

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of  
2 commerce; to provide exemptions; and to provide for 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 department of commerce for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
8 department of commerce, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019,  
9 as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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12	Salaries and wages	\$0	\$13,015,999
13	Operating expenses	0	16,384,623
14	Grants	0	48,134,795
15	Discretionary funds	0	784,152
16	Agricultural products utilization commission	0	3,118,611
17	North Dakota trade office	0	2,556,694
18	Partner programs	0	2,173,829
19	Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
20	Total all funds	\$0	\$87,668,703
21	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>53,809,604</u>
22	Total general fund	\$0	\$33,859,099
23	Full-time equivalent positions	0.00	69.40

1       **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
2 items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium:

3	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
4	Workforce enhancement fund	\$960,069	\$0
5	Flood impact grants/loans	12,859,869	0
6	Research North Dakota	4,353,542	0
7	Unmanned aircraft system	2,662,105	0
8	Base retention grants	1,500,000	0
9	Tourism large infrastructure grants	586,000	0
10	Enhanced use lease grant	7,500,000	0
11	Child care facility grants	2,131,267	0
12	Homeless shelter grants	1,500,000	0
13	Tribal community college grants	2,837,130	0
14	Workforce recruitment campaign	300,000	0
15	Tourism midwest markets	848,481	0
16	Entrepreneurship grants and vouchers	1,716,830	0
17	Tourism international	227,836	0
18	Educators and industry externships	<u>40,000</u>	<u>0</u>
19	Total all funds	\$40,023,129	\$0
20	Less estimated income	<u>21,359,869</u>	<u>0</u>
21	Total general fund	\$18,663,260	\$0

22       **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the agricultural products utilization  
23 commission in section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section  
24 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants  
25 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

26       **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amount appropriated for the discretionary funds line item in  
27 section 1 of chapter 18 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any  
28 unexpended funds from this line item are available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017,  
29 and ending June 30, 2019.

30       **SECTION 5. TRANSFER - INTERNSHIP FUND.** The office of management and budget  
31 shall transfer \$1,550,000 of the amount appropriated in the operating expenses line item in

1 section 1 of this Act to the internship fund for the purpose of administering the operation intern  
2 program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

3 **SECTION 6. TRADE OFFICE - MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.** The total North Dakota  
4 trade office special line item and the general fund appropriation in section 1 of this Act include  
5 \$2,556,694 of funding relating to the North Dakota trade office. The department of commerce  
6 may spend seventy percent of this amount without requiring any matching funds from the trade  
7 office. Any additional amounts may be spent only to the extent the North Dakota trade office  
8 provides one dollar of matching funds from private or other public sources for each one dollar  
9 provided by the department for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.  
10 Matching funds may include money spent by businesses or organizations to pay salaries to  
11 export assistants, provide training to export assistants, or buy computer equipment as part of  
12 the North Dakota trade office's export assistance program.

13 **SECTION 7. ENTREPRENEURSHIP GRANTS AND VOUCHER PROGRAM.** Section 1 of  
14 this Act includes the sum of \$1,500,000, of which \$1,350,000 is from the general fund and  
15 \$150,000 from special funds, for an entrepreneurship grants and voucher program to be  
16 developed and administered by the department of commerce, for the biennium beginning  
17 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The department shall establish guidelines to provide  
18 grants to entrepreneurial centers certified by the department. The department also shall  
19 establish guidelines to award vouchers to entrepreneurs to procure business development  
20 assistance from certified entrepreneurial centers or to provide grants to entrepreneurs working  
21 with an entrepreneurial center. The amount appropriated for entrepreneurship grants in  
22 section 1 of this Act is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from this  
23 line item are available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.