

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2020 - Funding Summary**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Final Legislative Action</b>	<b>Comparison To Base Budget</b>
State Water Commission			
Administrative and support services	\$4,716,665	\$5,535,618	\$818,953
Water and atmospheric resources	822,365,166	1,119,400,218	297,035,052
Accrued leave payments	325,774		(325,774)
Fargo interior flood protection		30,000,000	30,000,000
Levees in Burleigh County		4,000,000	4,000,000
<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$827,407,605</u>	<u>\$1,158,935,836</u>	<u>\$331,528,231</u>
Less estimated income	<u>827,407,605</u>	<u>1,158,935,836</u>	<u>331,528,231</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	90.00	97.00	7.00
Bill Total			
Total all funds	\$827,407,605	\$1,158,935,836	\$331,528,231
Less estimated income	<u>827,407,605</u>	<u>1,158,935,836</u>	<u>331,528,231</u>
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	90.00	97.00	7.00

**Senate Bill No. 2020 - State Water Commission - Senate Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Changes</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>
Administrative and support services	\$4,716,665	(\$208,991)	\$4,507,674
Water and atmospheric resources	822,365,166	166,853,582	989,218,748
Accrued leave payments	325,774	(325,774)	
<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$827,407,605</u>	<u>\$166,318,817</u>	<u>\$993,726,422</u>
Less estimated income	<u>827,407,605</u>	<u>141,333,658</u>	<u>968,741,263</u>
General fund	\$0	\$24,985,159	\$24,985,159
FTE	90.00	8.00	98.00

**Department 770 - State Water Commission - Detail of Senate Changes**

	<b>Changes Funding Source for Administrative Costs<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Base Payroll Changes<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for New Water Permitting Positions<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for New Regulatory Director Position<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for New Water Supply Project Manager Position<sup>6</sup></b>
Administrative and support services		147,600	159,087			
Water and atmospheric resources		690,132	979,117	979,015	273,871	229,840
Accrued leave payments		<u>(325,774)</u>				
<u>Total all funds</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$511,958</u>	<u>\$1,138,204</u>	<u>\$979,015</u>	<u>\$273,871</u>	<u>\$229,840</u>
Less estimated income	<u>(21,789,687)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>130,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	\$21,789,687	\$511,958	\$1,008,004	\$979,015	\$273,871	\$229,840
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	1.00	1.00

	<b>Adds Funding for New Sovereign Lands Position<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Water Projects Funding<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Base Level Funding<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Total Senate Changes</b>
Administrative and support services			(515,678)	(208,991)
Water and atmospheric resources	192,784	152,132,255	11,376,568	166,853,582
Accrued leave payments				(325,774)
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$192,784</b>	<b>\$152,132,255</b>	<b>\$10,860,890</b>	<b>\$166,318,817</b>
Less estimated income	0	152,132,255	10,860,890	141,333,658
General fund	\$192,784	\$0	\$0	\$24,985,159
FTE	1.00	0.00	0.00	8.00

<sup>1</sup> The funding source for administrative, salaries and benefits, and operating costs is changed from the resources trust fund to the general fund. The amounts shown reflect the following base level operating cost reductions as a result of becoming a general fund supported agency:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rent		(\$315,000)	(\$315,000)
Statewide cost allocation		(235,000)	(235,000)
Legal fees		(488,000)	(488,000)
Total	\$0	(\$1,038,000)	(\$1,038,000)

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for cost-to-continue 2013-15 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.

<sup>3</sup> The following funding is added for 2015-17 biennium performance salary adjustments of 2 to 4 percent per year and increases in monthly health insurance premiums:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salary increase - Performance	\$634,518	\$80,543	\$715,061
Health insurance increase	373,486	49,657	423,143
Total	\$1,008,004	\$130,200	\$1,138,204

<sup>4</sup> Funding is added from the general fund for 5 new water permitting FTE positions (\$979,015) that were approved by the Emergency Commission during the 2013-14 interim.

<sup>5</sup> Funding is added from the general fund for a new regulatory director FTE position (\$273,871).

<sup>6</sup> Funding is added from the general fund for a new water supply project manager FTE position (\$229,840).

<sup>7</sup> Funding is added from the general fund for a new sovereign lands FTE position (\$192,784).

<sup>8</sup> Water projects funding is adjusted to provide a total of \$500 million for new water projects in the 2015-17 biennium.

<sup>9</sup> Base level funding is adjusted as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Consultant engineering and attorney fees increase		\$10,727,828	\$10,727,828
Operating costs adjustment		133,062	133,062
Total	\$0	\$10,860,890	\$10,860,890

In addition, this amendment adds sections to:

- Provide that funds designated by the Legislative Assembly for Fargo flood control are available only for levee and dike protection until the project receives federal authorization, a project partnership agreement is executed, a federal appropriation is provided for construction, and the budget for the Fargo flood control project is approved by the State Water Commission.

- To require an advance funding agreement between the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the local Fargo flood control sponsor prior to any state funding being used to advance construction work considered to be a federal responsibility.
- Provide legislative intent that the state provide one-half of the local cost-share of constructing a federally authorized Fargo flood control project, total Fargo flood control project funding not to exceed \$450 million, and the \$206 million yet to be designated for Fargo flood control is to be made available in equal installments over the next three bienniums.
- Provide funds appropriated for Fargo flood control are exempt from North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and must be continued into the next or subsequent bienniums.
- Direct funds appropriated for Western Area Water Supply Authority projects in the water and atmospheric resources line item be distributed in the form of grants from the resources trust fund in increments of \$10 million upon the satisfaction of the State Water Commission that sufficient domestic demand has been demonstrated. This section also restricts the funds from being used to construct industrial water infrastructure, to provide industrial water for exploration or to develop the oil and gas industry. The section requires Western Area Water Supply projects to submit an application to the State Water Commission in increments of \$10 million up to the total amount specified for Western Area Water Supply Authority projects.
- Require the State Water Commission to report to the Legislative Management's Water Topics Overview Committee every six months during the 2015-16 interim regarding any changes made to the State Water Commission priority projects list presented to the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.
- Require the FM Area Diversion Authority Board and the MNDak Upstream Coalition to report to the Legislative Management's Water Topics Overview Committee.
- Amend Section 54-35-02.7 regarding the Water Topics Overview Committee to require a report on the committee's project prioritization process, updates on allocated program expenditures, and the balances of projects, grants, and contracts.
- Repeal Section 61-02-78 regarding the infrastructure revolving loan fund.
- Require the State Water Commission to contract with North Dakota State University to study the Fargo diversion project.

**Senate Bill No. 2020 - State Water Commission - House Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>House Changes</b>	<b>House Version</b>
Administrative and support services	\$4,716,665	\$4,507,674	\$1,027,944	\$5,535,618
Water and atmospheric resources	822,365,166	989,218,748	129,981,015	1,119,199,763
Accrued leave payments	325,774			
Fargo interior flood protection			30,000,000	30,000,000
Levees in Burleigh County			5,000,000	5,000,000
Total all funds	<u>\$827,407,605</u>	<u>\$993,726,422</u>	<u>\$166,008,959</u>	<u>\$1,159,735,381</u>
Less estimated income	<u>827,407,605</u>	<u>968,741,263</u>	<u>190,994,118</u>	<u>1,159,735,381</u>
General fund	\$0	\$24,985,159	(\$24,985,159)	\$0
FTE	90.00	98.00	(2.00)	96.00

**Department 770 - State Water Commission - Detail of House Changes**

	<b>Changes Funding Source for Administrative Costs<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Costs Associated to Funding Source Change<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Removes Funding for New Water Permitting Position<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Removes Funding for New Sovereign Lands Position<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding From a Line of Credit for Water Projects<sup>6</sup></b>
Administrative and support services		1,038,000	(10,056)			
Water and atmospheric resources			(70,851)	(218,640)	(200,455)	200,000,000
Accrued leave payments						
Fargo interior flood protection						
Levees in Burleigh County						
Total all funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,038,000</u>	<u>(\$80,907)</u>	<u>(\$218,640)</u>	<u>(\$200,455)</u>	<u>\$200,000,000</u>
Less estimated income	<u>24,985,159</u>	<u>1,038,000</u>	<u>(80,907)</u>	<u>(218,640)</u>	<u>(200,455)</u>	<u>200,000,000</u>
General fund	(\$24,985,159)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	(1.00)	0.00

	<b>Adds Funding From Bank of North Dakota Bond Refinancing Loan<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for 2015-17 Biennium Payment on Refinanced Bonds<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Reduces Carryover Funding for Water Projects<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Water Projects Funding<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Adds One-Time Funding for Fargo Interior Flood Protection<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Adds One-Time Funding for Levees<sup>12</sup></b>
Administrative and support services						
Water and atmospheric resources	56,000,000	7,000,000	(16,529,039)	(116,000,000)		
Accrued leave payments						
Fargo interior flood protection					30,000,000	
Levees in Burleigh County						5,000,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$56,000,000</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>(\$16,529,039)</b>	<b>(\$116,000,000)</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
Less estimated income	56,000,000	7,000,000	(16,529,039)	(116,000,000)	30,000,000	5,000,000
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	<b>Total House Changes</b>
Administrative and support services	1,027,944
Water and atmospheric resources	129,981,015
Accrued leave payments	
Fargo interior flood protection	30,000,000
Levees in Burleigh County	5,000,000
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$166,008,959</b>
Less estimated income	190,994,118
General fund	(\$24,985,159)
FTE	(2.00)

<sup>1</sup> The funding source for administrative, salaries and benefits, and operating costs is changed from the general fund to the resources trust fund.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for additional base level operating costs as a result of being a special funded agency:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rent		\$315,000	\$315,000
Statewide cost allocation		235,000	235,000
Legal fees		488,000	488,000
Total	\$0	\$1,038,000	\$1,038,000

<sup>3</sup> Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

<sup>4</sup> Funding is removed for a new water permitting FTE position (\$210,184) and related salary increase (\$8,456).

<sup>5</sup> Funding is removed for a new sovereign lands FTE position (\$192,784) and related salary increase (\$7,671).

<sup>6</sup> Funding from a \$200 million line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota is added for the following projects:

	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Loans</b>	<b>Line of Credit Total</b>
Fargo flood control project	\$69,000,000		\$69,000,000
Minot flood control project	40,000,000		40,000,000
Stutsman County water reuse facility	10,000,000	40,000,000	50,000,000
Central Dakota water supply project (Contingent)	20,000,000		20,000,000
Northwest Area Water Supply Project (Contingent)	10,000,000		10,000,000
Rice Lake flood control project	3,000,000		3,000,000
2013-15 biennium cost-share reimbursements	8,000,000		8,000,000
Line of credit total	\$160,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$200,000,000

<sup>7</sup> Funding is added from loan proceeds from the Bank of North Dakota to pay off or defease the remaining outstanding bonds issues of the State Water Commission.

<sup>8</sup> Funding is added from the water development trust fund for repayment to the Bank of North Dakota, relating to the loan to refinance the existing outstanding bonds of the State Water Commission.

<sup>9</sup> Carryover funding from the resources trust fund is removed for the following projects:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Devils Lake gravity outflow channel		(\$13,686,839)	(\$13,686,839)
Rice Lake recreation district		(2,842,200)	(2,842,200)
Total	\$0	(\$16,529,039)	(\$16,529,039)

<sup>10</sup> Water projects funding is adjusted to provide a total of \$381 million for new water projects in the 2015-17 biennium from the resources trust fund and water development trust fund.

<sup>11</sup> A section is added to the bill to provide one-time funding from the state disaster relief fund for the Fargo interior flood protection project.

<sup>12</sup> A section is added to the bill to provide one-time funding from the state disaster relief fund for the following levees in Burleigh County:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Missouri River Correctional Center levee		\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Fox Island levee		3,300,000	3,300,000
Total	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

This amendment also:

- Adds a section granting \$1 million to the Parks and Recreation Department for developing recreation opportunities on sovereign lands in the state.
- Adds a section requiring the State Water Commission to obtain a loan from the Bank of North Dakota to pay off or defease the commission's outstanding bond issues.
- Amends Section 10 to provide it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to provide \$120 million for Fargo interior flood control projects; Fargo interior flood control projects require a 50 percent match beginning in July 2017, and funding yet to be designated will be made available over the next three bienniums.
- Adds a section designating funding from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 for the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District to plan and design the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.
- Adds a section designating unobligated 2013-15 funding and funding from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 for grants for flood control projects that pose an imminent threat to loss of life and property.
- Adds a section to require the State Water Commission make available \$8 million from the line of credit to reimburse rural water systems affected by local cost-share changes during the 2013-15 biennium.
- Adds a section designating funding from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 to various projects.
- Adds a section allowing funding transfers between certain projects subject to Budget Section approval.
- Adds a section requiring the State Water Commission to conduct a study of the Central Dakota Water Supply Project.

- Adds a section providing a contingent allocation from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 for various projects.
- Adds a section increasing Stutsman Rural Water District's aggregated total outstanding revenue bond limit from \$50 million to \$100 million.
- Adds a section requiring any agreement entered into by the State Water Commission for the Stutsman County water reuse facility project to include requirements that water users be bonded in proportion to their share of any project debt.
- Adds a Legislative Management study of the options available for providing a sustainable water supply to central and eastern North Dakota.
- Adds a section of legislative intent that the Legislative Assembly provide \$150 million per biennium over the next four bienniums for the implementation of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project that results from the Legislative Management study.
- Removes Section 14 relating to incremental funding for the Western Area Water Supply Authority.
- Adds a section of legislative intent that state funding be provided for a share of the nonfederal or local cost for construction of the lower Heart River Morton County flood control project.
- Adds a section restricting Western Area Water Supply Authority member entities from using industrial water sales relating to oil and gas exploration or production to repay debt or as collateral to secure debt.
- Adds a section requiring independent water providers and the Western Area Water Supply Authority to report to the Legislative Management's Water Topics Overview Committee.
- Adds a section requiring Southwest Pipeline Authority to report to the 65th Legislative Assembly.
- Amends a section related to a State Water Commission study of the Fargo diversion project.
- Creates a new section to Chapter 61-02 relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit for State Water Commission designated projects.
- Creates a new section to Chapter 61-02 relating to State Water Commission cost-share policy.
- Creates a new section to Chapter 61-02 relating to North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grants and their effect on local cost-share.
- Removes the repeal of Section 61-02-78 related to the infrastructure revolving loan fund.
- Amends a section related to the appropriation of additional income in the resources trust fund and the water development trust fund to require Budget Section approval.
- Amends a section related to Fargo flood control reports to provide the MNDak Upstream Coalition report to the Legislative Management Water Topics Overview Committee.
- Adds an emergency clause.

**Senate Bill No. 2020 - State Water Commission - Conference Committee Action**

	<b>Base Budget</b>	<b>Senate Version</b>	<b>Conference Committee Changes</b>	<b>Conference Committee Version</b>	<b>House Version</b>	<b>Comparison to House</b>
Administrative and support services	\$4,716,665	\$4,507,674	\$1,027,944	\$5,535,618	\$5,535,618	
Water and atmospheric resources	822,365,166	989,218,748	130,181,470	1,119,400,218	1,119,199,763	200,455
Accrued leave payments	325,774					
Fargo interior flood protection			30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	
Levees in Burleigh County			4,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	(1,000,000)
Total all funds	<u>\$827,407,605</u>	<u>\$993,726,422</u>	<u>\$165,209,414</u>	<u>\$1,158,935,836</u>	<u>\$1,159,735,381</u>	<u>(\$799,545)</u>
Less estimated income	<u>827,407,605</u>	<u>968,741,263</u>	<u>190,194,573</u>	<u>1,158,935,836</u>	<u>1,159,735,381</u>	<u>(799,545)</u>
General fund	\$0	\$24,985,159	(\$24,985,159)	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	90.00	98.00	(1.00)	97.00	96.00	1.00

**Department 770 - State Water Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	<b>Changes Funding Source for Administrative Costs<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding for Costs Associated with Funding Source Change<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Removes Funding for New Water Permitting Position<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding From a Line of Credit for Water Projects<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Adds Funding From Bank of North Dakota Bond Refinancing Loan<sup>6</sup></b>
Administrative and support services		1,038,000	(10,056)			
Water and atmospheric resources			(70,851)	(218,640)	200,000,000	56,000,000
Accrued leave payments						
Fargo interior flood protection						
Levees in Burleigh County						
<b>Total all funds</b>	\$0	\$1,038,000	(\$80,907)	(\$218,640)	\$200,000,000	\$56,000,000
Less estimated income	24,985,159	1,038,000	(80,907)	(218,640)	200,000,000	56,000,000
General fund	(\$24,985,159)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	0.00

  

	<b>Adds Funding for 2015-17 Biennium Payment on Refinanced Bonds<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Reduces Carryover Funding for Water Projects<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Adjusts Water Projects Funding<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>Adds One-Time Funding for Fargo Interior Flood Protection<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Adds One-Time Funding for Levees<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Total Conference Committee Changes</b>
Administrative and support services						1,027,944
Water and atmospheric resources	7,000,000	(16,529,039)	(116,000,000)			130,181,470
Accrued leave payments				30,000,000		30,000,000
Fargo interior flood protection					4,000,000	4,000,000
Levees in Burleigh County						
<b>Total all funds</b>	\$7,000,000	(\$16,529,039)	(\$116,000,000)	\$30,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$165,209,414
Less estimated income	7,000,000	(16,529,039)	(116,000,000)	30,000,000	4,000,000	190,194,573
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$24,985,159)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

<sup>1</sup> The funding source for administrative, salaries and benefits, and operating costs is changed from the general fund to the resources trust fund, the same as the House version.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for additional base level operating costs as a result of being a special funded agency, the same as the House version.

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Rent		\$315,000	\$315,000
Statewide cost allocation		235,000	235,000
Legal fees		488,000	488,000
Total	\$0	\$1,038,000	\$1,038,000

<sup>3</sup> Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

<sup>4</sup> Funding is removed for a new water permitting FTE position (\$210,184) and related salary increase (\$8,456), the same as the House version.

<sup>5</sup> Funding from a \$200 million line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota is added for water projects. The House added the line of credit funding, but also designated the funding for certain types of projects.

<sup>6</sup> Funding is added from loan proceeds from the Bank of North Dakota to pay off or defease the remaining outstanding bond issues of the State Water Commission, the same as the House version.

<sup>7</sup> Funding is added from the water development trust fund for repayment to the Bank of North Dakota, relating to the loan to refinance the existing outstanding bonds of the State Water Commission, the same as the House version.

<sup>8</sup> Carryover funding from the resources trust fund is removed for the following projects, the House also removed this funding:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Devils Lake gravity outflow channel		(\$13,686,839)	(\$13,686,839)
Rice Lake recreation district		(2,842,200)	(2,842,200)
Total	\$0	(\$16,529,039)	(\$16,529,039)

<sup>9</sup> Water projects funding is adjusted to provide a total of \$381 million for new water projects in the 2015-17 biennium from the resources trust fund and water development trust fund, the same as the House version.

<sup>10</sup> A section is added to the bill to provide one-time funding from the state disaster relief fund for the Fargo interior flood protection project, the same as the House version.

<sup>11</sup> One-time funding is added from the state disaster relief fund of \$1.2 million for the Missouri River Correctional Center levee and \$2.8 million for the Fox Island levee, the House version provided a total of \$5 million. The Conference Committee provided funding from the state disaster relief fund for levees in Burleigh County as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Missouri River Correctional Center levee		\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Fox Island levee		2,800,000	2,800,000
Total	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000

This amendment also:

- Adds a section requiring the State Water Commission to obtain a loan from the Bank of North Dakota to pay off or defease the commission's outstanding bond issues, the same as the House version.
- Amends a section to provide it is the intent of the Legislative Assembly to provide \$570 million for Fargo flood control projects, of which \$120 million is for Fargo interior flood control projects which require a 50 percent match beginning in July 2017, and funding yet to be designated will be made available over the next four bienniums. The Senate and House version provided additional funding over the next three bienniums.
- Adds a section designating funding from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 for the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District to plan and design the Red River Valley Water Supply Project, similar to the House version.
- Adds a section providing a contingent allocation from the water and atmospheric resources line item in Section 1 for various projects and requires the State Water Commission to conduct a study of the Central Dakota Water Supply Project. The Conference Committee combined two sections of the House version.
- Adds a section increasing Stutsman Rural Water District's aggregated total outstanding revenue bond limit from \$50 million to \$100 million, the same as the House version.
- Adds a section requiring any agreement entered into by the State Water Commission relating to the Stutsman County water reuse facility project must include requirements that the users of the water reuse facility have entered into contracts, which may include use contracts or credit support arrangements with the Stutsman Rural Water District pursuant to which the expected revenues from these contracts over the term of the contracts are sufficient to repay the total balance of the loans or revenue bonds authorized by the 64<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly for the Stutsman County water reuse facility. This was not included in the Senate version and the House version required bonding equal to a user's proportionate share of the loan.
- Adds a Legislative Management study of the options available for providing a sustainable water supply to central and eastern North Dakota, the same as the House version.
- Adds a section of legislative intent to provide \$150 million per biennium beginning on July 1, 2017, and extending over the next four bienniums for the implementation of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project that results from the Legislative Management study. The House added the section, but the Conference Committee clarified the beginning date of July 1, 2017.
- Removes a section relating to incremental funding for the Western Area Water Supply Authority, the same as the House version.

- Adds a section restricting Western Area Water Supply Authority member entities from using industrial water sales relating to oil and gas exploration or production to repay debt or as collateral to secure debt, similar to the House version.
- Adds a section requiring independent water providers and the Western Area Water Supply Authority to report to the Legislative Management's Water Topics Overview Committee, the same as the House version.
- Adds a section requiring Southwest Pipeline Authority to report to the 65th Legislative Assembly, the same as the House version.
- Amends a section related to a State Water Commission study of the Fargo diversion project, the same as the House version.
- Creates a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 61-02 relating to a Bank of North Dakota line of credit for the State Water Commission. This was not included in the Senate version and the House version specifically identified projects.
- Creates a new section to Chapter 61-02 relating to State Water Commission cost-share policy, similar to the House version.
- Creates a new section to Chapter 61-02 relating to North Dakota outdoor heritage fund grants and their effect on local cost-share, the same as the House version.
- Removes the repeal of Section 61-02-78 related to the infrastructure revolving loan fund, the same as the House version.
- Amends a section related to the appropriation of additional income in the resources trust fund and the water development trust fund to require Budget Section approval, the same as the House version.
- Amends a section related to Fargo flood control reports to provide the MNDak Upstream Coalition report to the Legislative Management's Water Topics Overview Committee, the same as the House version.
- Adds an emergency clause. The House also added an emergency clause.
- Adds a section providing a \$1 million sovereign lands recreation use grant to the Parks and Recreation Department, the same as the House version.
- Adds a section providing a \$4 million appropriation from the state disaster relief fund for levee projects in Burleigh County. The Senate version did not include this provision and the House version provided \$5 million from the state disaster relief fund.
- Adds section designating \$11 million of the line of credit for reimbursing rural and municipal water systems for the 2013-15 cost-share changes. The Senate version did not include this section and the House version also provided \$11 million for reimbursing rural and municipal water systems.
- Adds a section designating funding for selected purposes. The Senate version did not include this section and the House version provided funding for selected projects.
- Adds a section authorizing the transfer of funds among designated projects, subject to Budget Section approval, similar to the House version.
- The Conference Committee did not include the following sections added by the House:
  - A section of legislative intent relating to the lower Heart River Morton County flood control project.
  - A section designating the use of \$9.7 million of State Water Commission carryover funding for flood control projects in areas that pose an imminent threat to loss of life and property.