Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019

HOUSE BILL NO. 1014
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide for an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission; to create and enact a new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a rebuilders home loan program; to amend and reenact section 54-17-40 and subdivision f of subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 7 of House Bill No. 1435, as approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly, relating to the housing incentive fund, the fund balance of the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, and a transfer to the statewide interoperable radio network fund; to provide a contingent authorization; to provide for a transfer; to provide for a contingent transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a report; to provide for a study; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

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 out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income to the industrial commission and agencies under its control for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and agencies under its control, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$22,014,084	$1,570,366	$23,584,450
Operating expenses	5,305,888	794,339	6,100,227
Capital assets	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Grants - bond payments	13,210,484	(2,701,717)	10,508,767
Contingencies	221,737	7,807	229,544
Total all funds	$40,752,193	$4,670,795	$45,422,988
Less estimated income	15,343,206	2,650,584	17,993,790
Total general fund	$25,408,987	$2,020,211	$27,429,198
Full-time equivalent positions	110.25	2.00	112.25

Subdivision 2.

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Bank of North Dakota operations	$58,489,204	$4,358,595	$62,847,799
Capital assets	810,000	700,000	1,510,000
Total special funds	$59,299,204	$5,058,595	$64,357,799
Full-time equivalent positions	181.50	0.00	181.50

Subdivision 3.

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$7,892,056	$616,959	$8,509,015
Operating expenses	4,743,355	602,921	5,346,276
Grants	31,794,828	1,671,772	33,466,600
Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
Total special funds	$44,530,239	$2,891,652	$47,421,891
Full-time equivalent positions	44.00	0.00	44.00

Subdivision 4.

MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$39,308,519	$7,139,305	$46,447,824
Operating expenses	28,195,000	1,642,000	29,837,000
Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
Agriculture promotion	210,000	0	210,000
Total special funds	$68,213,519	$8,781,305	$76,994,824
Full-time equivalent positions	153.00	3.00	156.00

Subdivision 5.

BILL TOTAL

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Grand total general fund	$25,408,987	$9,540,211	$34,949,198
Grand total special funds	187,386,168	19,382,136	206,768,304
Grand total all funds	$212,795,155	$28,922,347	$241,717,502

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2017-19	2019-21
Litigation	$1,000,000	$0
Industrial water supply asset study	150,000	0
Soil remediation studies	5,000,000	0
Survey review	800,000	0
Temporary employees	0	175,000
Rare earth elements study	0	160,000
Fracturing sand study	0	110,000
Oil database software upgrade	0	5,000,000
Total all funds	$6,950,000	$5,445,000
Less estimated income	6,950,000	5,270,000
Total general fund	$0	$175,000

The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2021-23 biennium. The industrial commission shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3. BOND PAYMENTS. The amount of $10,508,767 included in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act in the grants - bond payments line item must be paid from the following funding sources during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021:

North Dakota university system	$4,959,448
North Dakota university system - energy conservation projects	415,664
Department of corrections and rehabilitation	689,299
Department of corrections and rehabilitation - energy conservation projects	16,180
State department of health	644,884
Job service North Dakota	434,847
Office of management and budget	567,125
Attorney general's office	647,500
State historical society	1,177,875
Parks and recreation department	66,875
Research and extension service	483,337
Veterans' home	405,733
Total	$10,508,767

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - ADDITIONAL INCOME. In addition to the amount appropriated to the housing finance agency in subdivision 3 of section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income or unanticipated income from federal or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The housing finance agency shall notify the office of management and budget and the legislative council of any additional income or unanticipated income that becomes available to the agency resulting in an increase in appropriation authority.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER GENERAL FUND TO HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FUND. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $20,000, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the high-level radioactive waste fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER GENERAL FUND TO HOUSING INCENTIVE FUND. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $7,500,000, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the housing incentive fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 7. CONTINGENT FUNDING - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. The amount of $229,544 from the general fund and two full-time equivalent positions included in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act may be spent only in accordance with the provisions of this section. The industrial commission shall notify the office of management and budget and the legislative council when the total number of wells capable of production and injection exceeds twenty thousand eight hundred. Subject to budget section approval, the industrial commission may spend $229,544 from the contingencies line item and may hire two full-time equivalent positions if the total number of oil wells capable of production and injection exceeds twenty thousand eight hundred.

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - ENTITIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND. The sum of $1,172,603, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the appropriation in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, may be transferred from the entities within the control of the industrial commission or entities directed to make payments to the industrial commission fund for administrative services rendered by the commission. Transfers must be made during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, upon order of the commission. Transfers from the student loan trust fund must be made to the extent permitted by sections 54-17-24 and 54-17-25.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO GENERAL FUND. The industrial commission shall transfer to the general fund $140,000,000 from the current earnings and the accumulated profits of the Bank of North Dakota during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The moneys must be transferred in the amounts and at the times requested by the director of the office of management and budget after consultation with the Bank of North Dakota

president. For legislative council budget status reporting purposes, the transfer under this section is considered an ongoing revenue source.

SECTION 10. TRANSFER - PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of $26,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the partnership in assisting community expansion fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 11. TRANSFER - AGRICULTURE PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of $4,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion fund during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2021. The Bank may use up to $1,000,000 of the funding provided in this section to expand the parameters for the agriculture partnership in assisting community expansion program to assist farmers and livestock producers that suffered extraordinary losses related to river flooding in the state due to ice jams in the winter and spring of 2019 for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 12. TRANSFER - BIOFUELS PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of $1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 13. TRANSFER - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN FUND. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of $6,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 14. TRANSFER - NORTH DAKOTA DEVELOPMENT FUND. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of $15,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits to the North Dakota development fund established under chapter 10-30.5 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. Funding transferred under this section must be used to purchase existing venture capital assets held by the Bank of North Dakota.

SECTION 15. TRANSFER - REBUILDERS LOAN PROGRAM PAYMENTS TO REBUILDERS HOME LOAN FUND. From the principal payments received under the rebuilders loan program established in section 6-09-46, which were designated to replenish the Bank of North Dakota's current earnings and undivided profits pursuant to section 3 of chapter 83 of the 2013 Session Laws, the Bank shall transfer the sum of $3,750,000 to the rebuilders home loan fund during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2021. Any funds not committed to loans by September 30, 2020, must be returned to the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits.

SECTION 16. CONTINGENT TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING LOAN FUND. The office of management and budget shall transfer up to $40,000,000 of any oil and gas tax revenues deposited in the strategic investment and improvements fund during the period August 1, 2017, through July 31, 2019, exceeding $755,000,000, from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the infrastructure revolving loan fund established under section 6-09-49, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 17. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The operating expenses line item and the estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act include $270,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for a rare earth element study and a fracturing sand study.

SECTION 18. ESTIMATED INCOME - ABANDONED OIL AND GAS WELL PLUGGING AND SITE RECLAMATION FUND. The capital assets line item and the estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act include $5,000,000 from the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund for a risk-based data management system information technology project.

SECTION 19. OIL AND GAS RESEARCH FUND - RECYCLING PRODUCED WATER STUDY - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation in section 57-51.1-07.3, the industrial commission shall use $300,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the oil and gas research fund to contract with the sponsor of the proposal selected for the study. The industrial commission shall issue a request for proposals for a study regarding the recycling of water used in oil and gas operations, also known as produced water, from oil and gas-producing regions of North Dakota. The study must include the development or compilation of data regarding methods for the recycling of produced water specific to this state, and must examine the relevant, objective economic, regulatory, scientific, technological, and feasibility considerations. The contractor shall provide reports on the status of the study at the request of the legislative management during the 2019-20 interim and shall provide a final report to the legislative management by October 1, 2020.

SECTION 20. A new section to chapter 6-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Rebuilders home loan program - Rebuilders home loan fund - Continuing appropriation - Requirements.

1. There is created in the state treasury the rebuilders home loan fund administered by the Bank of North Dakota. The fund consists of all moneys transferred to the fund by the legislative assembly. All moneys in the fund are appropriated to the Bank on a continuing basis for the rebuilders home loan program.

2. The Bank shall develop policies to implement this section. The Bank shall make or participate in loans to North Dakota residents affected by river flooding in the state due to ice jams in the winter and spring of 2019. Loans are available for rebuilding the resident's flood-damaged home or rebuilding nonowner-occupied property. A loan from the fund must have the interest rate fixed at one percent per year for no more than twenty years. A loan made to a homeowner or owner of nonowner-occupied property under this section may not exceed the lesser of seventy-five thousand dollars or the actual amount of documented damage not paid by flood insurance. For purposes of this section, "nonowner-occupied property" means property consisting of one or more rental dwelling units, none of which is occupied by the owner, and does not include hotel or motel accommodations or any other commercial property. For a resident rebuilding the resident's flood-damaged home, up to twenty percent of the loan proceeds disbursed under this program may be used for debt service, debt retirement, or other credit obligations. For every loan made from the fund to a homeowner to rebuild or replace that individual's flood-damaged home, principal and interest payments must be deferred for the first twenty-four months of the loan. There is no deferral of principal and interest payments for a loan for nonowner-occupied property.

3. A resident homeowner or owner of nonowner-occupied property is eligible for a loan under this section only if the home or property is located in an area affected by river flooding in the state due to ice jams in the winter and spring of 2019. To qualify for a loan under this section, the owner of nonowner-occupied property must have been the owner at the time of the flooding event, and the number of rental dwelling units in the property rebuilt under this section must remain the same as before the flooding event. A loan to the owner of nonowner-occupied property must be secured by the property for which the loan is made.

4. An application for a loan from the fund must be made to the Bank or originating financial institution, and, upon approval, a loan must be made from the fund in accordance with this

section. An application for a loan to a homeowner or for a loan for nonowner-occupied property under this section may not be accepted after September 30, 2020.

5. Repayments to the rebuilders home loan fund must be transferred annually to replenish the Bank's current earnings and undivided profits which were transferred to the rebuilders home loan fund. If, subsequent to receiving a loan from the fund, the property for which the loan was made is purchased for flood mitigation purposes or otherwise sold, the balance of the loan and any interest accrued on the loan must be repaid to the fund upon the closing of the sale. If the borrower provides financial evidence satisfactory to the Bank to show that the borrower does not have the financial ability to repay the loan in full upon sale of the property, after the sale of the property the Bank may allow the borrower to continue to make payments based on the loan terms.

6. The Bank may deduct, from interest payments received on loans, a service fee for administering the fund for the Bank and originating financial institutions. The Bank shall contract with a certified public accounting firm to audit the fund as necessary. The cost of the audit, and any other actual costs incurred by the Bank on behalf of the fund, must be paid by the fund.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-17-40. Housing incentive fund - Continuing appropriation - Report to budget section.

1. The housing incentive fund is created as a special revolving fund at the Bank of North Dakota. The housing finance agency may direct disbursements from the fund and a continuing appropriation from the fund is provided for that purpose.

2. a. After a public hearing, the housing finance agency shall create an annual allocation plan for the distribution of the fund. At least ~~twenty-five~~fifteen percent of the fund must be used to assist developing communities to address an unmet housing need or alleviate a housing shortage.

   b. The annual allocation plan must give ~~first~~ priority ~~through its scoring and ranking process to housing for essential service workers. For purposes of this subsection, "essential service workers" means individuals employed by a city, county, school district, medical or long-term care facility, the state of North Dakota, or others as determined by the housing finance agency who fulfill an essential public service.~~

   ~~c. The second priority in the annual allocation plan must be~~ to provide housing for individuals and families of low or moderate income. For purposes of this ~~second~~ priority, eligible income limits are determined as a percentage of median family income as published in the most recent federal register notice. Under this ~~second~~ priority, the annual allocation plan must give preference to projects that benefit households with the lowest income and to projects that have rent restrictions at or below department of housing and urban development published federal fair market rents or department of housing and urban development section 8 payment standards.

3. The housing finance agency shall adopt guidelines for the fund so as to address unmet housing needs in this state. Assistance from the fund may be used solely for:

   a. New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a multifamily housing project;

   b. Gap assistance, matching funds, and accessibility improvements;

   c. Assistance that does not exceed the amount necessary to qualify for a loan using underwriting standards acceptable for secondary market financing or to make the project feasible; and

d. Rental assistance, emergency assistance, or targeted supportive services designated to prevent homelessness.

4. Eligible recipients include units of local, state, and tribal government; local and tribal housing authorities; community action agencies; regional planning councils; and nonprofit organizations and for-profit developers of multifamily housing. Individuals may not receive direct assistance from the fund.

5. Except for subdivision d of subsection 3, assistance is subject to repayment or recapture under the guidelines adopted by the housing finance agency. Any assistance that is repaid or recaptured must be deposited in the fund and is appropriated on a continuing basis for the purposes of this section.

6. The agency may collect a reasonable administrative fee from the fund, project developers, applicants, or grant recipients. The origination fee assessed to grant recipients may not exceed five percent of the project award.

7. ~~The housing finance agency shall maintain a register reflecting the number of housing units owned or master leased by cities, counties, school districts, or other employers of essential service workers. This register must also reflect those entities that are providing rent subsidies for their essential workers.~~

~~8.~~ Upon request, the housing finance agency shall report to the industrial commission regarding the activities of the housing incentive fund.

~~9.~~8. At least once per biennium, the housing finance agency shall provide a report to the budget section of the legislative management regarding the activities of the housing incentive fund. ~~The report must include the following:~~

~~a. The overall number of units owned, master leased, or subsidized by political subdivisions or other employers of essential service workers; and~~

~~b. A listing of projects approved and the number of units within those projects that provide housing for essential service workers.~~

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Subdivision f of subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

f. (1) For the period beginning September 1, 2017, and ending August 31, 2019, the state treasurer shall allocate four percent of the amount available under this subsection to the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, but not in an amount exceeding four million dollars per fiscal year and not in an amount that would bring the balance in the fund to more than ~~one hundred~~fifty million dollars.

(2) After August 31, 2019, the state treasurer shall allocate four percent of the amount available under this subsection to the abandoned oil and gas well plugging and site reclamation fund, but not in an amount exceeding seven million five hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year and not in an amount that would bring the balance in the fund to more than ~~one hundred~~fifty million dollars.

SECTION 23. AMENDMENT. Section 7 of House Bill No. 1435, as approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 7. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS - STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK FUND. ~~The~~After other moneys in the statewide interoperable radio network fund, the transfer of $20,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, and the $80,000,000 line of credit have been used, the industrial commission shall transfer the sum of $20,000,000 from the current earnings and accumulated

undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota to the statewide interoperable radio network fund, during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 24. EXEMPTION - OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-51-15 relating to the allocations to the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund, for the period beginning September 1, 2019, and ending August 31, 2021, the state treasurer shall allocate eight percent of the oil and gas gross production tax revenue available under subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 to the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund, but not in an amount exceeding $7,500,000 per fiscal year.

SECTION 25. EXEMPTION - OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - OIL AND GAS RESEARCH FUND - PILOT PROJECT FOR UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-51.1-07.3 relating to the allocations to the oil and gas research fund, for the period beginning August 1, 2019, and ending July 31, 2021, the state treasurer shall deposit two percent of the oil and gas gross production tax and oil extraction tax revenues, up to $16,000,000, into the oil and gas research fund before depositing oil and gas tax revenues under section 57-51.1-07.5.

2. Pursuant to the continuing appropriation in section 57-51.1-07.3, the industrial commission shall use $6,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the oil and gas research fund to contract with the energy and environmental research center for pilot projects relating to the underground storage of produced natural gas. The pilot projects may include studies and demonstration projects. During the 2019-20 interim, the energy and environmental research center shall provide quarterly reports to the industrial commission and at least one report to the legislative management regarding the results and recommendations of the pilot project.

SECTION 26. EXEMPTION - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND. The amount of $1,103,779 appropriated to the industrial commission in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 39 of the 2017 Session Laws and transferred pursuant to section 8 of chapter 39 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the industrial commission for administrative services rendered by the commission during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 27. EXEMPTION - SURVEY REVIEW - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The amount of $800,000 appropriated from the strategic investment and improvements fund in section 2 of chapter 426 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the industrial commission for expert legal testimony associated with the survey review during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 28. LIGNITE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MARKETING PROGRAM - LIGNITE MARKETING FEASIBILITY STUDY. The amount of $4,500,000 from the lignite research fund, or so much of the amount as may be necessary, may be used for the purpose of contracting for an independent, nonmatching lignite marketing feasibility study or studies that determine those focused priority areas where near-term, market-driven projects, activities, or processes will generate matching private industry investment and have the most potential of preserving existing lignite production and industry jobs or that will lead to increased development of lignite and its products and create new lignite industry jobs and economic growth for the general welfare of this state. Moneys appropriated pursuant to this section also may be used for the purpose of contracting for nonmatching studies and activities in support of the lignite vision 21 program; for litigation that may be necessary to protect and promote the continued development of lignite resources; for nonmatching externality studies and activities in externality proceedings; or other marketing, environmental, or transmission activities that assist with marketing of lignite-based electricity and lignite-based byproducts. Moneys needed for the purposes stated in this section are available to the industrial commission for funding projects, processes, or activities under the lignite research, development, and marketing program.

SECTION 29. HEDGING STRATEGIES STUDY - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. During the 2019-20 interim, the Bank of North Dakota shall conduct a study on the use of various hedging strategies to protect the state from volatile swings in oil prices. Before January 15, 2021, the Bank of North Dakota shall report the results of its study to the appropriations committees of the sixty-seventh legislative assembly.

SECTION 30. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LIGNITE RESEARCH FUND - LIGNITE LITIGATION. It is the intent of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly that at least $500,000 of the funding in section 28 of this Act and any funding deposited in the lignite research fund related to successful litigation is available from the lignite research fund to be used to pay fees associated with lignite litigation that may be brought by the state to protect and promote the continued development of lignite resources.

SECTION 31. EMERGENCY. Sections 11, 15, and 20 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
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Chief Clerk of the House	Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1014 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 74 Nays 16 Absent 4

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Speaker of the House	Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

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President of the Senate	Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____M. on _____, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this _____day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____M.

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Secretary of State