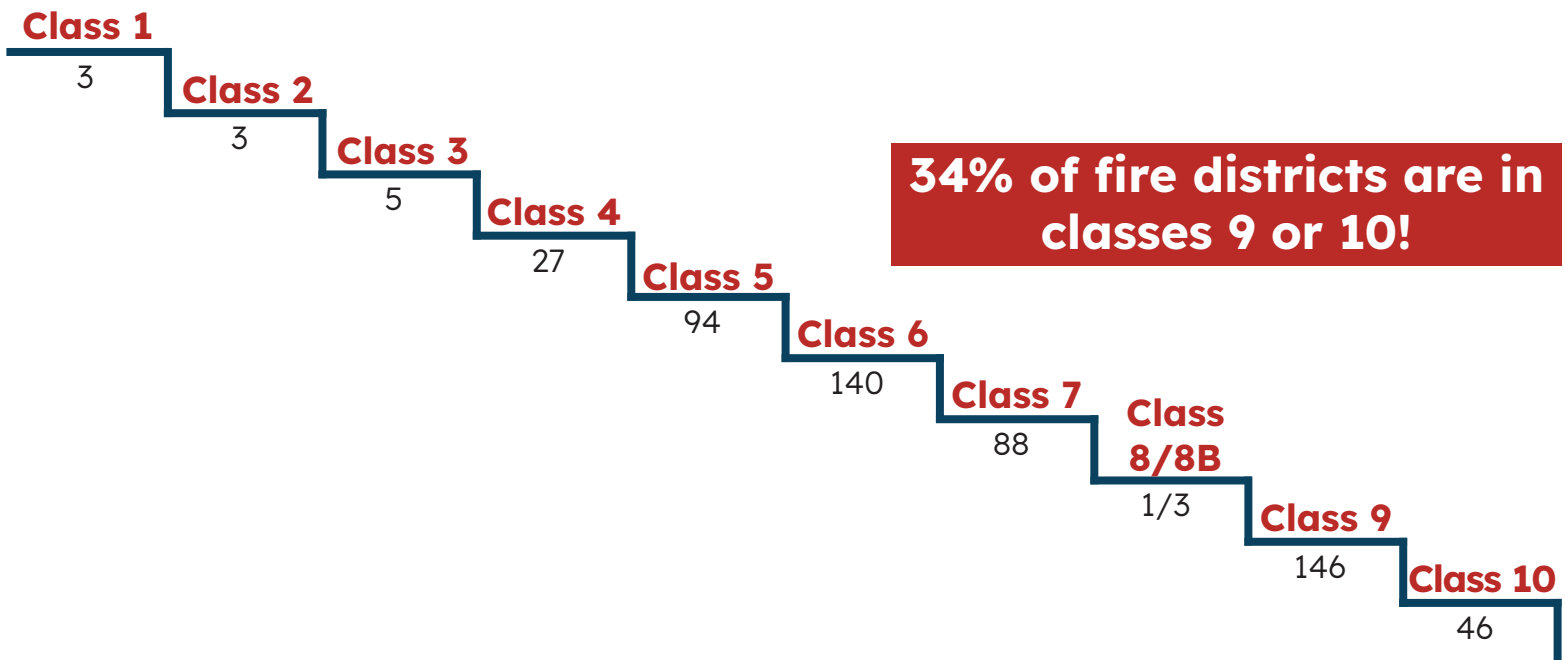
A review of a community's facilities and support for handling and dispatching alarms.

5.5 Points - Community Risk Reduction

Evaluation of fire prevention code adoption, public fire safety education and fire investigation.

What are North Dakota's ISO Ratings?

Number of fire districts in each class as of Jan. 2023



Fire Department Finances

Revenue



Property taxes

Contracts for service



Extended scene response & rescue

Insurance tax distribution



Fundraising activities

Donations



Charitable gaming

Grants



Expenditures



Salaries

» Paying for any full- or part-time staff.

Equipment



» Trucks, vehicles, PPE & gear

Utilities & Overhead



» Electrical, water, gas & rent/mortgage

Insurance



» NDIRF, WSI & property insurance

Training & Certifications



» Equipment training & safety certifications

Grant & Gaming Management



» Upfront fees or matching amounts

Fire Districts are

**Stretching
Dollars**

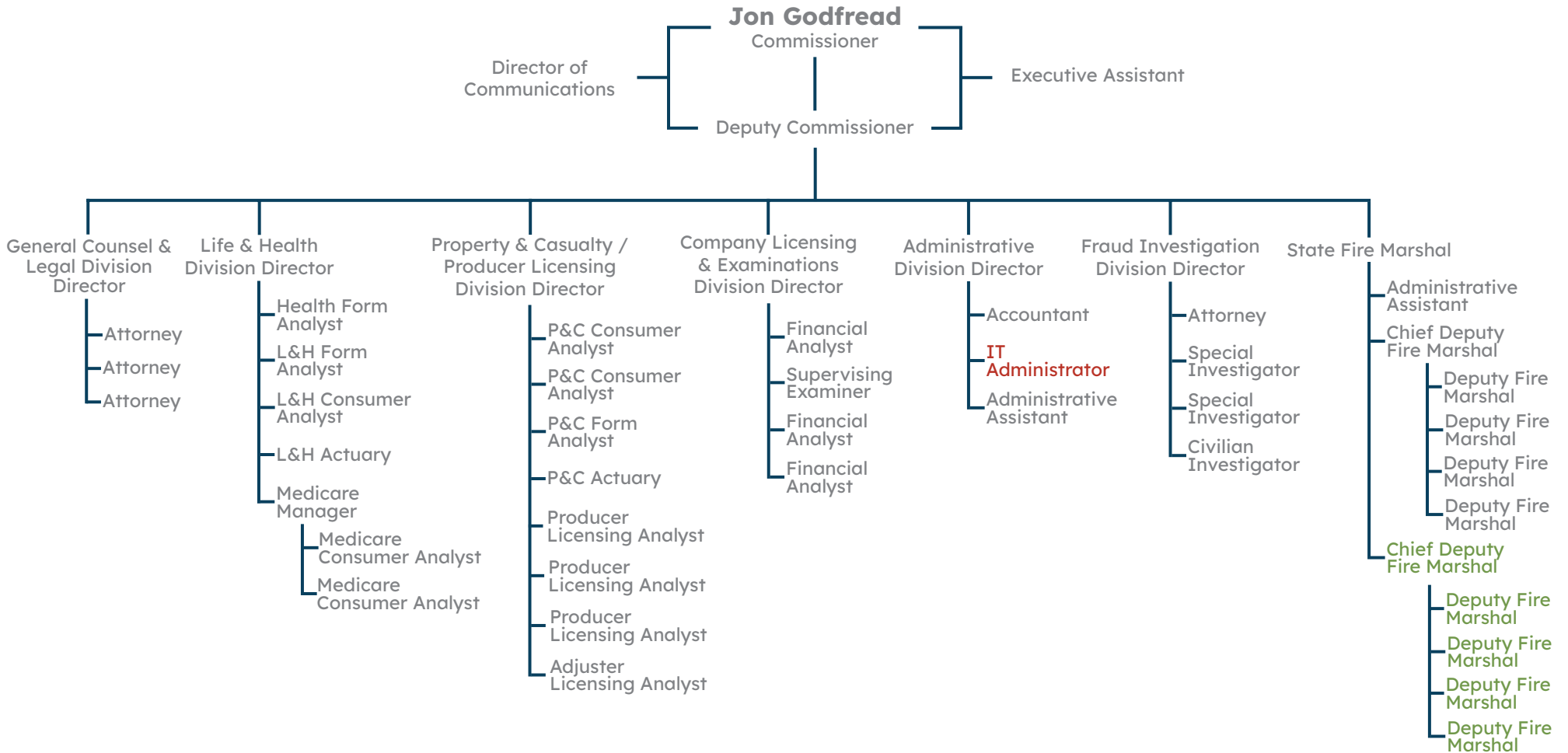
Dollars received and spent in fire districts all have a common theme: **safety**. Safety is one of a fire department's central liabilities, whether rural or urban. The funds allocated to those fire districts are being allocated and used to enhance safety in the community further.

Fire departments and districts creatively approach fundraising and strategically spend their limited dollars. The shoestring budgets that many departments experience result in expired gear, lapses of certifications for trucks, and ill-equipped firefighters.

Unfortunately, the inability to act can affect ISO scores and, ultimately, the communities they serve.

Department Organizational Chart

2023-2025 Biennium





North Dakota Insurance Department

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.
Jon Godfread, Commissioner

SB 2010 *Insurance Department Budget*

*Government Operations
Division*

House Appropriations Committee



»» Our Role



**North Dakota
Insurance
Department**



**Company & Product
Financial Examinations**



**Product & Conduct
Examinations**

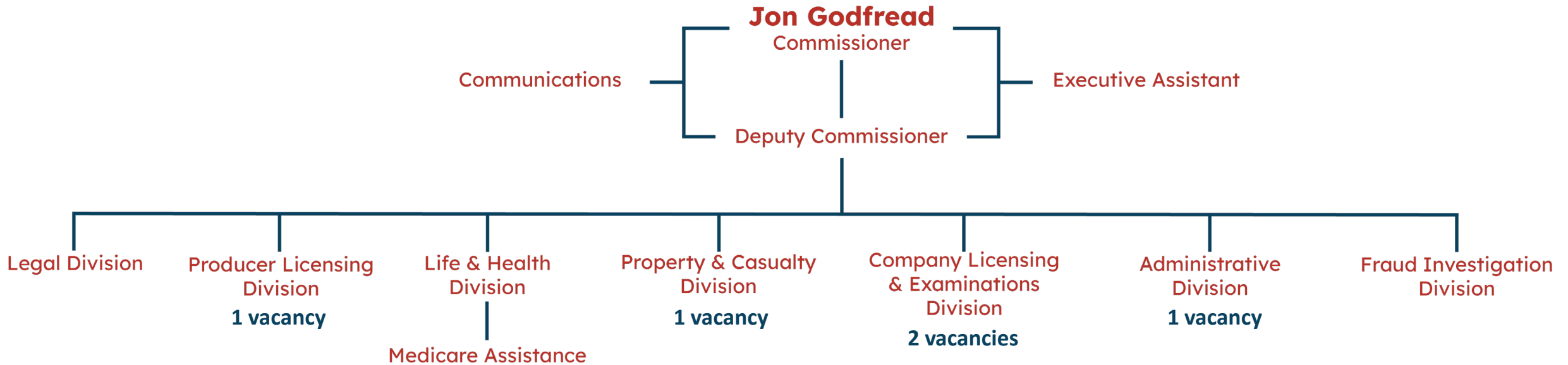


**Consumer Assistance
& Advocacy**

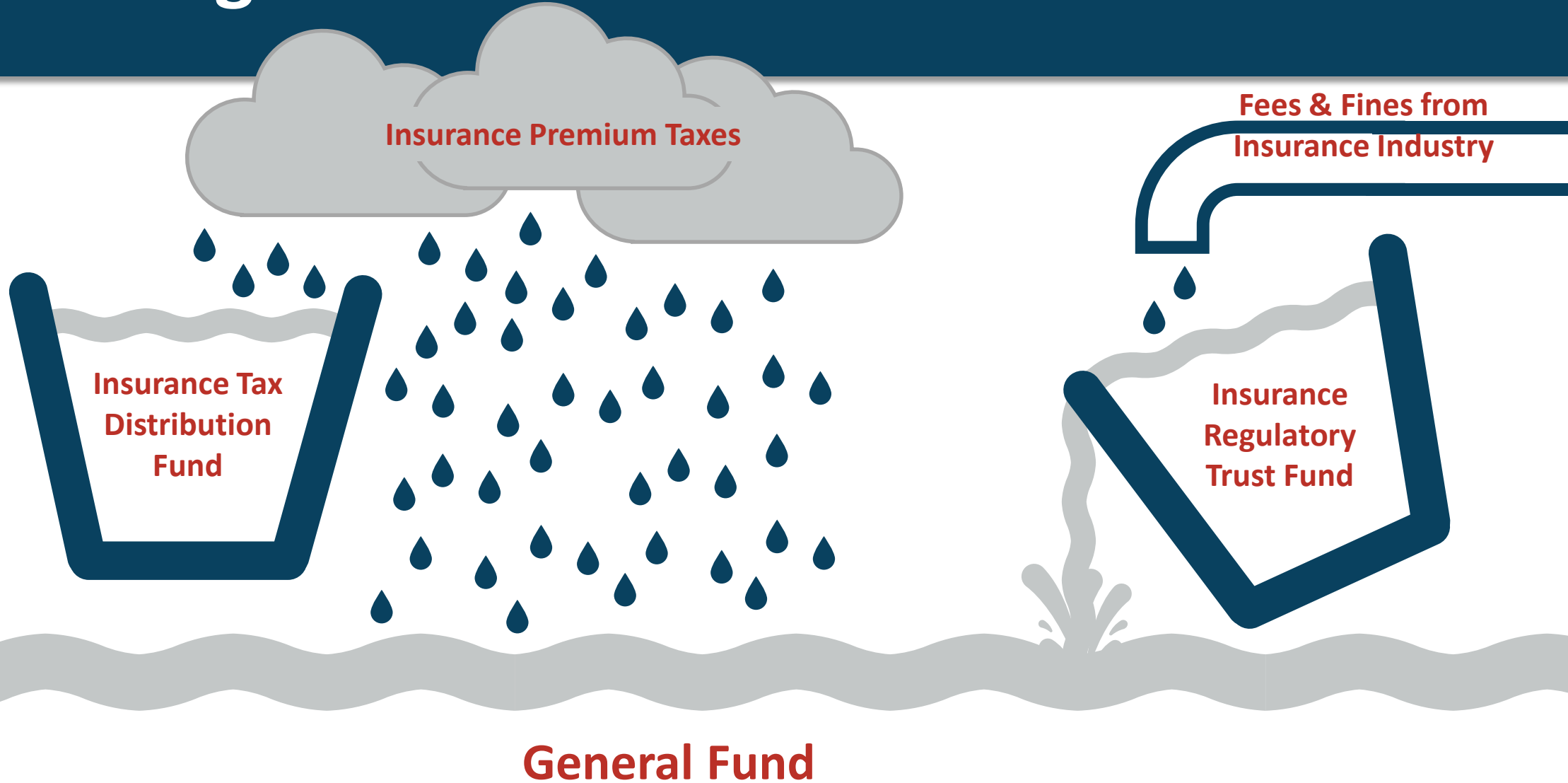


Organizational Structure

As of March 15, 2023



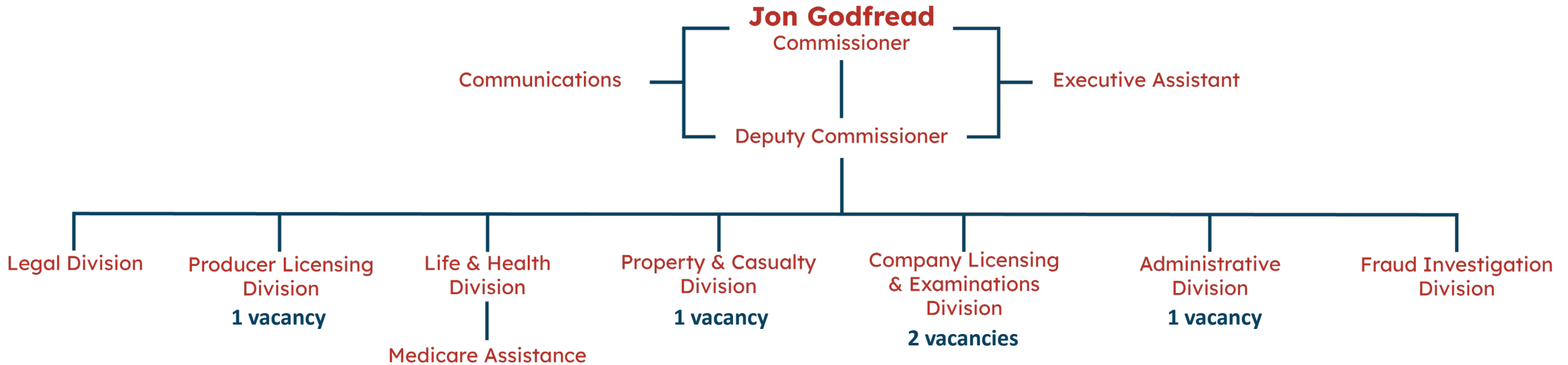
»» Funding Structure





Organizational Structure

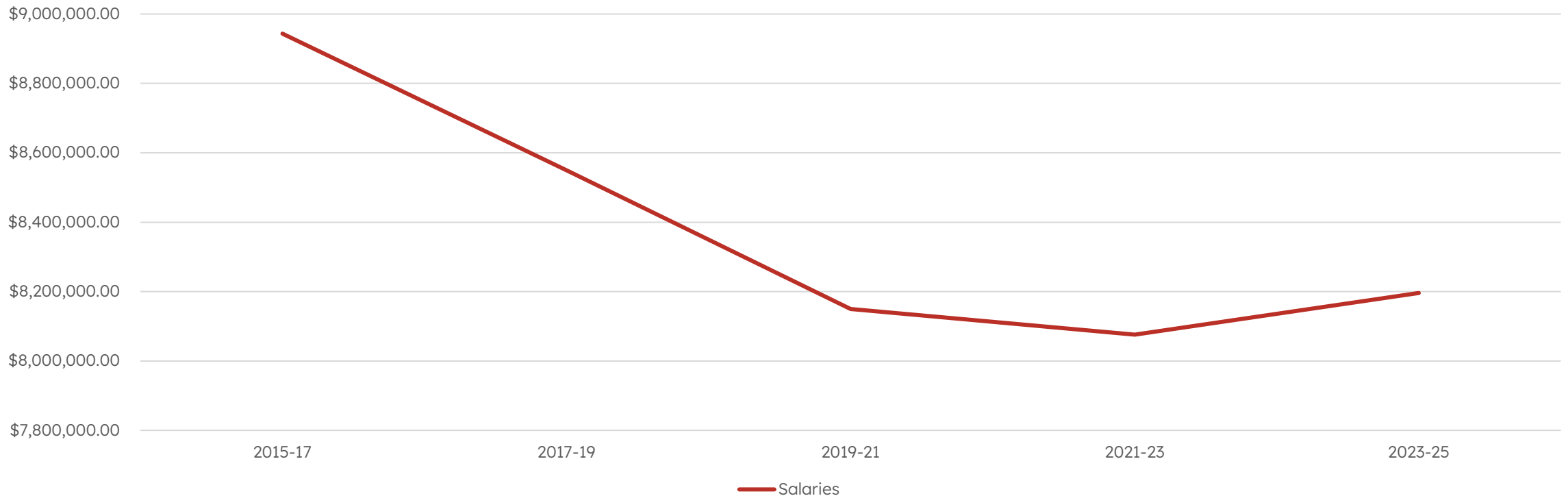
As of March 15, 2023





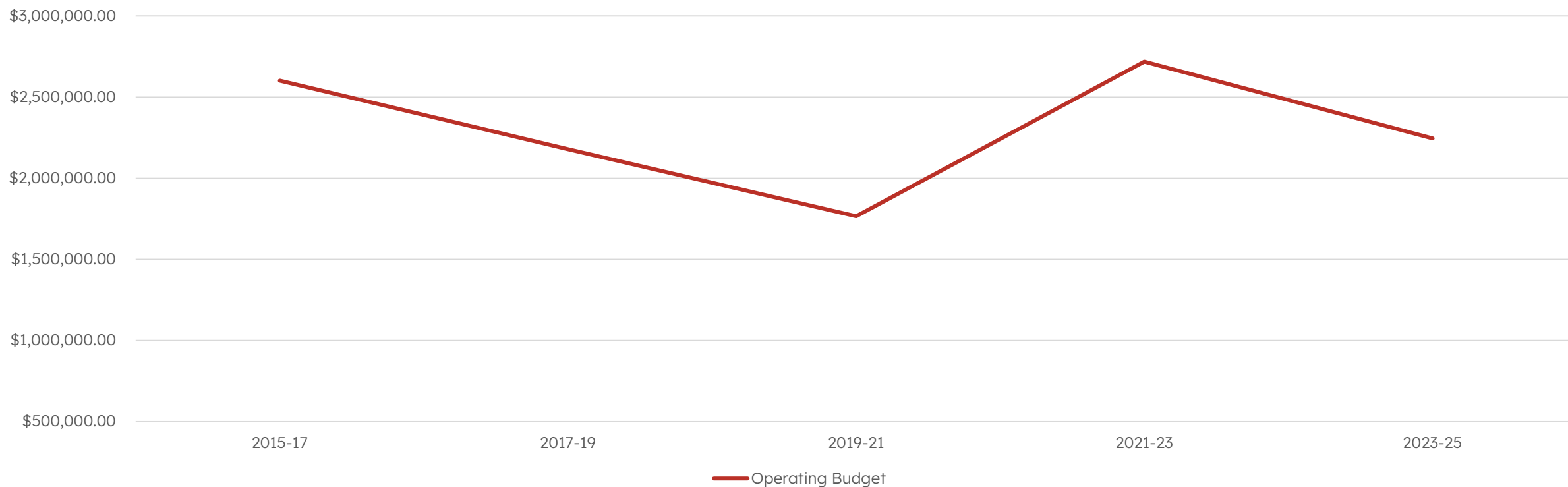
Appropriated Salaries Over Time

2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request (w/o SB2211)
\$ 8,943,097.00	\$ 8,549,567.00	\$ 8,149,998.00	\$ 8,076,281.00	\$ 8,196,088.00



Appropriated Operating Budget Over Time

2015-17 Biennium Appropriated	2017-19 Biennium Appropriated	2019-21 Biennium Appropriated	2021-23 Biennium Appropriated	2023-25 Biennium Request (w/o SB2211)
\$ 2,602,042.00	\$ 2,179,777.00	\$ 1,766,675.00	\$ 2,719,359.00	\$ 2,245,770.00



»» Operating Cost Adjustments



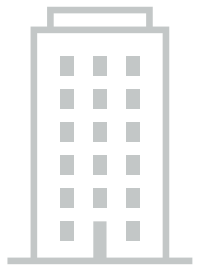
Travel

2023-25 Cost: \$582,258



IT

2023-25 Savings: \$80,000



Rent

Savings this biennium:
\$70,000



Professional Services

2023-25 Cost: \$559,500



»» Saving Taxpayer Dollars

Since the 2015-2017 Biennium...



13.59%

Operations Budget



8.35%

Salaries Budget

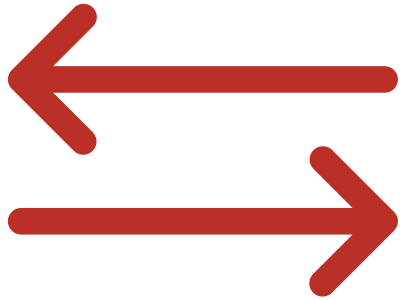


25.25%

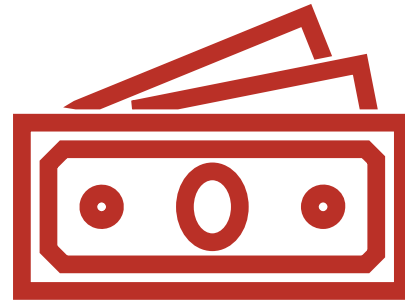
FTEs



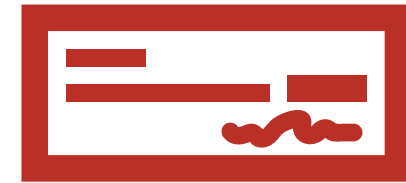
»» SB 2211



**Transfer State Fire
Marshal to Insurance
Department**



**Allocate flat amount
to ND Firefighter's
Association**



**Restore continuing
appropriation for
premium tax
distributions**



»» Senate Version Changes



MOVE

8 Fire Marshal FTEs
to Insurance
Department



ADD

4 New Fire Marshal
FTEs



CHANGE

Funding Types &
Sources for NDFA &
Fire District Payments





**North Dakota
Insurance
Department**

Safeguarding Promises. Fostering Fairness.
Jon Godfred, Commissioner

Chairman Vigesaa & House Appropriations Committee Members,

My name is Brian Paulson, I serve as the fire chief for the Jamestown Rural Fire Department. I am offering my written testimony in support of SB 2010.

The ND volunteer fire service I believe is going through a generational shift. This is occurring not only with the age of volunteers but with the evolution of modern firefighting equipment & training, building codes, new construction materials, economic development, and the high expectation of services by the general public of what their local volunteer fire service is to be providing for them.

This legislation is the end result of many legislative session discussions on how best to move the ND fire service forward, and provide accountability the legislature has asked for but also to align all aspects of the fire service together to have some much needed and long overdue cohesion.

1. The move of the State Fire Marshals Office makes sense and I believe will allow this agency to have the support system it needs to be successful in its responsibilities.

The 4 FTEs that are being requested I believe are warranted, for this agency to have no additional hires for 40 years is unheard of. While our fire district has not seen the rapid economic development that our neighbors in the eastern or western part of the state have experienced. In the last decade our fire district has seen positive economic growth of \$984,000,000 of investment by large facilities such as: Applied Blockchain 100 MW crypto mining - \$35,000,000; ADM/Marathon soy bean crushing plant- \$350,000,000; Dakota Spirit Ag Energy Ethanol Plant - \$155,000,000; GreatRiverEnergy Spiritwood Station-425,000,000; Agricover Industries - \$10,000,000; Gavilon Grain & Fertilizer - \$9,000,000.

All these facilities have had fire suppression plans and systems that needed to be reviewed and inspected. We do not have the staffing or expertise to review and approve these, we have relied heavily on the State Fire Marshals Office to assist with this process.

My agency has witnessed firsthand the limitations of the staffing deficiencies. Long response times to investigate fire scenes for cause origin, waiting up to 24 - 48 hrs for a response to a fire scene is an extremely poor reflection for all us in service to our communities and does not serve property owners justly. Long plan review & inspection delays for new economic development are costly to timelines and budgets. Again, a poor reflection on how well we are prepared to handle new economic growth.

Additional staff to help fire departments with ISO rating mitigation will help lower property owners insurance premiums. The ISO process is very complex, fire departments are bound by century code to try and lower ISO rating but there are minimal means available to assist with planning for that process.

2. The NDFA – This piece of the legislation is critical to give this agency a stable & accountable budgeting process so they can focus their mission on training. I believe being under the Insurance Commissioners Office will also help create untapped opportunities through the insurance industry and allow for the growth and development of their training programs.

In closing, this has been a very thoughtfully crafted piece of legislation that has really set the table to make a long-lasting positive impact for the ND fire service. This truly addresses the generational shift issues and responsibilities that I and others are facing today as a volunteer fire chief.

I respectfully urge a "AS IS" due pass on SB 2010.

Legislative Concern with Certain Provisions in Bills

Provisions in bills as of crossover that are of legislative concern or bypass legislative processes are listed below.

House Bills in the Senate:

1. HB 1008 - Department of Financial Institutions - Section 2 allows line item transfers without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval. Began in 2021 session.
2. HB 1010 - Council on the Arts:
 - a. Section 4 - Appropriates any additional income received from grants, donations, and other designated sources - New authority.
 - b. Section 5 - Allows line item transfers without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval - New Authority
3. HB 1012 - Department of Transportation - The bill appropriates one-time funding from the general fund for certain DOT building improvement and IT projects - The Legislative Assembly has generally tried to avoid general fund appropriations to DOT.
4. HB 1014 - Creates a new recruitment and retention incentive pay program for Bank employees funded from the Bank's profits
5. HB 1021 - Information Technology Department - The bill significantly expands general fund appropriations to ITD, an internal service agency. The purpose of an internal service agency is to charge for its services. By providing general fund appropriations directly to ITD, the general fund pays 100% of the cost rather than federal funds and special funds being charged for their proportional share if ITD would bill these costs to the agencies.
6. HB 1021 - Information Technology Department - Section 3 of the bill appropriates additional income available from federal funds in excess of funding appropriated in Section 1 to ITD during the 2023-25 biennium - New authority
7. Multiple bills - Sections exempting prior biennium appropriations from Section 54-44-1-11. The section cancels appropriations at the end of the biennium.

Senate Bills in the House:

1. SB 2001 - Governor - Section 7 allows line item transfers of up to \$100,000 without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval - A similar section was included in 2021, but for a specific purpose.
2. SB 2003 - Attorney General - Section 3 appropriates an additional \$250,000 of federal funds. The section was added in the 2017 session to address a specific purpose. The Attorney General continues to request the section.
3. SB 2002 - Secretary of State - Section 5 allows line item transfers of up to \$100,000 without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval - New authority.
4. SB 2010 and SB 2211 - Insurance Commissioner - Provides a continuing appropriation for over \$20 million of insurance tax payments to fire departments bypassing the legislative process for determining and appropriating these grants each biennium.

5. SB 2010 - Insurance Commissioner - Section 3 of the bill appropriates additional income available from federal funds in excess of funding appropriated in Section 1 to the Insurance Commission during the 2023-25 biennium - New authority.
6. Senate Bill No. 2013 - Department of Public Instruction - Some of the items funded in Section 12 by one-time funding from carryover are ongoing programs.
7. SB 2015 - Office of Management and Budget - Section 7 increases the continuing appropriation for the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission from \$250,000 to \$750,000 each biennium. This allows the commission to spend \$750,000 for projects and planning from the capitol building fund without legislative approval. Prior to 2019, the amount was \$175,000.
8. SB 2017 - Game and Fish Department - Section 5 allows line item transfers of up to \$2,000,000 between operating expenses, grants, and capital assets without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval - Began in 2021 session.
9. SB 2019 - Parks and Recreation Department - Section 4 appropriates any additional federal or other funds that become available to the department - Began in 2019.
10. SB 2020 - Department of Water Resources:
 - a. Section 3 appropriates additional amounts that become available in the resources trust fund to the department. Previously, any additional amounts were subject to Budget Section approval.
 - b. Section 13 allows line item transfers of up to \$13,292,362 between operating expenses and capital assets without Emergency Commission/Budget Section approval - New authority.
11. SB 2022 - Creates a new incentive pay program for investment staff at the Retirement and Investment Office
12. SB 2136 - Uses the strategic investment and improvements fund for ongoing funding for the Homestead Tax Credit program. Previously the fund has been used only for one-time funding items.
13. Multiple bills - Sections exempting prior biennium appropriations from Section 54-44-1-11. The section cancels appropriations at the end of the biennium.

**North Dakota Insurance Department
Audit Billing Allocation
For the Biennium Ended June 30, 2021, Billed March 15, 2022**

Division	2021-23 Budget	% of Budget	Audit Billing	Account	Oper Unit	Fund	Dept	Class
Legal	884,591	10.95%	2,327.50	623020	401	239	1000	40130
Fraud	1,110,236	13.75%	2,921.21	623020	401	239	1050	40130
Exams and Company Licensing	972,751	12.04%	2,559.47	623020	401	239	1100	40130
Producer Licensing	661,503	8.19%	1,740.52	623020	401	239	1300	40130
Life & Health	1,114,384	13.80%	2,932.12	623020	401	239	2500	40130
Property & Casualty	1,030,709	12.76%	2,711.96	623020	401	239	3050	40130
UJF	25,745	0.32%	67.74	623020	401	209	4500	40130
SHIC	502,794	6.23%	1,322.93	623020	401	239	5100	40130
Administration	1,773,568	21.96%	4,666.54	623020	401	239	6000	40130
	<u>8,076,281</u>		<u>21,250.00</u>					

Total billing: 21,250



APPROVED
By John Arnold at 10:29 am, Mar 16, 2022


INVOICE

Please Remit To:

Office of the State Auditor
600 East Boulevard - Dept. 117
Bismarck ND 58505-0400
United States

Page: 1
Invoice No: SA0000017802
Invoice Date: 03/15/2022
Customer Number: 401
Payment Terms: Due Immed
Due Date: 03/15/2022

Bill To:

ND Insurance Department
Accountant/Billing Dept.
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Dept. #401
Bismarck ND 58505


AMOUNT DUE: 21,250.00 USD

Amount Remitted

For billing questions, please call 701-328-2241

Line	Adj	Identifier	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Amt	Net Amount
1		2 YEAR AUDIT	Do Not Pay With Federal Funds	1.00	EA	21,250.00	21,250.00
			AUDIT REPORT FOR THE BEINNIUM ENDED JUNE 30, 2021				
			PLEASE RETURN TOP PORTION WITH PAYMENT. THANK YOU!				
			SUBTOTAL:				21,250.00
			TOTAL AMOUNT DUE :				21,250.00

23236

North Dakota Insurance Department
Audit Billing Allocation

For the Biennium Ended June 30, 2019, Billed September 2019

Division	2019-21 Budget	% of Budget	Audit Billing	Account	Oper Unit	Fund	Dept	Class
Legal	1,923,571	19.40%	1,674.96	623020	401	239	1000	40130
Exams and Company Licensing	1,406,674	14.18%	1,224.87	623020	401	239	1100	40130
Producer Licensing	681,291	6.87%	593.24	623020	401	239	1300	40130
SHIC	660,994	6.67%	575.56	623020	401	239	5100	40130
Product Filing	1,590,703	16.04%	1,385.11	623020	401	239	2500	40130
Consumer Assistance	842,738	8.50%	733.82	623020	401	239	3050	40130
Unsatisfied Judgement	27,733	0.28%	24.15	623020	401	209	4500	40130
Administration	2,782,969	28.06%	2,423.29	623020	401	239	6000	40130
	<u>9,916,673</u>		<u>8,635.00</u>					

JA 9/26/19


INVOICE

Please Remit To:

Office of the State Auditor
 600 East Boulevard - Dept. 117
 Bismarck ND 58505-0400
 United States

Page: 1
 Invoice No: SA0000015571
 Invoice Date: 09/23/2019
 Customer Number: 401
 Payment Terms: Due Immed
 Due Date: 09/23/2019

Bill To:

ND Insurance Department
 Accountant/Billing Dept.
 600 East Boulevard Avenue
 Dept. #401
 Bismarck ND 58505


AMOUNT DUE: 8,635.00 USD

Amount Remitted

For billing questions, please call 701-328-2241

Line	Adj	Identifier	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Amt	Net Amount
1		2 YEAR AUDIT	Do Not Pay With Federal Funds	1.00	EA	8,635.00	8,635.00
			Audit Report for the Biennium Ended June 30, 2019				
			401 - ND Insurance Department - SA0000015571				
SUBTOTAL:							8,635.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE :							8,635.00

RECEIVED
 SEP 24 2019
 NORTH DAKOTA
 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Davis, Jessica E.

From: Carroll, James P.
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:09 AM
To: Davis, Jessica E.
Subject: ND Insurance Department Audit Invoice
Attachments: SA0000017802 - ND Insurance Department.pdf

Hi Jessica,

Attached is the audit bill for the two-year period ended June 30, 2021. Under North Dakota Century Code, the State Auditor's Office is required to bill an amount equal to the cost of the audit and other services to all agencies that receive and expend money from other than the general fund. The bill is calculated using special fund expenditures as a percentage of the agency, an average bill rate per hour, and the baseline hours required to complete the audit (or actual hours if less than base).

For the ND Insurance Department, the calculation is: 250 baseline hours x \$85/hr x 100% special funds = \$21,250
- Actual hours to complete the audit were 573.50.

I created the IDB in PeopleSoft yesterday afternoon. If you have any questions, please let me know.

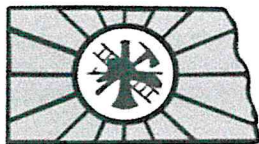
Thank you,
James Carroll, CPA
Accountant



**Office of the
State Auditor**

600 E. Boulevard Ave Dept 117, Bismarck, ND 58505
☎ 📧 Phone: 701.328.2278 Website: nd.gov/auditor





North Dakota Firefighter 's Association
1502 Grumman Lane, Suite 2

Bismarck, ND 58504

Phone: (701) 222-2799
Fax: (701) 222-2899

www.ndfa.net

March 15, 2023

House Appropriations, Government Operations Committee

RE: Support for SB 2010

Chairman Monson and Members of the House Appropriations, Government Operations Committee

For the record, I am Robert Knuth, Training Director of the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. I stand before you in support of SB 2010, specifically concerning the appropriation to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.

The ND Firefighter's Association (NDFFA) was first organized in Dakota Territory on June 4, 1884. In 1893 the North Dakota Legislature appropriated funds to promote the improvement and growth of an Association of Volunteer Firemen (S. L. 1893, Ch.65). The NDFFA was incorporated on January 20, 1901. In 2001 the North Dakota Firemen's Association was renamed North Dakota Firefighter's Association.

The NDFFA is identified in Century Code; Chapter 18-03-01.1 states that the association shall: (1) develop and adopt a statewide fire education and training plan; (2) coordinate fire service training at all levels; and (3) establish procedures to govern the certification process for firefighter training.

Century Code, Chapter 18-03-02, states, "Fire schools must be held annually under the direction of the North Dakota firefighter's association. The schools must be held at such times and in such places in North Dakota as may be designated by the North Dakota firefighter's association executive board."

During the last weekend of February, the NDFFA held its annual fire school in and around the State Fair Center in Minot, ND. We had 783 students travel to Minot to attend in person, and 64 attended virtually for 847 students. Considering the 40+ instructors, approximately 78 members who attended the ND Fire Chief's Association's meeting, vendors, executive board members, and family members, we hosted over 1000 people at this annual event. I want to thank Representative Bellew for coming down and touring the school. Hopefully, we answered your questions, and you were impressed with the dedication to learning that the students and instructors demonstrated. We are still finalizing paperwork and compiling costs for this year's school; however, we average approximately \$150,000.00 to \$160,000.00 to put this 3 ½ day training on annually.

Approximately 6,000 first responders are trained annually by the NDFFA's cadre of adjunct instructors. Most of these are from fire departments throughout the state; however, there are times when we bring in instructors from out of state as well. These classes are offered in numerous ways. Many are held at the individual departments requiring us to travel extensively across the state, some are held regionally where students travel to attend, and we also offer a few virtually.



North Dakota Firefighter 's Association
1502 Grumman Lane, Suite 2

Bismarck, ND 58504

Phone: (701) 222-2799
Fax: (701) 222-2899

www.ndfa.net

Currently, the NDFA offers various fire-related courses ranging from entry-level to advanced management for chief officers. In addition to fire suppression classes, as the fire service is an all-hazards response service, there are courses in various technical rescue, hazardous materials, terrorist response, and instructor qualifications. The NDFA also provides courses in specialized training through partnerships with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Fire Academy. Classes are conducted throughout the state, as well as online. Some larger fire departments with their own local academies request to use the specialized training props through the ND Firefighter's Association for the most realistic training experience possible. The National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications accredits the NDFA's certification programs.

To provide you with more specific information, I have brought two reports. These show the total number of students, listed by department, who received initial or recertification in automobile extrication for 2021 and 2022. This class is required every two years to maintain their certification. In 2014, to ensure continuity in the program, the NDFA inherited the state Auto Extrication program from the Health Department when the grant they had received to fund the program expired. NDFA funds this program from our appropriation as it is not eligible for grants. In 2021, NDFA taught 1,425 students at the cost of \$43,152.38. In 2022, we taught 1,148 students for \$29,616.85. It takes one instructor per 5 students to put this class on. It also requires actual equipment to use and vehicles to cut up. This is just one example of the cost of providing the necessary training our first responders must attend.

The NDFA's funding comes from numerous sources. Member departments pay annual dues, and occasionally, we receive funds from donations. However, our two most significant funding sources currently are the Insurance Tax Distribution Fund, which accounts for approximately 43% of our budget, and federal and state-level grants. These grants are competitive, and we must apply for them months before they may be awarded. The outcome of a competitive awarding process is not predetermined. These funds are dedicated to the proposed project and cannot be used to fund any other item within our budget. NDFA also goes through the extra steps to ensure that the grants we apply for do not adversely affect any grant opportunity to any fire department in the state. Many of these grants come with a matching funds requirement of as high as 50%. This limits our ability to apply for and/or accept specific grants. Finally, these grants are reimbursable. If awarded these funds, I must first spend the money, considering the cost share we are responsible for, and apply for reimbursement from the grant source.

SB 2211, currently moving through the House, identifies a change in funding source for the NDFA from the Insurance Tax Distribution to the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund. This change will benefit not only the Association but all fire departments in the state. While funded by the Insurance Tax Distribution Fund, NDFA received approximately 5.5% of the appropriated amount before any fire department received their distribution. Returning these funds to their budgets will allow the fire departments to improve their abilities to provide emergency services to their citizens and hopefully enable them to decrease their ISO rating, which would benefit their communities by facilitating lower premium costs. It would also allow



North Dakota Firefighter 's Association
1502 Grunman Lane, Suite 2

Bismarck, ND 58504

Phone: (701) 222-2799
Fax: (701) 222-2899

www.ndfa.net

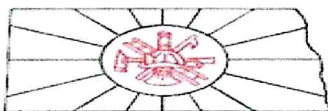
the Association to continue providing the training and certification we currently do with minimal financial impact on the individual fire departments.

Standing before you today, stating that these amounts are insufficient for the NDFA to conduct the training and certification testing we are directed to do in the century code may seem hard to believe. However, I ask you to consider the following. As we do not have full-time instructors on staff, we contract with firefighters from across the state or bring instructors in from out of state to provide training or evaluate certification tests. Very few grants we are eligible for cannot be used to pay these instructors for their time, mileage, or lodging cost. These grants also cannot pay the rent or utilities for our office and storage facility, fuel to transport our training props, pay our utilities, or fund additional staff we need. These funds must come from our annual appropriation.

This funding will allow the ND Firefighter's Association to have a more stable budget. It will allow us to continue applying for grants without the concerns of the matching fund requirements while allowing us to await reimbursement, which may take up to 30 days. It will enhance our ability to offer a broader range of instruction to the fire service of North Dakota, including more technical rescue and officer-level classes, without adversely affecting the individual fire departments. Finally, it will enable the association to build better programs to stay at the front of the ever-changing fire service technological advances making the North Dakota fire service an effective, safe, and reliable member of the state's emergency services.

I thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony today and would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Robert Knuth, Training Director
North Dakota Firefighter's Association



North Dakota Firefighter's Association
 Organized June 4, 1884
 Incorporated January 20, 1901

Class Registration By Date Range

Class Title: Auto Extrication
 Student Total: 1,425

Beginning Date: 1/01/2021
 Ending Date: 12/31/2021
 Printed: Thursday, March 16 2023

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
- No Department Identified		
	Burt, Kasey L.	01-Aug-21
	Carpenter, Christopher	02-Dec-21
	Herrmann, James M.	15-Oct-21
	Hoffer, Joshua B.	01-Aug-21
	Johnson, Coltan	01-Aug-21
	Lesmann, Kasey W.	27-Feb-21
	McClean, Cody	02-Dec-21
	Nankervis, Ben	02-Dec-21
	Nordtvedt, Nic	11-Apr-21
	Passananti, Aaron	07-Jun-21
	Seykora, Amy	16-Jan-21
	Tangen, McKenzie	01-May-21
	Valer, Nleo	13-Aug-21
Adams Fire Protection District		
	Bata, Alexander	07-Mar-21
	Bata, Bill	07-Mar-21
	Borden, Jake A.	07-Mar-21
	Feist, Adam	07-Mar-21
	Grove, Scot	07-Mar-21
	Lundquist, Derreck	07-Mar-21
	Mathiason, Andy	07-Mar-21
	Skorheim, Craig	07-Mar-21
	Zahradka, Jeff	07-Mar-21
Alamo Rural F/P District		
	Haugland, Donovan	27-Mar-21
	Holm, Shawn	27-Mar-21
	Krabseth, Kendrick	27-Mar-21
	Ledahl, Culter	20-Nov-21
	Ledahl, Matt	20-Nov-21
	Smith, Tyler	20-Nov-21
Alexander Rural Fire Dept		
	Asay, Dave	03-Dec-21
	Bratsberg, Dusty	04-Dec-21
	Dwyer, Shawn	04-Dec-21
	Hackett, Joey J.	04-Dec-21
	Holen, Luke A.	04-Dec-21
	Hunter, Kyle	04-Dec-21
	Miller, Anthony	03-Dec-21
	Richter, Robert E.	04-Dec-21
	Schooley, Dylan	04-Dec-21
Ambrose Fire Dept		
	Huso, Elizabeth	21-Feb-21
Ambulance/ EMS		
	Anderson, Jason D.	23-Apr-21
	Bryn, Koreen	07-Dec-21
	Domagaia, Breanna	23-Apr-21
	Eberle, Angie K.	23-Apr-21
	Elliot, Alicia	25-Jun-21
	Foerster, Brooke L.	07-Jun-21
	Hestekin, Jennifer	23-Apr-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Kaercher, Claudia A	07-Jun-21
	Kjeldergaard, Scott A	26-Apr-21
	Martinson, Gregory	26-Apr-21
	Medrud, Celeste	15-Oct-21
	Miller, Scott L.	19-May-21
	Pelletier, Nicole	07-Jun-21
	Rau, Joshua	21-Feb-21
	Salter, Karen M	23-Apr-21
	Sauter, Robin	23-Apr-21
	Schaaf, Benjamin K.	23-Apr-21
	Schaaf, Lindsey	23-Apr-21
	Schroeder, Angie	14-Jun-21
	Shear, Ryan M	23-Apr-21
	Titus, Danyel E.	23-Apr-21
	Wegner, John M	23-Apr-21
	Wentz, Mandy	21-Feb-21
Aneta F/P District		
	Anderson, Jarod M	21-Feb-21
	Frederick, Rodney D.	21-Feb-21
	Gustafson, Kelly J.	21-Feb-21
	Johnson, Chad	21-Feb-21
	Kleven, Jody D.	21-Feb-21
	Middlestead, Adam	21-Feb-21
	Schaible, John Trevor	21-Feb-21
	Sletten, Scott O.	21-Feb-21
	Syerson, Jake	21-Feb-21
	Zellmer, Julie M	21-Feb-21
	Zellmer, Lon	21-Feb-21
Amegard F/P Dist		
	Bjomstad, Bryan	12-Feb-21
	Collison, Drake	12-Feb-21
	Collison, Jeff	12-Feb-21
	Kindel, Wes	27-Mar-21
	Larson, James A	12-Feb-21
	Meadows, Jason	12-Feb-21
	Meadows, Jason	12-Feb-21
	Schreiber, Rick	12-Feb-21
Baker Fire Department		
	Bruha, Travis	23-Apr-21
	Miller, Evan	23-Apr-21
	Putnam, Scott	23-Apr-21
	Stark, Tristan	23-Apr-21
	Veal, Peter	23-Apr-21
Belcourt Rural Fire Department		
	Fleury, Megan	15-Oct-21
	Fleury, Megan	26-Jun-21
	Fleury, Megan	01-Aug-21
	Fleury, Megan	15-Oct-21
	Fleury, Megan	24-Sep-21
	Jerome, Malachi	26-Mar-21
	Jerome, Malachi	15-Oct-21
	Laducer, AJ	15-Oct-21
	Stein, Bryce	26-Mar-21
Billings County F/P Dist		
	Ambrust, Cody	17-Jun-21
	Egly, Edwin	17-Jun-21
	Evoniuk, Brad	17-Jun-21
	Kautzman, Trae	17-Jun-21
	Kessel, Bill	17-Jun-21
	Kessel, Devon	17-Jun-21
	Kessel, Kevin	17-Jun-21
	Malkowski, Kadya	17-Jun-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Malkowski, Qwain	17-Jun-21
	Mekhrishrili, Giergi	17-Jun-21
	Reis, Cody	17-Jun-21
	Reis, Julie	17-Jun-21
	Simnioniw, Corey	17-Jun-21
Bisbee F/P Dist		
	Armstrong, Robert	26-Mar-21
	Doehler, Chris	26-Mar-21
	Johnson, Paul D.	26-Mar-21
	Knutt, Joshua	26-Mar-21
	Lloyd, Scott A	26-Mar-21
	Slaubaugh, Kevin E.	21-Mar-21
	Solberg, Karl	26-Mar-21
	Wieser, Matthew	26-Mar-21
Bismarck Fire Department		
	Anderson, Christopher	01-Sep-21
	Anderson, Edward Scott	01-Sep-21
	Beilke, Dustin John	01-Sep-21
	Bogers, Reid J.	01-Sep-21
	Bosch, Jared	01-Sep-21
	Bowers, Zachary	01-Sep-21
	Buchholz, Lucas Daniel	01-Sep-21
	Caniglia, Adam	01-Sep-21
	Cimarosti, Daniel A. "Tony"	01-Sep-21
	DeForest, Jacob	01-Sep-21
	Dockter, Brenden J.	01-Sep-21
	Easley, Noel G.	01-Sep-21
	Emory, Charles	01-Sep-21
	Emter, Adam R.	01-Sep-21
	Flanders, Ian T.	01-Sep-21
	Frank, Jared A	01-Sep-21
	Friesz, Cody	01-Aug-21
	Friesz, Daniel J.	01-Sep-21
	Gabel, Joesph "Chris"	01-Sep-21
	Gartner, Joseph R.	01-May-21
	Gonzalez, Anthony J.	01-Sep-21
	Grand, Samantha M	01-Sep-21
	Gravseth, Anthony	01-Sep-21
	Gunsch, Brad	01-Sep-21
	Hanson, Brent	01-Sep-21
	Hardmeyer, Thomas	01-Sep-21
	Heid, Thomas W.	01-Sep-21
	Hurt, Dale	01-Sep-21
	Jochim, Brendan M	01-Aug-21
	Johanson, Eric J.	01-Sep-21
	Johnson, Trent	01-Sep-21
	Krikava, Stephen "Rusty"	01-Sep-21
	Krivoruchka, Sam	01-Sep-21
	Kron, Nathan John	01-Sep-21
	Krueger, Lucas	01-Sep-21
	La Fond, Anthony	01-Sep-21
	Langerud, Clinton	01-Sep-21
	Langerud, Clinton	01-Sep-21
	Liebert, Allen	01-Sep-21
	Lucci, Michael	01-Sep-21
	Martínez, Raymond J.	01-Sep-21
	McConnell, Jeff R.	01-Sep-21
	Mehlhoff, Robert A	01-Sep-21
	Miller, Adam	01-Sep-21
	Mork, Adam J.	01-Aug-21
	Mork, Adam J.	01-Sep-21
	Peshek, Josh	01-Sep-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Pomonis, Andrew	01-Sep-21
	Pritchard, Logan	01-Sep-21
	Reisenauer, Nicholas	01-Sep-21
	Schadler, Darin A.	01-Sep-21
	Smith Jr., Frank J.	01-Sep-21
	Smith, Cyrus J.	01-Sep-21
	Smith, Isaac	01-Sep-21
	Smith, Isaac	01-Sep-21
	Steinhaus, Cody	01-Aug-21
	Teagle, Luke	01-Sep-21
	Thune, Joel	01-Sep-21
	Uhlich, Justin G.	01-Sep-21
	Underhill, Jeffrey	01-Sep-21
	Vander Miet, Joey	01-Sep-21
	Vettel, Kyle	01-Sep-21
	Victor, Shane M.	01-Sep-21
	Winings, Terry	01-Sep-21
	Zainhofsky, Jon F.	01-Sep-21
Bismarck Rural F/P Dist		
	Mavity, Rhet	09-Apr-21
Bowman Fire Dept		
	Bagley, Andrew M.	23-Apr-21
	Beylund, Mike W.	23-Apr-21
	Braaten, Dylan	23-Apr-21
	Brosz, Jon	23-Apr-21
	Buchmann, Joshua L.	23-Apr-21
	Cox, Arthur "Butch"	23-Apr-21
	Fischer, Jason	23-Apr-21
	Heick, Terry L.	23-Apr-21
	Hlebechuk, Brad L.	23-Apr-21
	Hollinger, Samuel	23-Apr-21
	Knopp, Pete J.	23-Apr-21
	Kordovsky, Adam	23-Apr-21
	Mbsbrucker, Dave A.	23-Apr-21
	Mmak, Andy M.	23-Apr-21
	Palczewski, Chris	23-Apr-21
	Reisenauer, Jory A.	23-Apr-21
	Sarsland, Quint	23-Apr-21
	Turbiville, Nevada	23-Apr-21
	Wallman, Casey J.	23-Apr-21
	Welch, Chad	23-Apr-21
	Welch, Chad	23-Oct-21
	Wickstrom, Paul	23-Apr-21
	Woodley, Arthur Lane	23-Apr-21
	Wyckoff, Sheldon	23-Apr-21
Burlington Rural Fire Dept		
	Hall, Cullen	11-Apr-21
	Matthew, Jason	16-Jan-21
	Pasterz, Anthony	11-Apr-21
	Rusciolelli, Michael	11-Apr-21
	Simmons, Beau	13-Mar-21
	Uthe, Ty	16-Jan-21
	Winkler, Walter	11-Apr-21
Butte F/P Dist		
	Arndt, Daris	12-Apr-21
	Bauer, Taylor	12-Apr-21
	Holdeman, Tyler	12-Apr-21
	Kolschefske, Bethany	12-Apr-21
	Kolschefske, Matthew	12-Apr-21
	Lakoduk, Gabriel	12-Apr-21
	Myers, Roger	12-Apr-21
	Nechiporenko, Allen L.	12-Apr-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Nechiporenko, Blaine	12-Apr-21
	Nechiporenko, Cole	12-Apr-21
	Nechiporenko, Nick	12-Apr-21
	Nechiporenko, Ron	12-Apr-21
	Tischaefer, Christine F.	12-Apr-21
Calvin F/P Dist		
	Kram, Brian	10-Apr-21
Cando Fire Dept		
	Beck, Cameron	24-Apr-21
	Brehm, Kendall	24-Apr-21
	Brehm, Mark A	24-Apr-21
	Brehm, Nick A	24-Apr-21
	Edner, Christopher	24-Apr-21
	Hallaway, Bob	24-Apr-21
	Halverson, Preston	24-Apr-21
	Heisler, Brent	24-Apr-21
	Kollman, Marcus	26-Jun-21
	Lannoye, Grant	24-Apr-21
	Oakland, Justin	24-Apr-21
	Peyerl, Aaron	24-Apr-21
	Vote, Jesse	24-Apr-21
	Wagner, Samuel	24-Apr-21
	Westlind, Reed A	24-Apr-21
Carrington Fire Dept		
	Botha, Maruis	24-May-21
	Braaten, Dallas	08-Oct-21
	Cabler, Josh	08-Oct-21
	Flemmer, Dillon	08-Oct-21
	Harris, Arron	08-Oct-21
	Hoyt, Laine	08-Oct-21
	Larson, Ryan	08-Oct-21
	Linderman, James	08-Oct-21
	Mndt, David	13-Jun-21
	Mbravec, Thomas	08-Oct-21
	Neumiller, Shawn	08-Oct-21
	Olson, Trygg	08-Oct-21
	Prim, Justin	08-Oct-21
	Richter, Chad	08-Oct-21
	Roundy, Troy	08-Oct-21
	Teves, Darcio	08-Oct-21
	Wangen, Ken D.	24-May-21
	Weninger, Brad	08-Oct-21
	Willyard, Bruce	08-Oct-21
	Wolsky, Jason	08-Oct-21
Casselton Fire Dept		
	Andeen, Corey	18-Sep-21
	Dirk, Adam	18-Sep-21
	Ferguson, Cole	18-Sep-21
	Hejl, John	18-Sep-21
	Johnson, Ralph (R.D. ??)	18-Sep-21
	Kieffer, Adrian	18-Sep-21
	Litton, Duane	18-Sep-21
	McConnell, Scott	18-Sep-21
	Owen, Steve	18-Sep-21
	Prochnow, Chris	18-Sep-21
	Roach, Marcus	18-Sep-21
	Schon, Cody	18-Sep-21
Cavalier Fire Dept		
	Ault, Lynn	07-Jun-21
	Beard, Thomas	07-Jun-21
	Briese, Brandon	07-Jun-21
	Carik, David M	07-Jun-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Chute, Thomas	07-Jun-21
	Fraser, Andrew	07-Jun-21
	Fraser, Sean	07-Jun-21
	Gunderson, Paul S.	07-Jun-21
	Hay, Andrew	07-Jun-21
	Johnson, Tanner	07-Jun-21
	Johnson, Wayne	07-Jun-21
	Jonasson, Kip Allen	07-Jun-21
	Kalinowski, Ryan J.	07-Jun-21
	Kemnitz, Jered A.	07-Jun-21
	Kemnitz, Nikolas	07-Jun-21
	Kraft, Allan	07-Jun-21
	Peterson, Tyler J.	07-Jun-21
	Scholler, Brett L.	07-Jun-21
	Spicer, Timothy	07-Jun-21
	Thorlakson, Brennan D.	07-Jun-21
	Thorlakson, Chad E.	07-Jun-21
	Thorlakson, Doug O.	07-Jun-21
	Walton, Barry	07-Jun-21
	Werner, Shane	07-Jun-21
Cleveland Rural Fire Dept		
	Dehne, Brogan	08-Nov-21
Cooperstown Fire Dept		
	Ellefson, Brent	16-Apr-21
	Ellefson, Taylor	16-Apr-21
	Erickson, Justin	16-Apr-21
	Fritel, Patrick J.	16-Apr-21
	Gray, Travis A.	16-Apr-21
	Krabbenhof, Wyatt F.	16-Apr-21
	Loge, Scott	16-Apr-21
	McCullough, Brad	16-Apr-21
	Myers, Dean D.	16-Apr-21
	Myers, Randy	16-Apr-21
	Ott, Adam	16-Apr-21
	Ressler, Bryan	16-Apr-21
	Reutter, Torry	16-Apr-21
	Sad, Carl	16-Apr-21
	Stockeland, Tyler	16-Apr-21
	Zimprich, Donald J.	16-Apr-21
Cooperstown Rural Fire Dept		
	Andel, Lyle J.	16-Apr-21
	Bendickson, Bob	16-Apr-21
	Briss, Craig A.	16-Apr-21
	Cushman, Rickey L.	16-Apr-21
	Flatt, Matt	16-Apr-21
	Hohertz, Jerome	16-Apr-21
	Johnson, Chad A.	16-Apr-21
	Johnson, Jeremy L.	16-Apr-21
	Johnson, Nathan J.	16-Apr-21
	Kenninger, Terry	16-Apr-21
	Smith, Robert C.	16-Apr-21
Crosby Rural Fire Protection District		
	Anderson, Darwin	27-Mar-21
	DeJardine, Melanie	27-Mar-21
	Domonoske, Brandon	27-Mar-21
	Domonoske, Erica	27-Mar-21
	Gunderson, Brent	27-Mar-21
	Howard, Austin	27-Mar-21
	Jacobs, Isaac	27-Mar-21
	Kroshus, Russell	27-Mar-21
	Larson, Arthur	27-Mar-21
	Lund, Nicholas	27-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Montoya, Kyle	27-Mar-21
	Running, Travis	27-Mar-21
	Sparks, Ty	27-Mar-21
	Velasquez, Matt	27-Mar-21
	Wishart, Nick	27-Mar-21
Dakota Westmoreland Corporation		
	Soland, Codi	27-Feb-21
Davenport F/P Dist		
	Goldader, Bryan	15-Oct-21
	Hunter, Lloyd	15-Oct-21
Dazey Fire Dept		
	Enstad, Greg	02-Dec-21
	Harstad, Robert A.	02-Dec-21
	Kunze, Daryl B.	02-Dec-21
	McFadgen, Tyler	02-Dec-21
	Wieland, Aaron	02-Dec-21
Devils Lake Fire Dept		
	Meyer, Cory P.	10-Apr-21
Devils Lake Rural Fire Dept		
	Weltkol, Shawn	26-Jun-21
Dickinson F/P Dist		
	Berger, Kevin A.	01-Nov-21
	Brodhead, Aaron W.	01-Nov-21
	Canode, Chad	01-Nov-21
	Dvorak, Devin	01-Nov-21
	Faulhaber, Curtis M.	01-Nov-21
	Galster, Sheldon L.	01-Nov-21
	Gresser, Chuck F.	01-Nov-21
	Kinnischtzke, Nathan	01-Nov-21
	Kleinwaechter, Rick	01-Nov-21
	McCluskey, Keala	01-Nov-21
	Mehrer, Eldon	01-Nov-21
	Mehrer, Mtch	01-Nov-21
	Morel, Marissa	01-Nov-21
	Paul, Parker J.	01-Nov-21
	Rogness, Jon	01-Nov-21
	Ross, Kirk	01-Nov-21
	Scheitlin, Dylan	01-Nov-21
	Seiler, Tim S.	01-Nov-21
	Steffan, Kyle	01-Nov-21
	Thompson, Jeff A.	01-Nov-21
	VanCleave, Jeff	01-Nov-21
	Young, Salisa	01-Nov-21
Dickinson Fire Dept		
	Canode, Jesse	01-Nov-21
	Moser, Hunter	23-Apr-21
	Moss, Jeremy	23-Apr-21
	Murphy, Bryan	23-Apr-21
Drayton Fire Dept		
	Behm, Cody	27-Mar-21
	Christenson, Brett	27-Mar-21
	Collette, Cynthia M.	27-Mar-21
	Corrick, Randy	27-Mar-21
	Corrick, Robert L.	27-Mar-21
	Dahl, Kameron A.	27-Mar-21
	Dahl, Kevin	27-Mar-21
	Funaiole, Robby A.	27-Mar-21
	Grundstrom, Jordan	27-Mar-21
	Halvorson, Scott	27-Mar-21
	Kasprowicz, Matt	27-Mar-21
	Leach, Brian	27-Mar-21
	Merrill, Robert A.	27-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Morris, Jason J.	27-Mar-21
	Schumacher, Michael J.	27-Mar-21
	Uggerud, Travis	27-Mar-21
Dwight F/P Dist		
	Bertelsen, Jon	07-Jun-21
	Glueckert, Max	07-Jun-21
	Irwin, Garrett	07-Jun-21
	Landin, Joseph	07-Jun-21
	Larson, Jared	13-Mar-21
	Larson, Jared	07-Jun-21
	Retzer, Gary	07-Jun-21
Elgin F/P Dist		
	Bartz, Leslie N.	09-Apr-21
	Brackel, Kelsey K.	09-Apr-21
	Friesz III, Arnold R.	09-Apr-21
	Friesz Jr., Arnold R.	09-Apr-21
	Harsche, Royal	09-Apr-21
	Iszler, Wayne E.	09-Apr-21
	Joyce, James	09-Apr-21
	Klein, Joel	09-Apr-21
	Laub, Clarence	09-Apr-21
	Levorsen, Aaron D.	09-Apr-21
	Otmar, Connor	09-Apr-21
	Rafeseth, Brandon J.	09-Apr-21
	Richardson, Brian M.	09-Apr-21
	Roth, Kristian	09-Apr-21
	Somsin-Scott, Jadon	09-Apr-21
Epping F/P Dist		
	Brevik, Thomas	02-Oct-21
	Harris, Thomas	12-Feb-21
	Harris, Thomas	02-Oct-21
	Robles, Steve	12-Feb-21
	Sagaser, Quinn	02-Oct-21
	Sneath, Timothy	02-Oct-21
Fairmount F/P Dist		
	Brantl, Chris A.	08-May-21
	Brantl, Michele L.	08-May-21
	Buettner, Hailey M.	08-May-21
	Davis, Jason	08-May-21
	Fitzpatrick, James	08-May-21
	Fitzpatrick, Jennifer L.	08-May-21
	Jacobson, David P.	08-May-21
	Nelk, Karley J.	08-May-21
	Ruhl, Gary W.	08-May-21
	Sanborn, David E.	08-May-21
	Swanson, Robert	08-May-21
	Thorstenson, Danielle R.	08-May-21
	Thorstenson, Jac	08-May-21
Falkirk Mning		
	Hansen, Bruce W.	16-Mar-21
	Henke, Palmer D.	16-Mar-21
	Knudson, Trevor	16-Mar-21
	Martin, Travis L.	16-Mar-21
	O'Connor, Derek	16-Mar-21
	Reim, Michael	16-Mar-21
	Schmitcke, Brandon	16-Mar-21
	Sprenger, Jared	16-Mar-21
	Strand, Kirk A.	16-Mar-21
	Thomsen, Jacob S.	16-Mar-21
Fargo Fire Dept		
	Adams, Nathan	01-Nov-21
	Adams, Nathan	01-Oct-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Amstrup, Peter	01-Nov-21
	Amstrup, Peter	01-Oct-21
	Bachmeier, Brent	01-Nov-21
	Bachmeier, Brent	01-Oct-21
	Besette, Bradley R.	01-Nov-21
	Besette, Bradley R.	01-Oct-21
	Binder, Mke	01-Nov-21
	Binder, Mke	01-Oct-21
	Borowicz, Troy	01-Nov-21
	Borowicz, Troy	01-Oct-21
	Brand, Matthew M	01-Nov-21
	Brand, Matthew M	01-Oct-21
	Brewers, Adam	01-Nov-21
	Buchholz, Matthew	01-Nov-21
	Buchholz, Matthew	01-Oct-21
	Burchill, Joseph L.	01-Nov-21
	Burchill, Joseph L.	01-Oct-21
	Christofferson, Joshua	01-Nov-21
	Christofferson, Joshua	01-Oct-21
	Coyle, Jonathan	08-May-21
	Coyle, Jonathan	14-May-21
	Coyle, Jonathan	09-Apr-21
	Coyle, Jonathan	15-Oct-21
	Coyle, Jonathan	18-Sep-21
	Crance, Joshua J.	01-Nov-21
	Crance, Joshua J.	01-Oct-21
	Cuchna, Robert J. III	01-Nov-21
	Cuchna, Robert J. III	01-Oct-21
	Czaplewski, Brett	01-Nov-21
	Czaplewski, Brett	01-Oct-21
	Darra, Robert L.	01-Nov-21
	Darra, Robert L.	01-Oct-21
	Dawson, Matthew W.	01-Nov-21
	Dawson, Matthew W.	01-Oct-21
	Dietz, Clark A	01-Nov-21
	Dietz, Clark A	01-Oct-21
	Dingmann, Andrew	01-Nov-21
	Dingmann, Andrew	01-Oct-21
	Dodds, Chad	01-Nov-21
	Dodds, Chad	01-Oct-21
	Dufty, Nicholas M	01-Nov-21
	Dufty, Nicholas M	01-Oct-21
	Durensky, Brent	01-Nov-21
	Durensky, Brent	01-Oct-21
	Eisenlohr, Eric D.	01-Nov-21
	Eisenlohr, Eric D.	01-Oct-21
	Engelstad, Jeremy	01-Nov-21
	Engelstad, Jeremy	01-Oct-21
	Forness, Jason	01-Nov-21
	Forness, Jason	01-Oct-21
	Forness, Marshall	01-Nov-21
	Forness, Marshall	01-Oct-21
	Fuller, Joseph	01-Nov-21
	Fuller, Joseph	01-Oct-21
	Gappa, Zachary D.	01-Nov-21
	Gappa, Zachary D.	01-Oct-21
	Garding, Tylor	01-Nov-21
	Garding, Tylor	01-Oct-21
	Gibson, Casey	01-Nov-21
	Gibson, Casey	01-Oct-21
	Gisselbeck, Jason D.	01-Nov-21
	Gisselbeck, Jason D.	01-Oct-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Goebel, Robert	01-Nov-21
	Goebel, Robert	01-Oct-21
	Grommesh, Paul	01-Nov-21
	Grommesh, Paul	01-Oct-21
	Guggisberg, Ron L.	01-Nov-21
	Guggisberg, Ron L.	01-Oct-21
	Hagen, Michael	01-Nov-21
	Hagen, Michael	01-Oct-21
	Hagen, Zachary D.	01-Nov-21
	Hagen, Zachary D.	01-Oct-21
	Hanson, Todd	01-Nov-21
	Hanson, Todd	01-Oct-21
	Harig, Christopher	01-Nov-21
	Harig, Christopher	01-Oct-21
	Hasson, Jacob D.	01-Nov-21
	Hasson, Jacob D.	01-Oct-21
	Hawley, Michael	01-Nov-21
	Hawley, Michael	01-Oct-21
	Hendrickson, Michael A	01-Nov-21
	Hendrickson, Michael A	01-Oct-21
	Johnson, Daniel M	01-Nov-21
	Johnson, Daniel M	01-Oct-21
	Johnson, Keith	01-Nov-21
	Johnson, Keith	01-Oct-21
	Johnson, Logan	01-Nov-21
	Johnson, Logan	01-Oct-21
	Jones, Ross	01-Nov-21
	Jones, Ross	01-Oct-21
	Kankelfritz, Adam	01-Nov-21
	Kankelfritz, Adam	01-Oct-21
	Klobuchar, Logan	01-Nov-21
	Klobuchar, Logan	01-Oct-21
	Kramer, Matt	01-Nov-21
	Kramer, Matt	01-Oct-21
	Laddusaw, Matthew	01-Nov-21
	Laddusaw, Matthew	01-Oct-21
	Lordeman, Aaron	01-Nov-21
	Lordeman, Aaron	01-Oct-21
	Martin, Justin	01-Nov-21
	Martin, Justin	01-Oct-21
	McConnell, Logan	01-Nov-21
	McConnell, Logan	01-Oct-21
	Mead, Jordan	18-Sep-21
	Mehlisch, Jason	01-Nov-21
	Mehlisch, Jason	01-Oct-21
	Meidinger, Paul W.	01-Nov-21
	Meidinger, Paul W.	01-Oct-21
	Neels, Michael	01-Nov-21
	Neels, Michael	01-Oct-21
	Nester, Darin S.	01-Nov-21
	Nester, Darin S.	01-Oct-21
	Orvik, Kent	01-Nov-21
	Orvik, Kent	01-Oct-21
	Patterson, Everett L.	01-Nov-21
	Patterson, Everett L.	01-Oct-21
	Payne, Andrew	01-Nov-21
	Payne, Andrew	01-Oct-21
	Peterson, Kirk	01-Nov-21
	Peterson, Kirk	01-Oct-21
	Phillippi, Justin	01-Nov-21
	Phillippi, Justin	01-Oct-21
	Pieper, Christopher J.	01-Nov-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Pieper, Christopher J.	01-Oct-21
	Pollert, Gavin	01-Nov-21
	Pollert, Gavin	01-Oct-21
	Roscoe, Clayton	01-Nov-21
	Roscoe, Clayton	01-Oct-21
	Sabourin, Joseph R.	01-Nov-21
	Sabourin, Joseph R.	01-Oct-21
	Schmidt, Greg	01-Nov-21
	Schmidt, Greg	01-Oct-21
	Schmidt, Jesse W.	01-Nov-21
	Schmidt, Jesse W.	01-Oct-21
	Sellden, Trevor	01-Nov-21
	Sellden, Trevor	01-Oct-21
	Senn, Dan	01-Nov-21
	Senn, Dan	01-Oct-21
	Smith, Justin C.	01-Nov-21
	Smith, Justin C.	01-Oct-21
	Svir, Joseph E.	01-Nov-21
	Svir, Joseph E.	01-Oct-21
	Swanson, Benjamin T.	01-Nov-21
	Swanson, Benjamin T.	01-Oct-21
	Swanson, Kevin	01-Nov-21
	Swanson, Kevin	01-Oct-21
	Underdahl, Jason M.	01-Oct-21
	Underdahl, Jason M.	01-Nov-21
	Vossseteig, Erik	01-Oct-21
	Vossseteig, Erik	01-Nov-21
	Vrchota, Matthew	15-Oct-21
	Waller, Mark D.	01-Oct-21
	Waller, Mark D.	01-Nov-21
	Walsh, Tristan	01-Nov-21
	Wehner, Brandon M.	01-Oct-21
	Wehner, Brandon M.	01-Nov-21
	Weigel, Rodney	01-Oct-21
	Weigel, Rodney	01-Nov-21
	Welder, Tom	01-Oct-21
	Welder, Tom	01-Nov-21
	Williams, Patrick Jr.	01-Oct-21
	Williams, Patrick Jr.	01-Nov-21
	Winter, Richard	01-Oct-21
	Winter, Richard	01-Nov-21
Finley F/P Dist		
	Archer, Austen	13-Mar-21
	Carlson, Wyatt	13-Mar-21
	Chapman, Aaron G.	13-Mar-21
	Chapman, Mellisa	13-Mar-21
	Corey, Kevin M.	13-Mar-21
	Fife, Ezra D.	13-Mar-21
	Foss, Taylor	13-Mar-21
	Grandalen, Christopher	13-Mar-21
	Gullicks, Nick	13-Mar-21
	Hoffman, Jordan	13-Mar-21
	Martin, Branden J.	13-Mar-21
	Neva, Skyler	13-Mar-21
	Stromsodt, Max	13-Mar-21
	Swenson, Jeff S.	13-Mar-21
	Wolff, Raymond	13-Mar-21
Fordville F/P Dist		
	Baier, Lynn A.	14-Jun-21
	Brintnell, Brian	14-Jun-21
	Brintnell, Nathan D.	14-Jun-21
	Gemmill, Andrew	14-Jun-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Jallo, Adam R.	14-Jun-21
	Mben, Colt	14-Jun-21
	Nielsen, Trevor S.	14-Jun-21
	Smestad, Brandon	14-Jun-21
	Thoe, Randy A.	14-Jun-21
	Whaley, Kent R.	14-Jun-21
	Whaley, Ryan J.	14-Jun-21
	Whaley, Shane D.	14-Jun-21
Forman F/P Dist	Newborg, Tyler	09-Apr-21
Gladstone F/P Dist	O'Donnell, Seth	01-Nov-21
Goodrich F/P Dist	Felchle, Cole	13-Jun-21
	Galvin, Brian	13-Jun-21
	Richter, Mike	13-Jun-21
	Richter, Nick	13-Jun-21
Grafton Fire Dept	Beyer, Richard A.	26-Apr-21
	Diemert, Kyle	26-Apr-21
	Heck, Lance	26-Apr-21
	Hildebrandt, Brian	26-Apr-21
	Klie, Christopher	26-Apr-21
	Koehn, James	26-Apr-21
	Lindenberger, Scott R.	26-Apr-21
	Lopez Jr, Juan R. "Blue"	26-Apr-21
	Lucio, Lorenzo	26-Apr-21
	Martinson, Bradley D.	26-Apr-21
	Maxwell, John	26-Apr-21
	Mbe, Casey	26-Apr-21
	Mbe, Dilan	26-Apr-21
	Mbe, Jeff	26-Apr-21
	Mohagen, Matthew A.	26-Apr-21
	Mohn, Shane D.	26-Apr-21
	Oihus, Jim W.	26-Apr-21
	Popiel, Kenneth	26-Apr-21
	Potts, Spencer	26-Apr-21
	Ruzicka, Chad	26-Apr-21
	Stewart, Ross	26-Apr-21
	Unruh, Clark	26-Apr-21
	White, Derek	26-Apr-21
	Woinarowicz, Dean A.	26-Apr-21
Grand Forks Fire Dept	Gowan, Jay	01-Sep-21
	Kennedy, Jacob	07-Jun-21
	Nesvold, Drew	15-Oct-21
	Rystad, Brian	01-Sep-21
Granville F/P Dist	Lovro, Mary	16-Jan-21
	Lovro, Wayne	16-Jan-21
	Lystad, Ernie	16-Jan-21
	Lystad, Rita	16-Jan-21
	Olstad, Karlain	16-Jan-21
	Sharp, Darrel	16-Jan-21
	Thull, Shane	16-Jan-21
	Trana, Jeremiah J.	16-Jan-21
	Woodall, Danny	16-Jan-21
Gwinner F/P Dist	Anderson, Carter	23-Apr-21
	Anderson, Jeff	23-Apr-21
	Ciesynski, Brendan	23-Apr-21
	Ciesynski, Bryton	23-Apr-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Elenberger, Tyler	23-Apr-21
	Ferderer, Christopher	23-Apr-21
	Henderson, Tyler	23-Apr-21
	Johnson, Ryan C.	23-Apr-21
	Koepke, Alexander	23-Apr-21
	Nogowski, Virgil L.	23-Apr-21
	Olson, Dominic	23-Apr-21
	Swanson, Travis	23-Apr-21
	White, Paul E.	23-Apr-21
Halliday F/P Dist		
	Bogers, Robert	17-Sep-21
	Ferebee, Kyle	17-Sep-21
	Flaget, Brady	17-Sep-21
	Kilber, Kelsey	17-Sep-21
	Lundquist, Casey	17-Sep-21
Harvey Fire Dept		
	Wilcox, Daniel	26-Jun-21
Hazen Fire Dept		
	Beery, Cory	27-Feb-21
	Bubel, Josh	27-Feb-21
	Buck, Jesse	27-Feb-21
	Crane, John B.	27-Feb-21
	Goodwin, Matthew R.	27-Feb-21
	Goodwin, Savannah	27-Feb-21
	Grossman, Garrett	27-Feb-21
	Leidholm, Doug	27-Feb-21
	Lemasters, Matthew	27-Feb-21
	Sailer, Adam	27-Feb-21
	Schwarz, Steven	27-Feb-21
	Weisz, Justin	27-Feb-21
	Weisz, Robert	27-Feb-21
Hettinger F/P Dist		
	Brackel, Derek	23-Oct-21
	Faller, Devin	23-Oct-21
	Faller, Mark	23-Oct-21
	Guthrie, Brad T.	23-Apr-21
	Lien, Terry	23-Oct-21
	Lien, Travis	23-Oct-21
	Lindquist, James	23-Oct-21
	Manthei, Kalen	23-Oct-21
	Messer, Brad	23-Apr-21
	Nash, Nathan	23-Oct-21
	Parnow, Chris	23-Oct-21
	Resner, Tate	23-Oct-21
	Rouse, Peter	23-Oct-21
	Timm, Alan	23-Apr-21
	Timm, David	23-Oct-21
Hope F/P Dist		
	Oxton, Brandon	13-Mar-21
Horace F/P Dist		
	Farley, Brendan	15-Oct-21
	Gyau, Loretta	15-Oct-21
	Hetland, Erin	15-Oct-21
	Heyerman, Conner	15-Oct-21
	Jankowski, Ryan	09-Apr-21
	Krenznel, Anthony J.	15-Oct-21
	Leopold, Greg	09-Apr-21
	Maness, John	15-Oct-21
	Schuler, Ann	15-Oct-21
Hunter F/P Dist		
	Clauson, Dereck	27-Mar-21
	Kyllo, Kasey	27-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Olson, Ben	27-Mar-21
	Petersen, Scott	27-Mar-21
	Richardson, Shawn	27-Mar-21
	Richtsmeier, Jason	27-Mar-21
	Richtsmeier, Jeremy	27-Mar-21
	Richtsmeier, Mark	27-Mar-21
	Sorenson, Ethan	27-Mar-21
	Teegarden, Justin	27-Mar-21
	Teegarden, Paul	27-Mar-21
Kramer F/P Dist		
	Anderson, Jeffrey N.	13-Mar-21
	Gust, Carl	13-Mar-21
	Lallier, Matthew	13-Mar-21
Kulm Fire Dept		
	Mahin, Zebulon	12-Feb-21
LaMbure Fire Dept		
	Bellin, Davy	12-Feb-21
	Dunn, Gaige	12-Feb-21
	Hagebock, Art	12-Feb-21
	Indergaard, Ryan	12-Feb-21
	Ireland, Dave	12-Feb-21
	Klein, Gary	12-Feb-21
	Klein, Reece	12-Feb-21
	Rasmusson, Zac	12-Feb-21
	Rienstra, Bruce	12-Feb-21
	Rott, Justin	12-Feb-21
	Thielges, Jason R.	12-Feb-21
	Vogel, Michael A.	12-Feb-21
	Wagner, Ryan	12-Feb-21
Lankin Fire Dept		
	Skorheim, Trevor	07-Mar-21
Lansford F/P Dist		
	Bell, Timothy	11-Apr-21
	Blair, Carl	11-Apr-21
	Gates, Buzzy	11-Apr-21
	Guyer, Joe	11-Apr-21
	Humes, Sam	11-Apr-21
	Johnson, Duane	11-Apr-21
	Lack, Ryan	11-Apr-21
	Tyler, Kevin	11-Apr-21
	Undlin, Jacob	11-Apr-21
	Undlin, Matthew	11-Apr-21
	Zumbaum, Robert	11-Apr-21
Larimore Fire Protection District		
	Bloberger, Jacob	14-May-21
	Denault, Joseph R.	14-May-21
	Folkers, Daniel	14-May-21
	Givens, Michael J.	14-May-21
	Johnson, Jesse W.	14-May-21
	Lehmann, Torey	14-May-21
	Peterson, Heather	14-May-21
	Schadler, Zachary	14-May-21
	Triplett, Kal	14-May-21
	Vonasek, Adam	14-May-21
Leeds F/P Dist		
	Bonn, Kelly M.	24-Sep-21
	Brossart, Jeana	21-Mar-21
	Haagenson, Josh	21-Mar-21
	Jacobson, Zachary	21-Mar-21
	Kirkeide, Travis J.	21-Mar-21
	Lundstrom, Alan J.	21-Mar-21
	Nelsen, Justin G.	21-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Parslow, Adam	21-Mar-21
	Ritterman, Anthony A	21-Mar-21
	Schwanke, Devin	21-Mar-21
	Silliman, Joseph	21-Mar-21
	Stoll, Brady	21-Mar-21
Lidgerwood Fire Protection District		
	Anderson, Dylan R.	08-Nov-21
	Arth, Josh L.	08-Nov-21
	Bercier, Richard	08-Nov-21
	Bohnenstingl, Adam R.	08-Nov-21
	Buehre, Domic M.	08-Nov-21
	Crandall, Kevin K.	08-Nov-21
	Dolezal, Travis J.	08-Nov-21
	Dunn, Daniel R.	08-Nov-21
	Haase, Jason	08-Nov-21
	Heley, Ronald L.	08-Nov-21
	Helmer, Nathan D.	08-Nov-21
	Kohoutek, Kelly B.	08-Nov-21
	Lehmann, Andrew	08-Nov-21
	Lehmann, Andrew	23-Apr-21
	Lyon, Aaron J.	08-Nov-21
	Lyon, Warren J.	08-Nov-21
	Mollberg, Scott V.	08-Nov-21
	Murack, Alan	08-Nov-21
	Stenson, Jesse J.	08-Nov-21
	Weber, Derek	08-Nov-21
	Wolfe, Brent L.	08-Nov-21
	Woytassek, John F.	08-Nov-21
Lisbon Fire Dept		
	Carter, Ryan	14-Sep-21
	Crellin, Joshua	14-Sep-21
	Dick, Jason	14-Sep-21
	Gernar, Benjamin	14-Sep-21
	Greer, Joseph N.	14-Sep-21
	Lukes, Ryan	14-Sep-21
	Nims, Michael	14-Sep-21
	Olerud, Neil	14-Sep-21
	Olson, Justin	14-Sep-21
	Stanton Ring, Dylan	14-Sep-21
	Stulz, Zachary	14-Sep-21
	Ward, Justin	14-Sep-21
Maddock F/P Dist		
	Aabrekke, Shawn	10-Dec-21
	Benson, Tate	10-Dec-21
	Engebretson, Bryan	10-Dec-21
	Ertelt, Alex	10-Dec-21
	Geller, Chad	10-Dec-21
	Gigstad, Kevin P.	10-Dec-21
	Henderson, Jeremy L.	10-Dec-21
	Henderson, Jeremy L.	10-Dec-21
	Kallenbach, Brady	10-Dec-21
	Knatterud, Ryan W.	10-Dec-21
	Laurance, Michael	10-Dec-21
	Otterstetter, Adam	10-Dec-21
	Rameden, Joseph	10-Dec-21
	Rodriguez, Frank	10-Dec-21
	Rosendahl, Norman	10-Dec-21
	Sabbe, Kyle	10-Dec-21
Mandan F/P Dist		
	Dale, Larry N.	01-Aug-21
	Ereth, Scott	23-Sep-21
	Frederick, Colin E.	23-Sep-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Frederick, Jeffery Tom	23-Sep-21
	Friesz, Donald "Don"	23-Sep-21
	Friesz, Wayne A.	01-Aug-21
	Gartner, Tom	23-Sep-21
	Haroldson, Marty	23-Sep-21
	Hopkins, Jared L.	01-Aug-21
	Hopkins, Jared L.	23-Sep-21
	Kiser, Ryan	23-Sep-21
	Leingang, Jacob L.	23-Sep-21
	Scheid, Lance	23-Sep-21
	Sheldon, Tim	23-Sep-21
	Smith, Jesse	23-Sep-21
	Stegmiller, Dave E.	23-Sep-21
	Sweeney, Patrick	23-Sep-21
Mandan Fire Dept		
	Aasand, Terry	01-Aug-21
	Anderson, Cole D.	01-Aug-21
	Arapovic, Mersiha	01-Aug-21
	Beck, Andrew J.	01-Aug-21
	Beehler, Bruce J.	01-Aug-21
	Beehler, Devon J.	01-Aug-21
	Bohl, Braden	01-Aug-21
	Buchmiller, Benjamin	01-Aug-21
	Hanson, Carter M.	01-Aug-21
	Hay, Samuel	01-Aug-21
	Hennessy, Matthew B.	01-Aug-21
	Hildremy, Jonathan	01-Aug-21
	Home, Anthony L.	01-Aug-21
	Jacobchick, Joshua Scott	01-Aug-21
	Kilen, Carter	01-Aug-21
	Kilen, Justin	01-Aug-21
	Kilen, Steve F.	01-Aug-21
	Klatte, T. Patrick	01-Aug-21
	Krueger, Calvin	01-Aug-21
	Landies, Elliott	23-Sep-21
	Landies, Elliott	01-Aug-21
	Martin, Patrick A.	01-Aug-21
	Miller, Dan J.	01-Aug-21
	Nardello, Steve J.	01-Aug-21
	Nicklos, Chad T.	01-Aug-21
	Schafer, Myles	01-Aug-21
	Schaff, Clayton P.	01-Aug-21
	Sivertson, Jordon S.	01-Aug-21
	Veil, Landen	01-Aug-21
	Weltikol, Shane	01-Aug-21
	Williams, Kylan	01-Aug-21
Mandaree Fire Department		
	Hall, Heath	03-Dec-21
	Hall, Robin	03-Dec-21
Mapleton Fire Dept		
	Bangert, Dalton	15-Oct-21
	Bangert, Dalton	13-Mar-21
	Jorde, Tyler	13-Mar-21
	Knight, Avery	15-Oct-21
	Ydstie, Brendan	15-Oct-21
Maxbass F/P Dist		
	Carlson, Paul	11-Apr-21
	Pease, Bryan	11-Apr-21
	Stevenson, Joel	11-Apr-21
Mayville Fire Dept		
	Anderson, Tyler	15-Oct-21
	Bradley, Michael	15-Oct-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Estrada, Jessica	15-Oct-21
	Freehauf, Wade	15-Oct-21
	Hart, Amber	15-Oct-21
	Jorgensen, Johnny	27-Mar-21
	Jorgenson, Karl E.	15-Oct-21
	Nesheim, Eric	15-Oct-21
	Schafer, Brayden	15-Oct-21
	Urbashich, Michael	15-Oct-21
McClusky F/P Dist		
	Alm, Lane	13-Jun-21
	Demunbrun, Samantha	13-Jun-21
	Pellman, Lance	13-Jun-21
	Pellman, Lee	13-Jun-21
	Roubal, Alex	13-Jun-21
McKenzie County F/P Dist		
	Bixby, Nathan	03-Dec-21
	Hellandsaas, Eric	03-Dec-21
	Lautenschlager, Albert	03-Dec-21
	Leppell, Jake	03-Dec-21
	Rink, Mandy	03-Dec-21
	Rolfsrud, John	03-Dec-21
	Scofield, Chad	03-Dec-21
	Signalness, Katie	03-Dec-21
McVille F/P Dist		
	Huso, Brent	21-May-21
	Landry, Sam	21-May-21
	Stein, Clay	21-May-21
	Stein, Mke	21-May-21
	Trostad, Jon	21-May-21
	Trostad, Thomas	21-May-21
Medina F/P Dist		
	Andres, Brady	08-Nov-21
	Dockter, Dalton	08-Nov-21
	Dockter, Dylan	08-Nov-21
	Gygax, Gerold R.O.	08-Nov-21
	Heinrich, Michael	08-Nov-21
	Heinrich, Richard L.	08-Nov-21
	Hieb, Shawn	08-Nov-21
	Hofmann, Phillip	08-Nov-21
	Irlmeier, Alex	08-Nov-21
	Kramlich, Joey	08-Nov-21
	Mitchell, Hunter	08-Nov-21
	Opp, Jahleel	08-Nov-21
Mercer F/P Dist		
	Brewer, Bryan	15-Mar-21
	Gessele, Larry	15-Mar-21
	Mittleider, John	15-Mar-21
	Neff, David	15-Mar-21
	Neff, Melinda	15-Mar-21
	Presser, Lucas	15-Mar-21
	Schon, Eric	15-Mar-21
	Wacker, Ethan	15-Mar-21
	Wagner, Wyatt	15-Mar-21
Mchigan-Whitman F/P Dist		
	Anderson, Christopher David	14-Apr-21
	Anderson, Corey J.	14-Apr-21
	Fisk, Derrick	14-Apr-21
	Haugen, Bryan	14-Apr-21
	Lenz, Chad	14-Apr-21
	Lenz, Mason	14-Apr-21
	Moen, Jeff	14-Apr-21
	Ohnstad, Christopher	14-Apr-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Schwan, Roger	14-Apr-21
	Steffan, John P.	14-Apr-21
	Steffan, Nathan	14-Apr-21
	Steffan, Phillip	14-Apr-21
	Steffan, Roman	14-Apr-21
Minor F/P Dist		
	Askerooth, Douglas E.	23-Apr-21
	Bergstrom, Brent	23-Apr-21
	Bogart, Cole	23-Apr-21
	Buskohl, John	23-Apr-21
	Elenberger, Devan	23-Apr-21
	Ellenberger, Michel	23-Apr-21
	Ferderer, Jacob D.	23-Apr-21
	Johnson, Randy	23-Apr-21
	Kaufmann, Richard	23-Apr-21
Mnot Fire Dept		
	Tougas, Brady	06-Mar-21
Mnto F/P Dist		
	Denault, Michael	26-Apr-21
	Gerszewski, Shawn	26-Apr-21
	Grindahl, Amy	26-Apr-21
	Grindahl, Trevor	26-Apr-21
	Msialek, Logan	26-Apr-21
	Papenfuss, Micheal	26-Apr-21
	Schuster, Kevin L.	26-Apr-21
	Wilson, Mark	26-Apr-21
Mooreton F/P Dist		
	Allmendinger, Stephen	18-May-21
	Deike, Joshua	18-May-21
	Puetz, Casey	18-May-21
Mooreton Fire Dept		
	Davis, Alexandra	18-May-21
	Ford, Bryan	18-May-21
	Johnson, Alec	18-May-21
	Pajari, Edward	18-May-21
	Pikarski, Joey	18-May-21
	Ward, Amanda	18-May-21
	Ward, Brandon	18-May-21
Munich F/P Dist		
	Beck, Nathan	10-Apr-21
	Eisenzimmer, Todd	10-Apr-21
	Estenson, Evan	10-Apr-21
	Hall, Shawn T.	10-Apr-21
	Kreklau, Andrew	10-Apr-21
	Kreklau, Mitchell	10-Apr-21
	McArthur, Eric	10-Apr-21
	McArthur, Jordan	10-Apr-21
	Peebles, Charles	10-Apr-21
	Peebles, Dilan	10-Apr-21
	Ruehle, Grant	10-Apr-21
	Shrewsbury, Jay M	10-Apr-21
	Wirth, Bruce	10-Apr-21
	Wirth, Jason	10-Apr-21
	Zimmer, Griffin	10-Apr-21
New England Fire Dept		
	Belland, Brent	25-Jun-21
	Binstock, Clarence	25-Jun-21
	Dvorak, Peter	25-Jun-21
	Fitterer, Randy	25-Jun-21
	Frank, Mark	25-Jun-21
	Gullickson, Jordan	25-Jun-21
	Hanson, Kaine	25-Jun-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Hanson, Keane	25-Jun-21
	Herold, Brian	25-Jun-21
	Jasmer, Judd	25-Jun-21
	Kathrein, John P.	25-Jun-21
	Kathrein, Joseph A	25-Jun-21
	Keith, Jeremy	25-Jun-21
	Mellmer, James A.	25-Jun-21
	Mellmer, Jerry	25-Jun-21
	Quade, Ben	25-Jun-21
	Rustan, Brad	25-Jun-21
	Urlacher, Bryce	25-Jun-21
	Wilhelm, Terry A	25-Jun-21
	Zahn, Tomas W.	25-Jun-21
New Leipzig F/P Dist		
	Dietz, Delton	09-Apr-21
	Friedt, Casey	09-Apr-21
	Gustafson, Brian	09-Apr-21
	Möser, Jaden	09-Apr-21
	Wruck, Jordan	09-Apr-21
New Rockford Fire Dept		
	Allmaras, Todd	24-May-21
	Benz, Adrian "AJ"	24-May-21
	Dauenhauer, Jordan	24-May-21
	Ehni, Brett	24-May-21
	Hopfauf, Brian	24-May-21
	Hurn, Carson	24-May-21
	Johnson, Jon	24-May-21
	Perleberg, Jake	24-May-21
	Peterson, Travis S.	24-May-21
	Pfeiffer, Matt	24-May-21
	Shrock, Jeremy	24-May-21
	Shroyer, Ethan	08-Oct-21
	Smith, Zachary	24-May-21
	Swenson, Richard	24-May-21
	Weisenburger, Reed	24-May-21
	Wetzel, Gunner	24-May-21
New Salem F/P Dist		
	Bahm, Matthew	17-Apr-21
	Bennett, Shane	17-Apr-21
	Chase, Lane	17-Apr-21
	Henke, Karson	17-Apr-21
	McMullen, Robert	17-Apr-21
	Moeller, Jeffrey	17-Apr-21
	Schultz, Chauncy	17-Apr-21
	Schulz, Barry	17-Apr-21
	Schulz, Tyrel	17-Apr-21
	Strommen, Jeremy	17-Apr-21
	Toepke, James	17-Apr-21
	Werchau, Steve J.	17-Apr-21
Oakes F/P Dist		
	Bopp, Jed	16-Apr-21
	Deering, Austin	16-Apr-21
	Foss, Rocky	16-Apr-21
	Hollingsworth, Braden	16-Apr-21
	Hollingsworth, Dylan	16-Apr-21
	Hollingsworth, Jerry	16-Apr-21
	Jorgenson, John J.	16-Apr-21
	Jorgenson, William J.	16-Apr-21
	Krueger, Rob	16-Apr-21
	Lukinbill, John	16-Apr-21
	Maddock, Simon T.	16-Apr-21
	Marthaller, Zach A	23-Apr-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Mattson, Jamie	16-Apr-21
	Olson, Jason D.	16-Apr-21
	Scheffert, Riley	16-Apr-21
	Sitzler, Jeremy	16-Apr-21
	Visto, Nathyn	16-Apr-21
	Wiek, Jeff D.	16-Apr-21
Oberon Fire Dept		
	Knatterud, Jason	10-Dec-21
Oliver County F/P Dist		
	Berger, Darrell W.	24-Jan-21
	Casson, Eric W.	24-Jan-21
	Goetz, Jeff	24-Jan-21
	Hanson, Jerimiah "JD"	24-Jan-21
	Hoffman, Chad A	24-Jan-21
	Kindsvogel, Jayar	24-Jan-21
	Lee, John	24-Jan-21
	Maier, Scott M	24-Jan-21
	Miller, Kyle	24-Jan-21
	Rude, Kenny	24-Jan-21
	Vojacek, Stacy E.	24-Jan-21
Park River Fire Dept		
	Brekke, Harlan L.	26-Apr-21
	Hell, Zachary	27-Mar-21
Pekin F/P Dist		
	Audem, Jeff	20-Mar-21
	Johnston, Steven	20-Mar-21
	Locken, Beau	20-Mar-21
	Maresh, Matt	20-Mar-21
Police/Sheriff Department/highway patrol		
	Kohler, Jedediah	25-Jun-21
	Tweat, Kelli	15-Oct-21
Rhame F/P Dist		
	Braaten, Daulton	23-Apr-21
	Reisenauer, Joelan	23-Apr-21
Richardton Fire District		
	Fritz, Roger	01-Nov-21
	Hauck, Doug	01-Nov-21
	Leingang, Scott	01-Nov-21
	Macks, Samuel Austin	01-Nov-21
	Schuchard, Zach	01-Nov-21
Rock Lake F/P Dist		
	Hendrickson, Jim A.	26-Mar-21
Rolette Fire Dept		
	Jenkins, Angie	15-Oct-21
	Johnson, Ryan T.	15-Oct-21
	Kaufman, Joseph	15-Oct-21
	Lemieux, Vicky	15-Oct-21
	Letin, Lori	15-Oct-21
	Medrud, Michael	15-Oct-21
	Morley, Hoshea	15-Oct-21
	Morley, Joseph	15-Oct-21
	Wilson, Ellia	15-Oct-21
Rolla F/P Dist		
	Griffin, Todd	26-Mar-21
Rolla Fire Department		
	Azure, Kyle	26-Mar-21
	Covert, Tyson	26-Mar-21
	De Los Santos, Jaime	26-Mar-21
	Dunlop, Wyatt	26-Mar-21
	Good, Seth T.	26-Mar-21
	Gourneau, Ayden	26-Mar-21
	Hendrickson, Peyton	26-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Hendrickson, Rick L.	26-Mar-21
	Longie, Harrison	26-Mar-21
	Mattson, Aaron	26-Mar-21
	McGillis, Ethan	26-Mar-21
	Soukup, Sean	26-Mar-21
	Welander, Darren	26-Mar-21
Rugby Fire Dept		
	Berg, Joel	24-Sep-21
	Block, Jerry	24-Sep-21
	Brossart, James W.	24-Sep-21
	Bush, Derek	24-Sep-21
	Bush, Jon	24-Sep-21
	Eichele, Colton	24-Sep-21
	Griffin, William R.	24-Sep-21
	Hager, Dallas J.	24-Sep-21
	Hall, Wesley	24-Sep-21
	Hallof, Andy R.	24-Sep-21
	Halvorson, Kyle	24-Sep-21
	Harmel, Tyler	24-Sep-21
	Johnston, Jeremy	24-Sep-21
	Klabo, Joseph	24-Sep-21
	Koble, Tony	24-Sep-21
	Kraft, Gary R.	24-Sep-21
	Kunkel, Braydon	24-Sep-21
	Kurtyka, Jerry D.	24-Sep-21
	Lysne, Todd	24-Sep-21
	Matehs, Josh J.	24-Sep-21
	Mattern, Matt	24-Sep-21
	McCabe, Dr. Tobias T.	24-Sep-21
	Munyer, Troy	24-Sep-21
	Schneibel, David Jr.	24-Sep-21
	Tofte, Justin M.	24-Sep-21
	Voeller, Mark A.	24-Sep-21
	Wangler, Brandon	24-Sep-21
Saint John F/P Dist		
	Gamboa, Christian	26-Mar-21
	Svihl, Roland	26-Mar-21
Sharon Fire Dept		
	Martinson, Brian	13-Mar-21
Sioux-Yellowstone Fire Protection District		
	Paulson, Jeff	12-Feb-21
Spirit Lake Fire Department		
	Black, Charles	26-Jun-21
	Charboneau IV, Anthony	26-Jun-21
	Cook, Christopher A.	26-Jun-21
	Delorme, Daniel Jr.	26-Jun-21
	Graywater, Cody	26-Jun-21
	Jackson, Dwight J.	26-Jun-21
	Jetty, Joseph	26-Jun-21
	Jetty, Rece	26-Jun-21
	Jetty, Ryan J.	26-Jun-21
	Johnson, Jake	26-Jun-21
	Lohnes, Talen T.	26-Jun-21
	Reeves, Chazz	26-Jun-21
Steele F/P Dist		
	Anderson, Angella A.	13-Mar-21
	Anderson, Carter	13-Mar-21
	Anderson, Robert	13-Mar-21
	Dewitz, Toby J.	13-Mar-21
	Friez, Nick	13-Mar-21
	Gengler, Jerry E.	13-Mar-21
	Krous, Joe J.	13-Mar-21

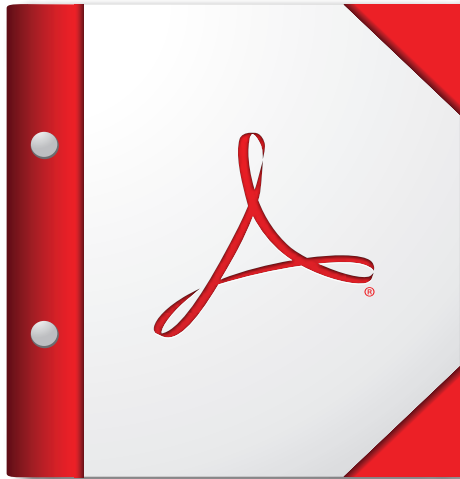
Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Nelson, Sean P.	13-Mar-21
	Nolan, Leigh J.	13-Mar-21
	Porter, Phillip P.	13-Mar-21
	Thompson, Tommy	13-Mar-21
	Turner, Chauncey	13-Mar-21
	Zink, Gerald	13-Mar-21
Sterling F/P Dist		
	Berg, Aaron	20-Feb-21
	Berg, Linn J.	20-Feb-21
	Bohlander, Craig	20-Feb-21
	Ebach, Garrett	20-Feb-21
	Goetz, Travis	20-Feb-21
	Harvey, Wesley	20-Feb-21
	Johnson, Hunter	20-Feb-21
	Lang, Lucas	20-Feb-21
	Meland, Melissa	20-Feb-21
	Rodenburg, Alan	20-Feb-21
	Schuh, Kyle	20-Feb-21
	Victor, Mke	20-Feb-21
	Whitman, Scott	20-Feb-21
Strasburg F/P Dist		
	Ellingson, David A	06-Mar-21
	Gabriel, Kevin	06-Mar-21
	Grove, Brian	06-Mar-21
	Hulm, Dennis	06-Mar-21
	Pearson, Mark A	06-Mar-21
	Rohrich, Jesse	06-Mar-21
	Schmaltz, Jay	06-Mar-21
	Schmaltz, Lanette	06-Mar-21
	Thompson, Mark	06-Mar-21
	Volk, Joshua R.	06-Mar-21
Tappen Fire Protection District		
	Samuelson, Mke R.	13-Mar-21
Tolley Fire Dept		
	Alexander, Robert	03-Apr-21
	Braun, Jerrod	03-Apr-21
	Egeberg, Cory	03-Apr-21
	Egeberg, Taylor J.	03-Apr-21
	Iverson, Blake	03-Apr-21
	Iverson, Kevin	03-Apr-21
	Iverson, Kolby R.	03-Apr-21
	Iverson, Robert L.	03-Apr-21
	Ones, Ryan	03-Apr-21
	Roering, Shawn	03-Apr-21
	Stark, David J.	03-Apr-21
	Stark, Jessica	03-Apr-21
	Triplett, Carson	03-Apr-21
	Zeltinger, Carl E.	03-Apr-21
Tolna F/P Dist		
	Bjorlie, Elijah	21-May-21
	Flaagan, Dalton	20-Mar-21
	Halvorson, Wade M	20-Mar-21
	Hovdenes, Kip	20-Mar-21
	Huso, Bryant	20-Mar-21
	Lee, Darren	20-Mar-21
	Luehring, Kalyn	20-Mar-21
	Poehls, Parker E.	20-Mar-21
	Rude, Bryce	20-Mar-21
	Rude, Donald	20-Mar-21
	Smith, Lee	20-Mar-21
Towner Fire Dept		
	Bethke, Cole	07-Dec-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Bryn, Aaron	07-Dec-21
	Fairbrother, Bruce	07-Dec-21
	Haman, Darrell A	07-Dec-21
	Haman, Joshua E.	07-Dec-21
	Hjelmstad, Chad	07-Dec-21
	Mohagen, Reese	07-Dec-21
	Mohagen, Robert H.	07-Dec-21
	Mongeon, Jason	07-Dec-21
	Natwick, Carol L.	07-Dec-21
	Stains, Devon	07-Dec-21
	Wagner, Patrick D.	07-Dec-21
Turtle Lake F/P Dist		
	Anderson, Juel	12-Jun-21
	Freborg, Austin	12-Jun-21
	Freborg, David D.	12-Jun-21
	Hagen, Jackson	12-Jun-21
	Hahn, Jason	12-Jun-21
	Larson, Timothy A	12-Jun-21
	Miller, Kohl	12-Jun-21
	Miller, Kyler	12-Jun-21
	Nelson, Gordon D.	12-Jun-21
	Schaefer, Duane W.	12-Jun-21
	Walcker, Jayson	12-Jun-21
	Wardner, Kyle	12-Jun-21
	Ziebarth, Kurt	12-Jun-21
Underwood F/P Dist		
	Carr, Angela L.	01-May-21
	Carr, Jesse J.	01-May-21
	Kapanke, David	01-May-21
	Levey, Jerad M	01-May-21
	Levey, Justin D.	01-May-21
	Malnourie, Keith	01-May-21
	Renford, Nathan R.	16-Mar-21
	Repnaw, Chad M	01-May-21
	Repnaw, Oliver F.	13-Mar-21
	Waller, Steven A	13-Mar-21
	Wolf, Kyle D.	01-May-21
	Zietsman, Freedom	01-May-21
Upham F/P Dist		
	Christianson, Holly	13-Mar-21
	Christianson, Zac	13-Mar-21
	Drader, Kolena	13-Mar-21
	Erdman, Cheston	13-Mar-21
	Griesmer, Kallum	13-Mar-21
	Lunde, Russell	13-Mar-21
	Pfau, Reid	13-Mar-21
	Podoll, Brady	13-Mar-21
	Podoll, Tim	13-Mar-21
	Rosenau, Dillon	13-Mar-21
	Rosenau, Erick	13-Mar-21
	Takala, John	13-Mar-21
	Welstad, Dustin	13-Mar-21
	Welstad, Tyler	13-Mar-21
Valley City Fire Dept		
	Abrahamson, Steven	09-Apr-21
	Blunck, William II	19-May-21
	Burchill, Ronald George	19-May-21
	Coit, Ira Lance	19-May-21
	Heck, Aaron M	19-May-21
	Jenrich, Matthew	19-May-21
	Johnson, Paul W.	19-May-21
	Magnuson, Duane "Dewey" E.	19-May-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Magnuson, Josh J.	19-May-21
	Magnuson, Scott	19-May-21
	Metcalf, Ryan P.	19-May-21
	Miller, Matt	19-May-21
	Runge, Jason R.	19-May-21
	Schlittenhardt, Jeff J.	19-May-21
Wahpeton Fire Dept		
	Althoff, Justin	07-Jun-21
	Anderson, Matthew	07-Jun-21
	Brejcha, Patrick J.	07-Jun-21
	Cappelen, Beau	07-Jun-21
	Finnie, Brent A.	07-Jun-21
	Finnie, Brian D.	07-Jun-21
	Heger, Eric J.	07-Jun-21
	Heggem, Terje G.	07-Jun-21
	Helland, Jeremy	07-Jun-21
	Hermes, Joel	07-Jun-21
	Holweger, Jay D.	07-Jun-21
	Huard, Christopher	07-Jun-21
	Lambrecht, Brett D.	07-Jun-21
	Maudal, Wade	07-Jun-21
	Miller, Zachary J.	07-Jun-21
	Mitchell, Brandon	07-Jun-21
	Mitchell, Tyler C.	07-Jun-21
	Oland, Matt T.	07-Jun-21
	Smith, Ryan	07-Jun-21
	Strege, Jonathan E.	07-Jun-21
	Toussaint, Brad S.	07-Jun-21
	Wallender, Jeremy	07-Jun-21
Walcott-Colfax F/P Dist		
	Bantz, Kim	11-Apr-21
	Bantz, Lonny	11-Apr-21
	Biffert, Logan	11-Apr-21
	Christensen-Janowicz, Andrea	11-Apr-21
	Heyen, Samuel	11-Apr-21
	Kummer, Mark	11-Apr-21
	Maatz, Landon	11-Apr-21
	Mickelson, Eric "Festus"	11-Apr-21
	Mndt, Ryan	11-Apr-21
	Mitchell, Kade	11-Apr-21
	Moen, Nathan	11-Apr-21
	Olson, Mark	11-Apr-21
	Pasqual, David	11-Apr-21
	Rhodenbaugh, Derek	11-Apr-21
	Rieger, Jonathan D.	11-Apr-21
	Schmit, Joe	11-Apr-21
	Schmit, Kelly	11-Apr-21
	Stubson, Rick	11-Apr-21
West Dunn F/P Dist		
	Benz, Greg	17-Sep-21
	Bice, Hunter	17-Sep-21
	Bice, Wyatt	17-Sep-21
	Doe, Zeb	17-Sep-21
	Hall, Devin	17-Sep-21
	Hauck, Ryan S.	17-Sep-21
	Karvonen, Kevin	17-Sep-21
	Lambert, Shaun	17-Sep-21
	Larsen, Dane	17-Sep-21
	Mcfadden, Ronald	17-Sep-21
	Medley, Colton	17-Sep-21
	Mbusseau, James L.	17-Sep-21
	Pavlenko, Teigan	17-Sep-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Pelton, Kain	17-Sep-21
	Reems, Joe	17-Sep-21
	Schwartzberger, Terry	17-Sep-21
	Stein, Roger	17-Sep-21
	Williams, Tucker	17-Sep-21
West Fargo Fire Dept		
	Coronato, Anthony	08-May-21
	Cvancara, Chase	09-Apr-21
	Dahlson, Matt	15-Oct-21
	Keller, Latasha	08-May-21
	Keller, Latasha	13-Mar-21
	Lipson, Dan	01-Nov-21
	O'Bryant, Martin	09-Apr-21
	Pavlenko, Payton	17-Sep-21
	Tollefson, Taylor	01-Oct-21
	Tollefson, Taylor	01-Nov-21
	Wagemann, Andrea	09-Apr-21
	White, Alyssa	08-May-21
Wildrose F/P Dist		
	Caraballo, Kevin	20-Nov-21
	Caraballo, Lane	20-Nov-21
	Evenson, Errol	20-Nov-21
	Herland, Ole	20-Nov-21
	Petersen, Jason	20-Nov-21
	Sevre, Logan	20-Nov-21
	Skor, Richard K.	20-Nov-21
	Watterud, Mason	20-Nov-21
Williston Fire Dept		
	Alvarado , Bianca	12-Feb-21
	Arends, Aric	10-Dec-21
	Malvar, Fernando	12-Feb-21
	Mben, Wyatt	02-Oct-21
	Niskanen, Grant	12-Feb-21
	Schwab, Keegan	01-Aug-21
	Wold, Russell	12-Feb-21
Wilton F/P Dist		
	Grossman, Philip	13-Aug-21
	Hedstrom, Bernell	13-Aug-21
	Hedstrom, Morgan	13-Aug-21
	Klein, Wayne A.	13-Aug-21
	Landsiedel, Chelsey	13-Aug-21
	Schaaf, Marlin W.	16-Mar-21
	Solhjem, Thad	13-Aug-21
Wimbledon F/P Dist		
	Christ, Brent J.	02-Dec-21
	Christ, Devin	02-Dec-21
	Christ, Trace	02-Dec-21
	Frey, James	02-Dec-21
	Hanson, Robert	02-Dec-21
	Rudolph, Troy	02-Dec-21
	Steckler, Garrett	02-Dec-21
	Toth, Kim	19-May-21
Wing F/P Dist		
	Hein, Frank D.	13-Aug-21
	Morris, Allison	13-Aug-21
Wyndmere F/P Dist		
	Bell, Aaron	13-Mar-21
	Bell, Tim W.	13-Mar-21
	Gutzmer, Rylan	13-Mar-21
	Hetland, Timothy L.	13-Mar-21
	Huseth, Justin	26-Mar-21
	Olmsted, Nathan	13-Mar-21

Department	Name	Class Completion Date
	Phalen, Jacob	13-Mar-21
	Puetz, Daniel J.	13-Mar-21
	Puetz, Nickolas	13-Mar-21
	Schultz, Chad	13-Mar-21
	Skillings, Jon E.	13-Mar-21
	Stanley, Paul	13-Mar-21
	Strege, Chuck L.	13-Mar-21
	Strege, Cody	13-Mar-21
	Thompson, Andrew	13-Mar-21
	Wehri, Chad	13-Mar-21
	Williams, Brent M.	13-Mar-21
	Zahler, Nicholas	13-Mar-21



**For the best experience, open this PDF portfolio in
Acrobat X or Adobe Reader X, or later.**

[Get Adobe Reader Now!](#)



2023-2024 NDFA Proposed Budget

		Jan - Dec 17 EOY Actual	Jan - Dec 2018 EOY Actual	Jan - Dec 2019 EOY Actual
Income				
	4000 · Sales	\$15,264.08	\$8,019.38	\$4,887.00
	4100 · Dues	\$14,740.00	\$35,825.00	\$34,200.00
	4000 · L.A.S.T. (Local Assistance State Team)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4110 · Insurance Claim	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4200 · Grants	\$902,082.33	\$810,775.55	\$684,709.90
	4300 · Registration	\$10,495.00	\$7,719.93	\$1,665.00
	4600 · Appropriations/ND	\$414,262.00	\$414,263.00	\$414,262.50
	4700 · Testing Retake Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
	4800 · Reimbursed Expenses	\$2,402.14	\$10,354.69	\$3,489.43
	4820 · Donations	\$605.00	\$10,077.60	\$2,114.00
	4900 · Miscellaneous/Income	\$66,116.13	\$100.00	\$0.00
	4910 · Library	\$5,525.00	\$1,175.00	\$0.00
Total Income		\$1,431,491.68	\$1,298,310.15	\$1,145,367.83
Expense				
	6000 · NDFA Office	\$137,922.66	\$151,410.17	\$121,421.10
	6100 · Annual Convention	\$6,603.94	\$12,585.24	\$13,333.12
	6200 · State School	\$116,582.80	\$136,471.62	\$90,078.60
	6300 · Regional School (Academies)	\$2,826.21	\$10,373.25	\$5,993.51
	6330 · SAFER GRANT	\$546,439.14	\$479,902.48	\$417,636.11
	6345 · AFG Grant	\$759.96	\$6,280.00	\$6,926.38
	6350 - Department Level Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6360 - Hazardous Materials Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6375 · Grant expenses	\$193,643.23	\$202,265.49	\$111,186.26
	6381 · WSI Grant	\$17,752.45	\$26,514.69	\$35,720.87
	6400 · Conference	\$7,570.95	\$7,905.87	\$15,606.21
	6500 · FF Certification	\$25,729.62	\$17,749.96	\$38,587.19
	6551 - Pass Through Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6581 · Auto Extrication	\$15,056.05	\$21,328.92	\$34,865.43
	6590 · Bank Service Charges	\$25.00	\$28.82	\$15.00
	6600 · Insurance	\$9,937.21	\$8,191.85	\$8,017.71
	6700 · Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$291.46	\$0.00
	6720 · Forms	\$355.76	\$487.98	\$70.93
	6775 · Membership/Dues/Subscriptions	\$290.47	\$3,304.00	\$1,199.95
	6800 · Payroll Expenses	\$190,128.84	\$191,462.36	\$228,077.25
	6830 · Executive Board Expenses	\$13,561.84	\$10,981.88	\$9,679.96

	6880 · Miscellaneous	\$650.00	\$283.80	\$95.44
	6881 · Equipment	\$696.02	\$11,100.07	\$1,068.80
	6900 · Professional Fees	\$42,309.50	\$14,500.00	\$16,250.00
	6925 · Repairs	\$34,974.93	\$25,653.46	\$27,823.92
	6950 · Taxes	\$13,563.07	\$12,790.00	\$15,133.10
	6960 · Training Library	\$683.52	\$937.06	\$4,256.56
	6970 · Material for resale	\$4,338.01	\$5,837.65	\$100.00
	8000 · Workshops	\$16,181.91	\$1,269.68	\$51.96
	8100 - NVFC Fall Meeting	\$0.00	\$8,027.65	\$0.00
	8110 - Vehicle Expense	\$4,245.81	\$11,518.54	\$10,261.15
	8200 - Training Props	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expense		\$1,402,828.90	\$1,379,453.95	\$1,213,456.51
Net Ordinary Income		\$28,662.78	-\$81,143.80	-\$68,088.68
Other Income				
	7010 · Interest Income	\$893.59	\$650.06	\$510.99
	7030 · Other Income	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	7500 · Transfer of Funds	\$275,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Income		\$280,893.59	\$5,650.06	\$510.99
Net Income		\$309,556.37	-\$75,493.74	-\$67,577.69
Previous EOY Carryover			\$309,556.37	\$234,062.63
EOY Balance		\$309,556.37	\$234,062.63	\$166,484.94

{PANDEMIC}

Jan - Dec 2020 EOY Actual	Jan - Dec 2021 EOY Actual	Jan - Dec 2022 EOY Actual	2023 Budget Estimate	2024 Budget Estimate
\$10,039.00	\$10,840.95	\$32,317.40	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$36,463.00	\$36,450.00	\$39,621.28	\$36,450.00	\$36,450.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,006.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$865,413.84	\$226,532.56	\$297,812.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$200.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$414,262.50	\$570,035.00	\$570,035.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
\$421.21	\$13,398.98	\$5,795.58	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
\$3,225.00	\$832.68	\$20,323.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,219.00	\$4,895.00	\$2,384.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,331,243.55	\$862,985.17	\$973,995.71	\$1,249,550.00	\$1,249,550.00
\$112,539.56	\$122,639.42	\$126,715.59	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
\$1,954.68	\$9,264.78	\$8,119.87	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$97,401.10	\$7,768.79	\$110,865.54	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
\$149.50	\$30,385.69	\$7,261.16	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
\$408,273.90	\$84,207.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$2,415.00	\$0.00	\$18,962.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$10,302.18	\$13,067.66	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
\$173,385.36	\$243,394.06	\$62,676.78	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$6,770.62	\$50,038.52	\$29,685.59	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$2,392.78	\$5,347.69	\$6,957.34	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$24,414.89	\$23,286.28	\$20,174.02	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$24,060.70	\$43,152.38	\$29,616.85	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
\$9,415.35	\$9,106.00	\$8,497.94	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
\$225.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
\$0.00	\$230.06	\$289.92	\$500.00	\$500.00
\$2,195.00	\$1,599.95	\$1,045.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
\$219,815.35	\$242,268.31	\$277,028.47	\$400,000.00	\$410,000.00
\$5,329.82	\$7,895.93	\$5,671.33	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

\$63.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$303.71	\$1,303.77	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
\$24,230.83	\$25,893.82	\$31,088.86	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
\$21,502.90	\$3,618.11	\$3,658.51	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
\$15,859.84	\$16,015.68	\$19,771.45	\$37,000.00	\$37,000.00
\$110.50	\$1,205.15	\$28,986.59	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
\$0.00	\$24,178.46	\$1,803.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
\$4,396.94	\$9,500.62	\$11,392.22	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
\$1,691.49	\$11,387.56	\$32,354.54	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
\$1,158,595.04	\$984,740.91	\$856,994.15	\$1,192,200.00	\$1,202,200.00
			\$57,350.00	\$47,350.00
\$172,648.51	-\$121,755.74	\$117,001.56		
\$138.00	\$23.36	\$20.67	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
\$40,138.00	\$23.36	\$20.67	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$212,786.51	-\$121,732.38	\$117,022.23		
\$166,484.94	\$379,271.45	\$257,539.07		
\$379,271.45	\$257,539.07	\$374,561.30	\$57,350.00	\$47,350.00

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version				Senate Changes to Executive Budget Increase (Decrease) - Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			553,145	553,145			414,226	414,226			(138,919)	(138,919)
Health insurance increase			174,890	174,890			178,913	178,913			4,023	4,023
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General				0	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal				0	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials				0			26,748	26,748			26,748	26,748
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			748,763	748,763				0
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation				0			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association				0			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,412,953	\$1,412,953	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(1.00)	\$0	\$1,586,253	\$1,586,253	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
2023-25 Total Funding	37.00	\$0	\$31,898,433	\$31,898,433	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745	12.00	\$0	(\$15,066,688)	(\$15,066,688)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			<i>\$607,916</i>				<i>\$599,701</i>				<i>(\$8,215)</i>	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>4.7%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(45.0%)</i>	<i>(45.0%)</i>				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>(2.6%)</i>		<i>5.2%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(44.5%)</i>	<i>(44.5%)</i>				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Insurance tax distribution fund	Section 3 would appropriate \$19,588,470 for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$1,140,070 for payments to the North Dakota Firefighter's Association.	
Excess federal funds	Section 4 would appropriate all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 5 would provide the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's salary by 6 percent the 1st year and 4 percent the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund		Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.
Contingency - Effective Date		Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.

Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes

	Senate Version				House Version				House Changes to Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	Increase (Decrease) - Senate Version			
									FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			414,226	414,226			661,201	661,201			246,975	246,975
Health insurance increase			178,913	178,913			216,040	216,040			37,127	37,127
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899				0
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	1.00		295,721	295,721	(3.00)		(911,380)	(911,380)
Removes salary funding for funding pool				0			(441,056)	(441,056)			(441,056)	(441,056)
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials			26,748	26,748			21,148	21,148			(5,600)	(5,600)
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			566,505	566,505			(182,258)	(182,258)
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)				0
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930				0
Total ongoing funding changes	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,909,927)	(\$14,909,927)	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,256,192)	(\$1,256,192)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,736,627)	(\$14,736,627)	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,256,192)	(\$1,256,192)
2023-25 Total Funding	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745	46.00	\$0	\$15,575,553	\$15,575,553	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,256,192)	(\$1,256,192)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			<i>\$599,701</i>				<i>\$607,916</i>				<i>\$8,215</i>	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(45.0%)</i>	<i>(45.0%)</i>	<i>21.1%</i>		<i>(49.2%)</i>	<i>(49.2%)</i>				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	<i>28.9%</i>		<i>(44.5%)</i>	<i>(44.5%)</i>	<i>21.1%</i>		<i>(48.6%)</i>	<i>(48.6%)</i>				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Senate Version	House Version
Insurance tax distribution fund		
Excess federal funds	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund	Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.	Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.
Contingency - Effective Date	Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.	Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.

23.0264.02001
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator K. Roers

March 10, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, after "commissioner" insert "and government-self insurance pools"

Page 1, line 3, remove "and"

Page 1, line 3, after "transfer" insert "and to provide a contingent effective date"

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured government pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.
2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Page 2, line 23, replace "5" with "7"

Page 2, line 23, remove "is contingent on the"

Page 2, line 24, replace "passage of" with "becomes effective on August 1, 2023, if"

Page 2, line 24, after "2295" insert "is approved"

Page 2 line 24, remove "If this section takes"

Page 2, remove line 25

Renumber accordingly

23.0264.02002
Title.

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

Fiscal No. 1

April 4, 2023

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, replace the semicolon with "and"

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,578,635	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	938,278	2,445,637
Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
Grants	0	2,400,000	2,400,000
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$5,991,913	\$15,575,553
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	8.00	46.00"

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured government pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.
2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$797,843)	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(458,349)	2,445,637
Capital assets		75,000		75,000
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540			
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$1,256,192)	\$15,575,553
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(1,256,192)	15,575,553
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(3.00)	46.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁵	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$635,289)	(\$441,056)		(\$797,843)
Operating expenses			(276,091)		(\$182,258)	(458,349)
Capital assets						
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$911,380)	(\$441,056)	(\$182,258)	(\$1,256,192)
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(911,380)	(441,056)	(182,258)	(1,256,192)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	(3.00)

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

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	37,127
Total	\$284,102

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148 as the House has approved salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$911,380 from other funds is removed for 3 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$635,289 is salaries and wages and \$276,091 is related operating expenses.

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

	Other Funds
New FTE positions	(\$203,690)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(237,366)</u>
Total	(\$441,056)

⁵ Funding for travel is reduced by \$182,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$400,000.

This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund. The Senate had added these sections.
- Amends Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

SFM Equipment involved in transition to the Insurance Department:

Item:	Description:	Cost to replace:	Notes:
Portable X-Ray Imager	X-ray imagers are used on any fire (whether incendiary or accidental) that has small electrical equipment involved. The imager helps give further views, data, and evaluation for electrical equipment to include but not limited to (wiring, plug blades, motors, other interior metal components, etc.).	\$69,000 (TRANSFER AGREED)	AG/BCI has agreed to transfer this to SFM
Fire Gear Extractor – Purchased with COVID Money	Fire gear extractors are used after every fire a Deputy Fire Marshal responds to. Current health and safety standards require immediate cleaning of PPE after a fire or fire investigation. PPE Extractors are used after every fire by Deputy Fire Marshals.	\$5,708.00 (each) \$5,708.00 x 5 = \$28,540.00 + \$5,000 for installations = \$33,540.00	Five fire gear extractors are currently operated and used by the State Fire Marshal. Currently Installed in BCI Offices. Crime scene clean up, Fentanyl exposure etc.
Fire Debris Sifter – Purchased with General Fund Dollars	Fire debris sifter is used on any large, complex or fire where small items may be overlooked. The fire debris sifter aids Deputy Fire Marshals by separating fire debris from items as small as a plug blade on electrical equipment.	\$24,000	Used once a month by SFM, unsure if has been used by BCI, but could potentially be used to sift through crime scenes.
Fire Investigation Trailer – Purchased with GF Dollars	The fire investigation trailer is used to transport large equipment and specialized equipment to complex fire scenes when necessary. Most often, it is used to transport the fire debris sifter.	\$10,000 + \$5,000 for retrofitting = \$15,000	Trailer houses sifter and other fire equipment.
Gear Extractors		\$33,540	
Sifter		\$24,000	
Trailer		\$15,000	
Total replacement cost for SFM:		\$72,540	**Potentially on 2295**

23.0264.02003
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
the House Appropriations - Government
Operations Division Committee
April 5, 2023

Fiscal No. 2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2010

Page 1, line 2, replace the semicolon with "and"

Page 1, line 2, replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 2, after "26.1-01-09" insert ", 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06"

Page 1, line 3, replace "; and to provide a transfer" with "and government self-insurance pools"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$2,578,635	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	938,278	2,445,637
Capital assets	0	147,540	147,540
Grants	0	<u>2,400,000</u>	<u>2,400,000</u>
Total special funds	\$9,583,640	\$6,064,453	\$15,648,093
Full-time equivalent positions	38.00	8.00	46.00"

Page 1, after line 23, insert:

"State fire marshal equipment	0	72,540"
-------------------------------	---	---------

Page 2, replace line 4 with:

"Total special funds	\$1,162,000	\$245,840"
----------------------	-------------	------------

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-02. Government self-insurance pools not insurers.

Any government self-insurance pool organized under chapter 32-12.1 is not an insurance company or insurer. The coverages provided by ~~such~~the pools and the administration of ~~such~~the pools do not constitute the transaction of insurance business. Participation in a government self-insurance pool under this chapter does not constitute a waiver of any existing immunities otherwise provided by the constitution or laws of this state. In all respects not specifically provided for under this chapter, a government self-insurance pool is subject to chapters 26.1-01, 26.1-02, 26.1-04, 26.1-25, and 26.1-26 relating to insurance companies generally.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

26.1-23.1-06. Pool reserve records confidential - Open records.

1. Information regarding that portion of the funds or liability reserves of a government self-insured ~~government~~ pool established for purposes of satisfying a specific claim or cause of action is confidential. A person is not entitled to discover that portion of the funds or liability reserves established

for purposes of satisfying a claim or cause of action, except that the reserve is discoverable in any supplementary or ancillary proceeding to enforce a judgment against the pool or a governmental entity participating in the pool.

2. Unless otherwise provided by law, a government self-insurance pool record, as defined under section 44-04-17.1, is subject to chapter 44-04."

Page 2, remove lines 20 through 25

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2010 - Insurance Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$8,076,281	\$11,452,759	(\$797,843)	\$10,654,916
Operating expenses	1,507,359	2,903,986	(458,349)	2,445,637
Capital assets		75,000	72,540	147,540
Grants		2,400,000		2,400,000
Insurance tax payments	20,728,540			
Total all funds	\$30,312,180	\$16,831,745	(\$1,183,652)	\$15,648,093
Less estimated income	30,312,180	16,831,745	(1,183,652)	15,648,093
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	38.00	49.00	(3.00)	46.00

Department 401 - Insurance Department - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials ²	Removes FTE Positions for Fire Marshal ³	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ⁴	Removes Funding for Travel Expenses ⁵	Adds One-Time Funding for State Fire Marshal Equipment ⁶
Salaries and wages	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$635,289)	(\$441,056)		
Operating expenses			(276,091)		(\$182,258)	
Capital assets						\$72,540
Grants						
Insurance tax payments						
Total all funds	\$284,102	(\$5,600)	(\$911,380)	(\$441,056)	(\$182,258)	\$72,540
Less estimated income	284,102	(5,600)	(911,380)	(441,056)	(182,258)	72,540
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$797,843)
Operating expenses	(458,349)
Capital assets	72,540
Grants	
Insurance tax payments	
Total all funds	(\$1,183,652)
Less estimated income	(1,183,652)
General fund	\$0
FTE	(3.00)

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
Salary increase	\$246,975
Health insurance adjustment	<u>37,127</u>
Total	\$284,102

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

² Funding is adjusted from special funds for a salary equity increase for the Insurance Commissioner. The salary equity increase is adjusted from \$26,748 to \$21,148 as the House has approved salary adjustments of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024. The Senate had approved salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024.

³ Funding of \$911,380 from other funds is removed for 3 FTE deputy fire marshal positions, of which \$635,289 is salaries and wages and \$276,091 is related operating expenses.

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

	<u>Other Funds</u>
New FTE positions	(\$203,690)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(237,366)</u>
Total	(\$441,056)

⁵ Funding for travel is reduced by \$182,258 from other funds to provide a total of \$400,000.

⁶ One-time funding of \$72,540 is added from other funds for State Fire Marshal equipment.

This amendment also:

- Removes sections transferring any remaining balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund and providing a contingent effective date for the transfer. Senate Bill No. 2295 has a section relating to the transfer of the balance in the unsatisfied judgment fund. The Senate had added these sections.
- Amends Sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

**Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes**

	Senate Version				House Version				House Changes to Senate Version Increase (Decrease) - Senate Version			
	FTE	General	Other	Total	FTE	General	Other	Total	FTE	General	Other	Total
	Positions	Fund	Funds		Positions	Fund	Funds		Positions	Fund	Funds	
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195				\$0
Salary increase			414,226	414,226			661,201	661,201			246,975	246,975
Health insurance increase			178,913	178,913			216,040	216,040			37,127	37,127
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)				0
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899				0
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	1.00		295,721	295,721	(3.00)		(911,380)	(911,380)
Removes salary funding for funding pool				0			(441,056)	(441,056)			(441,056)	(441,056)
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials			26,748	26,748			21,148	21,148			(5,600)	(5,600)
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)				0
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			566,505	566,505			(182,258)	(182,258)
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)				0
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930				0
Total ongoing funding changes	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,909,927)	(\$14,909,927)	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,256,192)	(\$1,256,192)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300				\$0
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000				0
Adds one-time funding for State Fire Marshal equipment				0			72,540	72,540			72,540	72,540
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$245,840	\$245,840	0.00	\$0	\$72,540	\$72,540
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,664,087)	(\$14,664,087)	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,183,652)	(\$1,183,652)
2023-25 Total Funding	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745	46.00	\$0	\$15,648,093	\$15,648,093	(3.00)	\$0	(\$1,183,652)	(\$1,183,652)
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$599,701				\$607,916				\$8,215	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	28.9%		(45.0%)	(45.0%)	21.1%		(49.2%)	(49.2%)				
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	28.9%		(44.5%)	(44.5%)	21.1%		(48.4%)	(48.4%)				

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Senate Version	House Version
Insurance tax distribution fund		
Excess federal funds	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund	Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.	
Contingency - Effective Date	Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.	

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

Government self-insurance pools

Senate Version

House Version

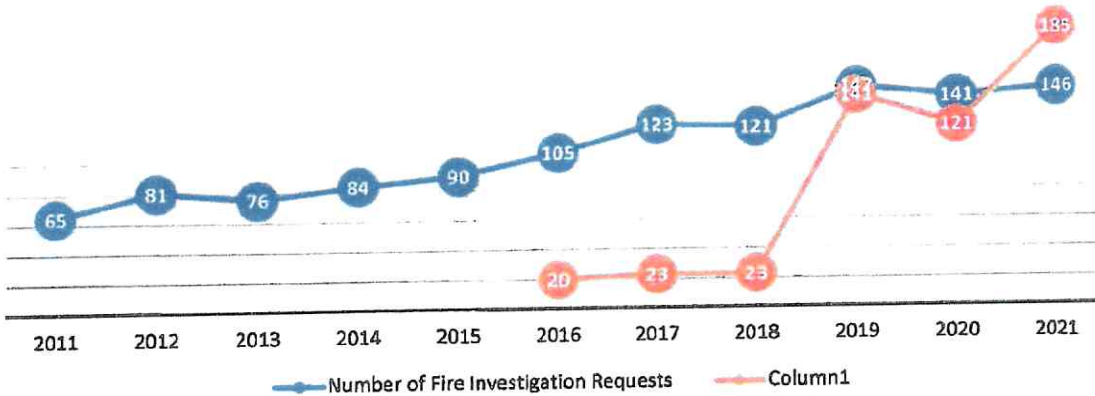
Sections 5 and 6 amend sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

North Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office Workload/Staffing Levels Summary 2022

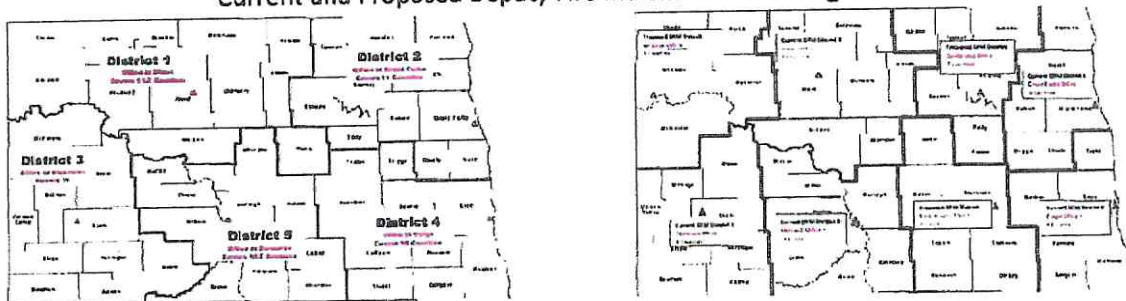
The State Fire Marshals Office conducts fire prevention with local fire departments through fire investigations, fire inspections, plan reviews and public education opportunities. These are essential services that many of the approximately 95% of volunteer fire departments in North Dakota lack. The need for these services have increased in recent years, but the number of staff to perform the duties have not. Combined with the effort of the current office to focus on improving the quality of work, staffing is not at a level that allows the Department to meet the goals and objectives of the office. The State Fire Marshal's Office is currently staffed with five Deputy Fire Marshals and has not increased in personnel since 1988.

As can be seen in the table below, the State Fire Marshal's Office workload in fire investigations and plan reviews has increased exponentially over the last number of years. Both fire investigations and plan reviews require time and follow up to complete to the level of quality expected. To perform the necessary functions adequately, the office is in need of two additional Deputy Fire Marshals, and one additional Chief Deputy Fire Marshal. The increase in need for services is continuing to trend up and if not addressed may lead to a lack of quality, inability to meet demand and reduced fire safety.

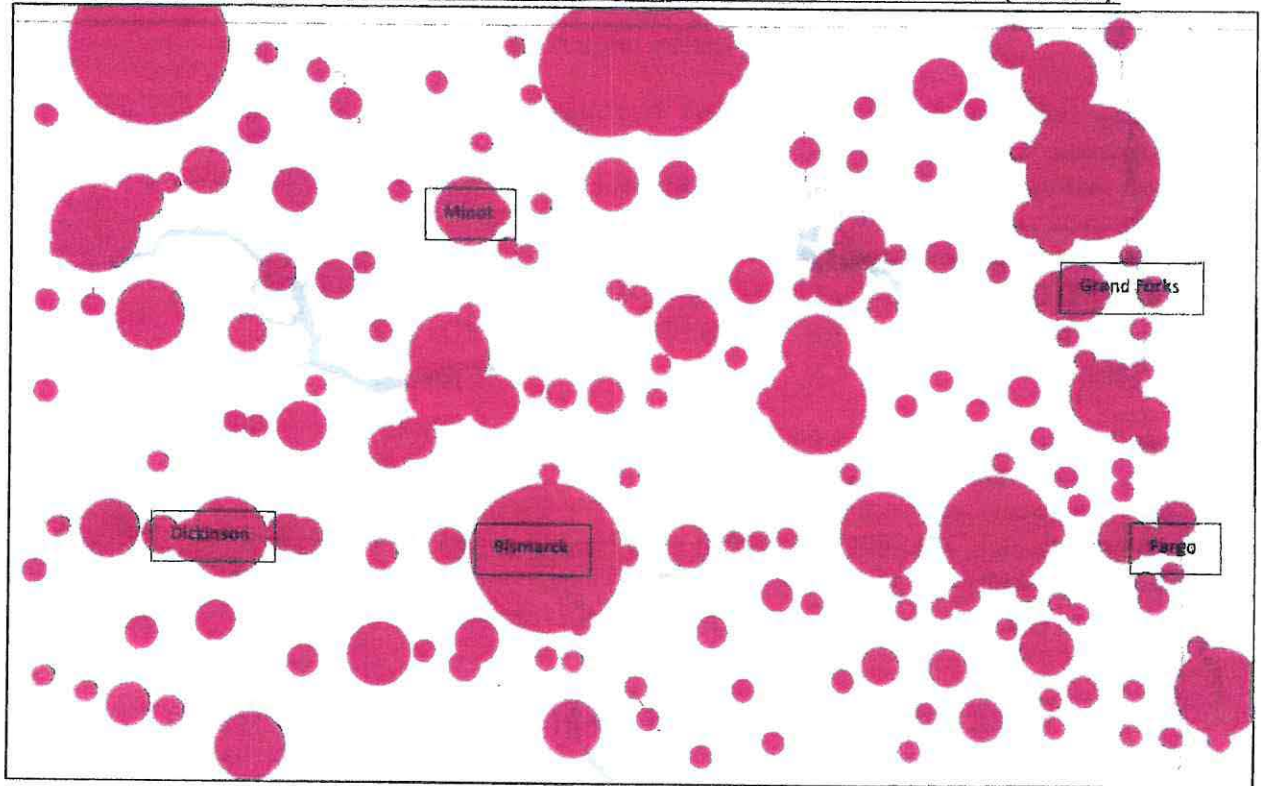
Fire Investigations (& Tips) and Plan Reviews



Current and Proposed Deputy Fire Marshal District Assignments



Marker map of fire inspection locations (size of dot indicates increased number of inspections):



As can be seen in the above marker map, the State Fire Marshal's Office conducts fire inspections throughout the State. Current Deputy Fire Marshal locations are noted on the map in clear text boxes. The map only indicates those inspections assigned to the State Fire Marshal's Office and does not include requested inspections such as childcares, bar/assemblies, or other specially requested inspections which account for some of the inspection workload.

Time required for a fire inspection includes travel time, site inspection/walk-through, communication, research (code verification) and report writing. It takes an average of approximately 4 hours to complete a fire inspection.

Year	Schools	State buildings	Other	Total	Inspection hours
2016	120	32	393*	545	1,459
2017	107	42	247*	396	1,602
2018	172	38	207*	417	1,193
2019	36	23	154	213	816
2020	125	112	137	374	1,696
2021	118	42	147	307	1,289
2022 (projected)	68	78	142	289	1,156
2023 (projected)	83	91	142	316	1,264
2024 (projected)	103	59	142	304	1,216

*Other inspections were higher numbers in the past due to increased time spent on fire safer cigarette inspections and above-ground storage tank inspections. Both of these inspections are still regulated, just in different approaches by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Plan review

Plan reviews are conducted on buildings/structures as requested, fire protection systems, above ground fuel tanks, and liquid propane gas tanks. This responsibility is legislatively created through NDCC 18-01-02 "Duties of state fire marshal and deputy state fire marshals" and NDCC 18-09 "Liquid Petroleum Gas Regulation". The plan review process allows the office to identify and correct issues prior to installation, which reduces costs for installers, and is a proactive and preventative approach to code enforcement. This is a program that has been expanded and will continue to grow as fire protection contractors become aware that plan review is a further service the State Fire Marshal's Office offers.

This program has proved necessary in the little time it has been expanded. Plan review processes have returned and addressed design errors that could greatly affect a fire protection system ability to perform. The design errors that have been addressed since beginning this program include but are not limited to: water tank size too small, systems having no water supply, incorrect hazard class resulting in sprinklers that would be over-run by fire, water tank burial depths, occupancy of buildings prior to system installation, unapproved products being used, lack of required safety mechanisms, missing systems where they are required, and fire alarm programming issues. The prevention of these design errors is important for the contractor, customer, occupants and local fire departments.

To conduct a thorough plan review, a Deputy Fire Marshal consults multiple codes/design standards, reads calculations, measures scaled drawings, ensures proper design and equipment, communicates questions/issues with the designer, reviews resubmittals, communicates final acceptance of the plans, and witnesses final acceptance testing. The projections on the following table were based on an average of four hours to complete a plan review and acceptance process.

Year	Plans reviewed (Access database)	Plan Review Hours
2016	20	10
2017	23	0
2018	23	26
2019	141	309
2020	121	521
2021	185	645
2022 (projected)	190	760
2023 (projected)	190	760
2024 (projected)	190	760

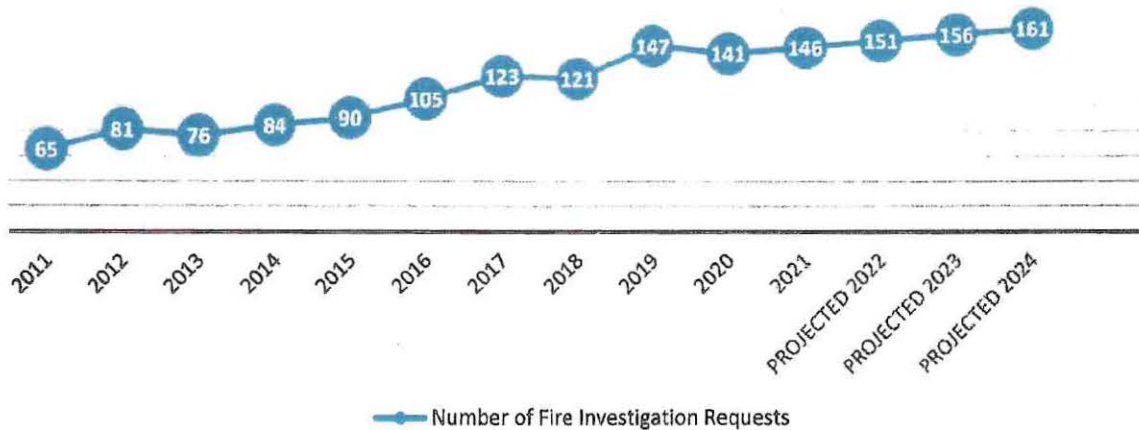
Public education and training

The office is requested to assist or to provide training and public education. NDCC 18-01-04.1 States; "The state fire marshal has the authority to provide educational programs on the hazards of fire." Historically, this has been in conjunction with the North Dakota Firefighter's Association. Recently, the office has undertaken three new initiatives that will increase our public education outreach and training. We are working with the NDFA to develop and provide instruction for certification courses, work with

Table of fire investigation requests and future projections:

Year	# of fire investigations	Hrs. spent on fire inv.
2011	65	No records
2012	81	No records
2013	76	No records
2014	84	No records
2015	90	No records
2016	105	2,017
2017	123	1,884
2018	121	2,091
2019	121 *26 Tips	2,520
2020	105 *36 Tips	3,754
2021	108 *38 Tips	3,525
2022 (projected)	111 *40 Tips	4,440
2023 (projected)	114 *42 Tips	4,560
2024 (projected)	117 *44 Tips	4,680

Requests for Investigation + Tips



As can be seen in the Fire Investigation Requests Table, the number of fire investigations the State Fire Marshal’s Office is requested to conduct has increased by 40% over the last ten years. Time spent on fire investigations has increased by 57% over the last five years. The State of North Dakota has approximately 3,000 fires every year. The State Fire Marshal’s Office responds to approximately 3% of fires. All others are investigated by the local fire chief, or left undetermined. Approximately 13% of fires are labeled as undetermined every year and another 10% are labeled as incendiary (intentionally caused).

The Map shows the location of fire investigations conducted. This map is limited to only showing verified addresses that are geo-verified in the software system. What this map does display is both where our investigations are and are not occurring. There is a significant need around the Devils Lake

**Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401
Senate Bill No. 2010
Base Level Funding Changes**

	Senate Version				House Version				Conference Committee Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180	38.00	\$0	\$30,312,180	\$30,312,180
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195			\$62,195	\$62,195
Salary increase			414,226	414,226			661,201	661,201			661,201	661,201
Health insurance increase			178,913	178,913			216,040	216,040			216,040	216,040
Removes 1 FTE for IT unification	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)	(1.00)		(78,492)	(78,492)
Transfers \$185,968 from operating to salaries				0				0				0
Transfers State Fire Marshal from Attorney General	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899	8.00		2,162,899	2,162,899
Adds 4 FTEs for State Fire Marshal	4.00		1,207,101	1,207,101	1.00		295,721	295,721	2.00		591,441	591,441
Adds funding for retirement increases				0				0			13,256	13,256
Rermoves salary funding for funding pool				0			(441,056)	(441,056)			(644,746)	(644,746)
Adds salary equity funding for elected officials			26,748	26,748			21,148	21,148			21,148	21,148
Reduces funding for operating expenses to meet base budget			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)			(47,548)	(47,548)
Adds funding for additional operating expenses			748,763	748,763			566,505	566,505			666,505	666,505
Provides funding for payments to fire departments as a continuing appropriation			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)			(19,588,470)	(19,588,470)
Adds funding for North Dakota Firefighter's Association			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930			1,259,930	1,259,930
Total ongoing funding changes	11.00	\$0	(\$13,653,735)	(\$13,653,735)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,909,927)	(\$14,909,927)	9.00	\$0	(\$14,704,641)	(\$14,704,641)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for retirement leave payouts			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300			\$98,300	\$98,300
Adds one-time funding for office remodel			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000
Adds one-time funding for State Fire Marshal equipment				0			72,540	72,540			72,540	72,540
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$173,300	\$173,300	0.00	\$0	\$245,840	\$245,840	0.00	\$0	\$245,840	\$245,840
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	11.00	\$0	(\$13,480,435)	(\$13,480,435)	8.00	\$0	(\$14,664,087)	(\$14,664,087)	9.00	\$0	(\$14,458,801)	(\$14,458,801)
2023-25 Total Funding	49.00	\$0	\$16,831,745	\$16,831,745	46.00	\$0	\$15,648,093	\$15,648,093	47.00	\$0	\$15,853,379	\$15,853,379
<i>Federal funds included in other funds</i>			\$599,701				\$607,916				\$607,916	
<i>Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level</i>	28.9%		(45.0%)	(45.0%)	21.1%		(49.2%)	(49.2%)	23.7%		(48.5%)	(48.5%)
<i>Total changes as a percentage of base level</i>	28.9%		(44.5%)	(44.5%)	21.1%		(48.4%)	(48.4%)	23.7%		(47.7%)	(47.7%)

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

	Senate Version	House Version	Conference Committee Version
Insurance tax distribution fund			
Excess federal funds	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.	Section 3 appropriates all federal funds received by the Insurance Commissioner in excess of those funds appropriated.
Insurance Commissioner's salary	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.	Section 4 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the Insurance Commissioner's annual salary to \$130,000 (14 percent) the 1st year and \$135,200 (4 percent) the 2nd year of the biennium.
Unsatisfied Judgment Fund	Section 5 transfers the balance from the unsatisfied judgment fund to the insurance regulatory trust fund.		
Contingency - Effective Date	Section 6 provides an effective date for Section 5 contingent on the passage of Senate Bill No. 2295.		

Other Sections in Insurance Commissioner - Budget No. 401

Government self-insurance pools

Senate Version

House Version

Conference Committee Version

Sections 5 and 6 amend sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 relating to government self-insurance pools.

Sections 5 and 6 amend sections 26.1-23.1-02 and 26.1-23.1-06 with the exception added for chapters 26.1-26-06, 26.1-26-07, and 26.1-26-13.1 relating to government self-insurance pools.