

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
House Bill No. 1001 and Senate Bill No. 2015**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 legislative appropriations	0.00	\$15,885,367	\$0	\$15,885,367
2015-17 base budget	0.00	13,379,971	0	13,379,971
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$2,505,396	\$0	\$2,505,396

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2015-17 legislative appropriations	\$14,180,557	\$1,704,810	\$15,885,367
2013-15 legislative appropriations	13,379,971	542,000	13,921,971
2015-17 legislative increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriations	\$800,586	\$1,162,810	\$1,963,396
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2013-15 appropriations	6.0%	214.5%	14.1%

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

	Changes to Base Budget			Total
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
The legislative action:				
Added funding for cost-to-continue 2013-15 biennium legislators' monthly compensation, additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders, and legislative compensation for regular and organizational sessions.		\$66,855		\$66,855
Added funding for 2015-17 biennium compensation adjustments of 3 percent per year for regular and organizational sessions, legislators' monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders.		263,165		263,165
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.		481,594		481,594
Added funding to increase the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement to \$1,680 anticipated for the 2017 legislative session.		84,520		84,520
Adjusted funding for operating expenses, capital assets, and		(95,548)		(95,548)

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Added one-time funding to replace computers and iPads.	603,050	603,050
Added one-time funding for LEGEND core maintenance upgrades.	191,760	191,760
Added one-time funding for support of hosting the 2015 Council of State Governments (CSG) Midwest Legislative Conference.	350,000	350,000
Added one-time funding for committee room renovations.	400,000	400,000
Added one-time funding for the installation of audio and visual equipment, tables, chairs, and other furnishings in legislative meeting rooms located within the former Information Technology Department space authorized under House Bill No. 1002. (Senate Bill No. 2015)	160,000	160,000
Total	0.00	\$2,505,396

One-Time Funding

In Section 2 of House Bill No. 1001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$1,544,810 from the general fund for one-time funding items. Of this funding, \$400,000 is for legislative wing equipment and improvements, \$603,050 is for information technology equipment, \$191,760 is for LEGEND maintenance, and \$350,000 is for support of hosting the 2015 CSG Midwest Legislative Conference. The Legislative Assembly also provided, in Senate Bill No. 2015, one-time funding of \$160,000 from the general fund for the installation of audio and visual equipment, tables, chairs, and other furnishings in legislative meeting rooms within the judicial facility space expansion of the former Information Technology Department space within the Capitol complex authorized under House Bill No. 1002. These amounts are not to be considered part of the Legislative Assembly's 2017-19 biennium base budget, and the Legislative Assembly is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2017 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved House Bill No. 1001 providing for legislative pay increases. Sections 6 and 7 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 3 percent for each year of the 2015-17 biennium. Sections 9 and 10 of the bill increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent for each year of the 2015-17 biennium. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2015	Rate Effective July 1, 2016
Monthly compensation	\$467	\$481	\$495
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$335	\$345	\$355
Daily session pay	\$167	\$172	\$177
Interim meeting pay	\$167	\$172	\$177

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1001

Transfers - Section 4 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Continuation of appropriation authority - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2013-15 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management. In addition, the section also provides unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2013-15 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2013-15 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Compensation of members of the Legislative Assembly - Sections 6 and 7 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 3 percent for each year of the 2015-17 biennium. Sections 9 and 10 increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent for each year of the 2015-17 biennium.

Legislative Council expenditures - Section 8 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-06 relating to Legislative Council expenditures to allow the Director of the Legislative Council to use available funds for salary adjustments to assist with staff recruitment, retention, and recognition of exceptional performance.

Legislative Management study - Bonding - Section 11 provides for a Legislative Management study of the use of bonding to finance state building, road, and water construction projects.

Related Legislation

Legislative Assembly housing reimbursement - House Bill No. 1199 allows housing reimbursement for members of the Legislative Assembly upon submission of a voucher and receipt.

House and Senate employment positions - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3011 designates House and Senate employment positions for the 2015 session and sets compensation rates for the positions.

Legislative Assembly rooms and halls - Section 10 of Senate Bill No. 2015 provides one-time funding of \$160,000 from the general fund to the Legislative Assembly for the installation of audio and visual equipment, tables, chairs, and other furnishings in legislative meeting rooms within the former Information Technology Department space authorized under House Bill No. 1002. Section 26 of Senate Bill No. 2015 amends Section 48-08-04 to provide that during the interim, the Pioneer Room and three additional meeting rooms in the judicial wing are under the control of the legislative branch and may not be used without the authorization of the Legislative Council.

Records requests by members of the Legislative Assembly - Section 25 of Senate Bill No. 2015 creates a new section to Chapter 44-04 to provide any record of the Legislative Council relating to a request for public records made by the Legislative Council on behalf of a member of the Legislative Assembly is a public record. The Legislative Council must maintain a written or digital record of any request for public records made on behalf of a member of the Legislative Assembly. The record must identify the member of the Legislative Assembly who made the request.