

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service
2 commission; and to authorize a transfer.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the public service commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
8 public service commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019,
9 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	Adjustments or <u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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12	Salaries and wages	\$0	\$9,643,095
13	Operating expenses	0	1,877,562
14	Capital assets	0	26,400
15	Grants	0	20,000
16	Abandoned mined lands contractual	0	8,000,000
17	Rail rate complaint case	0	900,000
18	Railroad safety program	0	523,345
19	Specialized legal services	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>
20	Total all funds	\$0	\$21,140,402
21	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>13,964,575</u>
22	Total general fund	\$0	\$7,175,827
23	Full-time equivalent positions	0.00	46.00

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

2 **SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items
3 approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium and the 2017-19
4 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

5 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
6 Specialized legal services	\$575,624	\$0
7 Total all funds	\$575,624	\$0
8 Total special funds	<u>336,000</u>	<u>0</u>
9 Total general fund	\$239,624	\$0

10 The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the
11 2019-21 biennium. The public service commission shall report to the appropriations committees
12 of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium
13 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

14 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER AND REPAYMENT - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN**

15 **FUND.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to
16 the public service commission the sum of \$900,000, or so much of the sum as may be
17 necessary, included in the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act to pay for costs
18 associated with a rail rate complaint case. Transfers must be made during the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, upon order of the commission. If any
20 amounts are spent pursuant to this section, the public service commission shall reimburse the
21 beginning farmer revolving loan fund using amounts available from damages or proceeds
22 received, net of legal fees, from a successful outcome of a rail complaint case.