

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**Senate Bill No. 2008 - Funding Summary**

	Executive Budget	Final Legislative Action	Comparison To Executive Budget
Public Service Commission			
Salaries and wages	\$5,764,864	\$5,680,982	(\$83,882)
Operating expenses	1,628,201	1,635,856	7,655
Capital assets	107,500	157,984	50,484
Grants	8,000	8,000	
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	4,500,000	4,500,000	
Agriculture rail rate and service fund	900,000		(900,000)
Rail rate complaint case		900,000	900,000
Total all funds	<u>\$12,908,565</u>	<u>\$12,882,822</u>	<u>(\$25,743)</u>
Less estimated income	<u>8,005,382</u>	<u>8,005,382</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	\$4,903,183	\$4,877,440	(\$25,743)
FTE	42.00	41.00	(1.00)
Bill Total			
Total all funds	\$12,908,565	\$12,882,822	(\$25,743)
Less estimated income	<u>8,005,382</u>	<u>8,005,382</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	\$4,903,183	\$4,877,440	(\$25,743)
FTE	42.00	41.00	(1.00)

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$5,764,864		\$5,764,864
Operating expenses	1,628,201		1,628,201
Capital assets	107,500	30,484	137,984
Grants	8,000		8,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	4,500,000		4,500,000
Agriculture rail rate and service fund	900,000		900,000
Total all funds	<u>\$12,908,565</u>	<u>\$30,484</u>	<u>\$12,939,049</u>
Less estimated income	<u>8,005,382</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,005,382</u>
General fund	\$4,903,183	\$30,484	\$4,933,667
FTE	42.00	0.00	42.00

Department No. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Fuel Testing Equipment¹	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages		
Operating expenses		
Capital assets	30,484	30,484
Grants		
Abandoned mined lands contractual services		
Agriculture rail rate and service fund		
Total all funds	<u>\$30,484</u>	<u>\$30,484</u>
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General fund	\$30,484	\$30,484
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Adds funding for a prover to be used to test high-flow retail dispensers.

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - House Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$5,764,864	\$5,764,864	(\$83,882)	\$5,680,982
Operating expenses	1,628,201	1,628,201	(44,136)	1,584,065
Capital assets	107,500	137,984	(19,000)	118,984
Grants	8,000	8,000		8,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	4,500,000	4,500,000		4,500,000
Agriculture rail rate and service fund	900,000	900,000	(900,000)	
Rail rate complaint case			495,000	495,000
Total all funds	\$12,908,565	\$12,939,049	(\$552,018)	\$12,387,031
Less estimated income	8,005,382	8,005,382	(405,000)	7,600,382
General fund	\$4,903,183	\$4,933,667	(\$147,018)	\$4,786,649
FTE	42.00	42.00	(1.00)	41.00

Department No. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes

	Reduces Funding for Rail Rate Case ¹	Removes 1 FTE Weights and Measures Inspector Position ²	Adds Funding for Metrology Program ³	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages		(\$83,882)		(\$83,882)
Operating expenses		(55,736)	11,600	(44,136)
Capital assets		(39,000)	20,000	(19,000)
Grants				
Abandoned mined lands contractual services				
Agriculture rail rate and service fund	(900,000)			(900,000)
Rail rate complaint case	495,000			495,000
Total all funds	(\$405,000)	(\$178,618)	\$31,600	(\$552,018)
Less estimated income	(405,000)	0	0	(405,000)
General fund	\$0	(\$178,618)	\$31,600	(\$147,018)
FTE	0.00	(1.00)	0.00	(1.00)

¹ The House provided \$495,000, of which \$450,000 is from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund and \$45,000 is other funds from the private sector, for a rail rate complaint case. The references to the agriculture rail rate and service fund are removed. Total expenditures for a rail rate complaint case shall include a 10 percent match from private sector funding. Any expenditures for a rail rate complaint case over \$20,000 require Budget Section approval.

² The House removed 1 FTE weights and measures inspector position and related funding for salaries and wages, travel, and equipment.

³ The House provided \$31,600 of additional funding for costs to continue the state metrology program and provided that the \$30,000 of funding in the budget to have weights and measures equipment calibrated by Minnesota for National Institute of Standards and Technology-recognized services instead be applied to costs necessary to maintain the state program.

The House added a section identifying one-time funding included in the budget and providing for a report to the 61st Legislative Assembly on the agency's use of the one-time funding.

The House added a section providing for the Legislative Assembly to provide a report to the 61st Legislative Assembly regarding the department's geographic information system initiative.

Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - Conference Committee Action

	Executive Budget	Senate Version	Conf. Com. Changes	Conf. Com. Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$5,764,864	\$5,764,864	(\$83,882)	\$5,680,982	\$5,680,982	
Operating expenses	1,628,201	1,628,201	7,655	1,635,856	1,584,065	51,791
Capital assets	107,500	137,984	20,000	157,984	118,984	39,000
Grants	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	4,500,000	4,500,000		4,500,000	4,500,000	
Agriculture rail rate and service fund	900,000	900,000	(900,000)			
Rail rate complaint case			900,000	900,000	495,000	405,000
Total all funds	\$12,908,565	\$12,939,049	(\$56,227)	\$12,882,822	\$12,387,031	\$495,791
Less estimated income	8,005,382	8,005,382	0	8,005,382	7,600,382	405,000
General fund	\$4,903,183	\$4,933,667	(\$56,227)	\$4,877,440	\$4,786,649	\$90,791
FTE	42.00	42.00	(1.00)	41.00	41.00	0.00

Department No. 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Removes 1 FTE Weights and Measures Inspector Position ¹	Adds Funding for Metrology Program ²	Changes Funding to Rail Rate Complaint Case ³	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$83,882)			(\$83,882)
Operating expenses	(36,945)	44,600		7,655
Capital assets		20,000		20,000
Grants				
Abandoned mined lands contractual services				
Agriculture rail rate and service fund			(900,000)	(900,000)
Rail rate complaint case			900,000	900,000
Total all funds	(\$120,827)	\$64,600	\$0	(\$56,227)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	(\$120,827)	\$64,600	\$0	(\$56,227)
FTE	(1.00)	0.00	0.00	(1.00)

¹ The House removed 1 FTE weights and measures inspector position and related funding for salaries and wages, travel, and equipment. The conference committee agreed to eliminate the position but restored \$39,000 for equipment and \$18,791 for travel costs.

² The House provided \$31,600 of additional funding for costs to continue the state metrology program and provided that the \$30,000 of funding in the budget to have weights and measures equipment calibrated by Minnesota for National Institute of Standards and Technology-recognized services instead be applied to costs necessary to maintain the state program. The conference committee appropriated an additional \$33,000 for operating costs to maintain the weights and measures program.

³ The conference committee authorized \$800,000 from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund and \$100,000 from other funds for a rail rate complaint case rather than the agriculture rail rate and service fund.

The House added a section identifying one-time funding included in the budget and providing for a report to the 61st Legislative Assembly on the agency's use of the one-time funding. The conference committee agreed with the House action.

The House added a section providing for the Legislative Assembly to provide a report to the 61st Legislative Assembly regarding the department's geographic information system initiative. The conference committee agreed with the House action.

The conference committee added a section providing for the Legislative Council to consider studying the practices and laws relating to the sale of real estate by auctioneers.

The conference committee added a section providing for the Public Service Commission to develop a plan for the use of the metrology laboratory building and to provide a report to the Budget Section and the Office of Management and Budget regarding the future of the metrology program.

The conference committee changed the requirement that weighing and measuring devices be tested every 15 months to a frequency as determined by the Public Service Commission, not to exceed 24 months. The required frequency for testing may vary depending on the type of weights and measures device.