

**Legislative Council
Budget No. 160
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2017-19 legislative appropriation	36.00	\$11,891,138	\$70,000	\$11,961,138
2015-17 legislative appropriation	37.00	12,558,870	70,000	12,628,870
2017-19 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2015-17 appropriation	(1.00)	(\$667,732)	\$0	(\$667,732)

Item Description

Legislative revenue advisory committee - The Legislative Assembly created a new section to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-35 to establish a legislative revenue advisory committee. However, the Governor vetoed this section.

Lawsuit relating to Governor's vetoes - In September 2017 the Legislative Management approved a motion to proceed with litigation relating to the Governor's line item vetoes of legislation approved by the 65th Legislative Assembly.

Status/Result

Although the Governor vetoed the section, the Legislative Management appointed an interim Legislative Revenue Advisory Committee and assigned the committee the responsibility to study state revenues and state revenue forecasts. The advisory committee recommended the Chairman of the Legislative Management contract with IHS Markit to provide economic forecasting data. Through March 2018 the Legislative Council has expended \$9,000 of the \$49,292 total contract with IHS Markit.

The Legislative Management directed the Legislative Council staff to work with outside attorneys to provide necessary assistance related to the litigation. Arguments related to the lawsuit were heard before the North Dakota Supreme Court on March 19, 2018. The Legislative Management and the Governor are currently awaiting the court's decision. Through March 2018 the Legislative Council has incurred legal fees related to the lawsuit of \$47,763.