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Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

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#### **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2014**

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**Appropriations Committee** 

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the industrial commission and the agencies under the management of the industrial commission; to provide a continuing appropriation; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide for transfers; to create and enact a new subsection to section 54-17-07.3, a new section to chapter 54-17, a new section to chapter 57-38, and two new subdivisions to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the essential service worker home ownershipprogram, housing incentive fund tax credits, and essential service worker home ownership fundtax credits; to amend and reenact sections 15-62.1-07, 28-25-11, 54-17-40, 54-18-19, and 57-62-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and section 26 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws, relating to loan guarantee fees, suspension of occupational or professional licenses, the housing incentive fund, and North Dakota mill and elevator profits, coal development trust fund allocations, and a financial center project; to repeal section 54-17-41 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to housing incentive fund reports; to provide statements of legislative intent; to provide for reports; to provide exemptions; to provide aneffective date; and to provide an expiration date; 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows: Subdivision 1.

1	Adjustments or			
2	I	Base Level	<b>Enhancements</b>	<u>Appropriation</u>
3	Salaries and wages	\$22,132,229	(\$93,883)	\$22,038,346
4	Operating expenses	4,779,135	1,526,753	6,305,888
5	Grants - bond payments	15,040,829	(1,830,345)	13,210,484
6	Contingencies	<u>0</u>	<u>1,254,462</u>	<u>1,254,462</u>
7	Total all funds	<del>\$41,952,193</del>	\$856,987	\$42,809,180
8	Less estimated income	16,994,447	(649,789)	<u>16,344,658</u>
9	Total general fund	\$24,957,746	<del>\$1,506,776</del>	<del>\$26,464,522</del>
10	Full-time equivalent positions	116.75	(2.50)	114.25
11	Salaries and wages	\$22,132,229	(\$118,145)	\$22,014,084
12	Operating expenses	4,779,135	1,526,753	6,305,888
13	Grants - bond payments	15,040,829	(1,830,345)	13,210,484
14	Contingencies	0	221,737	221,737
15	Total all funds	\$41,952,193	(\$200,000)	\$41,752,193
16	Less estimated income	16,994,447	(651,241)	16,343,206
17	Total general fund	\$24,957,746	\$451,241	\$25,408,987
18	Full-time equivalent positions	116.75	(6.50)	110.25
19	Subdivision 2.			
20	BANK OF	NORTH DAKOTA - O	PERATIONS	
21	Adjustments or			
22		Base Level	<b>Enhancements</b>	<u>Appropriation</u>
23	Bank of North Dakota operations	\$58,542,301	(\$15,357)	<del>\$58,526,944</del>
24	Capital assets	<u>745,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>810,000</u>
25	Total special funds	\$59,287,301	\$49,643	<del>\$59,336,944</del>
26	Bank of North Dakota operations	\$58,542,301	(\$53,097)	\$58,489,204
27	Capital assets	745,000	65,000	810,000
28	Total special funds	\$59,287,301	\$11,903	\$59,299,204
29	Full-time equivalent positions	181.50	0.00	181.50
30	Subdivision 3.			
31	MILL AN	ND ELEVATOR ASSO	OCIATION	

1			Adjustments or	
2		Base Level	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
3	Salaries and wages	<del>\$36,278,898</del>	\$3,061,347	\$39,340,245
4	Operating expenses	27,327,000	868,000	28,195,000
5	Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
6	Agriculture promotion	<del>210,000</del>	<u>0</u>	210,000
7	Total from mill and elevator fund	<del>\$64,315,898</del>	\$3,929,347	\$68,245,245
8	Salaries and wages	\$36,278,898	\$3,029,621	\$39,308,519
9	Operating expenses	27,327,000	868,000	28,195,000
10	Contingencies	500,000	0	500,000
11	Agriculture promotion	210,000	0	210,000
12	Total from mill and elevator fund	\$64,315,898	\$3,897,621	\$68,213,519
13	Full-time equivalent positions	147.00	6.00	153.00
14	Subdivision 4.			
15	HOUSII	NG FINANCE AG	ENCY	
16			Adjustments or	
17		Base Level	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
18	Salaries and wages	<del>\$7,745,034</del>	<del>\$156,353</del>	<del>\$7,901,387</del>
19	Operating expenses	3,744,275	999,080	4,743,355
20	Grants	25,930,780	5,864,048	31,794,828
21	Housing finance agency contingencies	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100,000</u>
22	Total special funds	\$37,520,089	<del>\$7,019,481</del>	\$44,539,570
23	Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	0.00	46.00
24	Salaries and wages	\$7,745,034	\$147,022	\$7,892,056
25	Operating expenses	3,744,275	999,080	4,743,355
26	Grants	25,930,780	5,864,048	31,794,828
27	Housing finance agency contingencies	100,000	0	100,000
28	Total special funds	\$37,520,089	\$7,010,150	\$44,530,239
29	Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	(2.00)	44.00
30	Subdivision 5.			
31		BILL TOTAL		

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1	Adjustments or			
2	ı	Base Level	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
3	Grand total general fund	<del>\$24,957,746</del>	\$1,506,776	\$26,464,522
4	Grand total special funds	<u>178,117,735</u>	10,348,682	188,466,417
5	Grand total all funds	<del>\$203,075,481</del>	<del>\$11,855,458</del>	\$214,930,939
6	Grand total general fund	\$24,957,746	\$451,241	\$25,408,987
7	Grand total special funds	178,117,735	10,268,433	188,386,168
8	Grand total all funds	\$203,075,481	\$10,719,674	\$213,795,155
9	SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. Section 1 of this Act includes the sum of			
10	\$1,319,354, of which \$292,009 is from the general fund, for increases in employee health			
11	insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month.			
12	SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNI	DING - EFFECT ON BA	SE BUDGET - REPO	RT TO THE
13	SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding			
14	items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly as adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium			
15	and the 2017-19 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of			in section 1 of
16	this Act:			
17	One Time Funding Descr	intion	2015 17	2017 10

17	One-Time Funding Description	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
18	Litigation	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
19	Lignite research council grant	4,672,500	0
20	Aerial photography	104,143	0
21	Contract analysis	125,000	0
22	Digital conversion	25,000	0
23	Migration to RBDMS.net	250,000	0
24	All-terrain vehicles	41,500	0
25	Core library expansion	13,625,322	0
26	Financial center project	<u>17,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
27	Total all funds	\$38,343,465	\$1,000,000
28	Total special funds	30,625,322	<u>1,000,000</u>
29	Total general fund	\$7,718,143	\$0

The 2017-19 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for

the 2019-21 biennium. The industrial commission shall report to the appropriations committees

1 of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium 2 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. 3 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - BOND PAYMENTS. The amount of \$13,210,484 4 included in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act in the grants - bond payments line item must be 5 paid from the following funding sources during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending 6 June 30, 2019: 7 \$6,605,326 North Dakota university system 8 North Dakota university system - energy conservation projects 491,500 9 Department of corrections and rehabilitation 1,158,679 10 Department of corrections and rehabilitation - energy conservation projects 16,285 11 State department of health 636,877 12 Job service North Dakota 428,100 13 Office of management and budget 665,411 14 766,012 Attorney general's office 15 State historical society 1,392,629 16 73,642 Parks and recreation department 17 Research and extension service 571,520 18 Veterans' home 404,503 19 Total \$13,210,484 20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY - ADDITIONAL INCOME. 21 In addition to the amount appropriated to the housing finance agency in subdivision 4 of section 22 1 of this Act, there is appropriated any additional income or unanticipated income from federal 23 or other funds which may become available to the agency for the biennium beginning July 1, 24 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The housing finance agency shall notify the office of 25 management and budget and the legislative council of any additional income or unanticipated 26 income that becomes available to the agency. 27 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM BONDS - EMERGENCY 28 **COMMISSION APPROVAL.** In addition to the amount appropriated to the industrial commission 29 in subdivision 1 of section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated, with the approval of the 30 emergency commission, funds that may become available to the commission from bonds

authorized by law to be issued by the industrial commission for the biennium beginning July 1,
 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

#### SECTION 7. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUNDING.

The amount of \$1,254,462\$221,737 from the general fund and sixtwo 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 the thresholds identified in this section. Of the \$1,254,462 and the six full-time equivalent positions in this section, the industrial commission may spend funding and hire-full-time equivalent positions, as follows:

- Subject to budget section approval, \$418,154 from the contingencies line item and twofull-time equivalent positions if the total number of wells capable of production and injection exceeds eighteen thousand two hundred.
- 2. In addition to the funding and full-time equivalent positions authorized in subsection 1 and subject to budget section approval, \$836,308 from the contingencies line item and four full-time equivalent positions if the total number of wells capable of production and injection exceeds nineteen thousand four hundred wells.eighteen thousand two hundred. Subject to budget section approval, the industrial commission may spend \$221,737 from the contingencies line item and may hire two full-time equivalent positions if the total number of wells capable of production and injection exceeds eighteen thousand two hundred.

SECTION 8. TRANSFER - ENTITIES WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND. The sum of \$1,103,986\$1,103,779, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, included in the special funds appropriation line item 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, 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.

1	SECTION 9. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO GENERAL FUND.
2	The industrial commission shall transfer to the general fund \$140,000,000 from the current
3	earnings and the accumulated undivided profits of the Bank of North Dakota during the
4	biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The moneys must be transferred
5	in the amounts and at the times requested by the director of the office of management and
6	budget after consultation with the Bank of North Dakota president.
7	SECTION 10. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING
8	COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$16,000,000,
9	or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided
10	profits to the partnership in assisting community expansion fund during the biennium beginning
11	July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
12	SECTION 11. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - AGRICULTURE
13	PARTNERSHIP IN ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall
14	transfer the sum of \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's
15	current earnings and undivided profits to the agriculture partnership in assisting community
16	expansion fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
17	SECTION 12. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - BIOFUELS PARTNERSHIP IN
18	ASSISTING COMMUNITY EXPANSION. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of
19	\$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and
20	undivided profits to the biofuels partnership in assisting community expansion fund during the
21	biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
22	SECTION 13. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - BEGINNING FARMER
23	<b>REVOLVING LOAN FUND.</b> The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of \$6,000,000, or
24	so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and undivided
25	profits to the beginning farmer revolving loan fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017,
26	and ending June 30, 2019.
27	SECTION 14. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
28	LOAN INTEREST RATE BUYDOWNS. The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the sum of
29	\$6,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current earnings and
30	undivided profits for interest rate buydowns on outstanding school construction loans under
31	section 15.1-36-06 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

#### 1 SECTION 15. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO 2 LIGNITE RESEARCH FUND. The department of trust lands shall transfer the sum of 3 \$3,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the lignite research fund 4 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding must be 5 used to provide grants for advanced energy technology research and development. Grant 6 recipients must provide matching funds. 7 SECTION 16. ESTIMATED INCOME - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS 8 FUNDS. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$1,000,000 from the 9 strategic investment and improvements fund for litigation expenses. 10 **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-62.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is 11 amended and reenacted as follows: 12 15-62.1-07. Fees for insurance and other reasonable costs. 13 The agency is hereby authorized tomay charge reasonable fees for guarantee and 14 insurance to students obtaining or who have obtained loans under this chapter, and such fees. 15 The agency may charge up to thirteen eighteen percent of accumulated principal and interest if 16 the loans are in default under section 15-62.1-06. The fees collected under this section must be 17 available to defray costs of administering the guarantee loan program. Fees in excess of the 18 amount required to pay the cost of administering the program must be deposited in the reserve 19 fund. The authority of the agency to charge reasonable fees under this section applies to all 20 borrowers and cosigners for loans obtained under this chapter whenever the underlying note 21 was executed and subject to the note providing for payments of fees and collections costs. 22 SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 28-25-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is 23 amended and reenacted as follows: 24 28-25-11. Property applied - Wages exempt - Suspension of occupational or-25 professional license recreational licenses for nonpayment of defaulted state guaranteed 26 student loans. 27 1. The judge may order any property of the judgment debtor not exempt from execution 28 in the hands either of the judgment debtor or of any other person or due the judgment 29 debtor to be applied toward the satisfaction of the judgment, except that the earnings 30 of the debtor for the debtor's personal services at any time within sixty days next 31 preceding the order cannot be so applied when it is made to appear, by the debtor's

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affidavit or otherwise, that the earnings are necessary for the use of a family supported wholly or partly by the debtor's labor.

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If the debt for which a judgment is entered is for a guaranteed student loan, the court, after considering the factors in subsection 1, shall address and make specific findingson the issue of whether the judgment debtor has an occupational or a professional certificate license or permit issued by or on behalf of the state or any occupational or professional boards, which the judgment debtor is required to obtain before engaging in the judgment debtor's occupation or profession. The court, based on principles of fairness, including consideration of whether the judgment debtor has been unjustlyenriched, may suspend a judgment debtor's certificate, license, or permit. Following a decision to suspend a judgment debtor's certificate, license, or permit, the court shallnotify the judgment debtor that the decision becomes final thirty days after the notification unless the judgment debtor satisfies the entire outstanding payment due or makes regular payment on the judgment in a manner and at times satisfactory to the court. The court shall notify the proper licensing authority of the court's decision to suspend a judgment debtor's certificate, license, or permit. A certificate, license, or permit suspended by an order issued under this section may be reissued only by orderof the court. An appeal by a judgment debtor who has had a certificate, license, or permit suspended under this section is an appeal from the court's order and may not be appealed to the licensing authority. The court may withhold or suspend any certificate, permit, or license issued by lottery, tag, electronically, or over the counterby the director of the game and fish department which the judgment debtor is required to obtain before engaging in a recreational activity. Following a decision to withhold or suspend a judgment debtor's certificate, permit, or license for failure to repay a state guaranteed student loan, the court shall notify the judgment debtor that the decision becomes final thirty days after the notification unless the judgment debtor satisfies or makes arrangements to pay the entire outstanding payment due or makes regular payment on the judgment in a manner and at times satisfactory to the court. The court shall notify the director of the game and fish department of the court's decision to withhold or suspend a debtor's certificate, permit, or license. A certificate, permit, or license withheld or suspended by an order issued under this section may be reissued

only by order of the court. An appeal by a debtor who has had a certificate, permit, or license suspended or withheld under this section is an appeal from the court's order and may not be appealed to the director of the game and fish department.

SECTION 19. A new subsection to section 54-17-07.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Essential service worker home ownership incentive program. A program to provide assistance for the purchase of a primary residence by an essential service worker as provided in section 20 of this Act. The program may provide a secondary mortgage lien to assist in the acquisition of a single-family residential dwelling unit.

**SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-17-40 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

# 54-17-40. (Effective through June 30, 2017) Housing incentive fund - Continuing appropriation - Report to budget section.

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

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. The housing finance agency shall report quarterly to the budget section of the legislative management on the progress being made to reduce the overall number of units owned, master leased, or subsidized by these entities. This report must include a listing of projects approved and number of units within those projects that provide housing for essential service workers.

- 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;
  - 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

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1 assistance that is repaid or recaptured must be deposited in the fund and is 2 appropriated on a continuing basis for the purposes of this section. 3 <u>6.</u> The agency may collect a reasonable administrative fee from the fund, project 4 developers, applicants, or grant recipients. The origination fee assessed to grant 5 recipients may not exceed five percent of the project award. 6 <u>7.</u> The housing finance agency shall maintain a register reflecting the number of housing 7 units owned or master leased by cities, counties, school districts, or other employers 8 of essential service workers. This register must also reflect those entities that are 9 providing rent subsidies for their essential workers. 10 8. Upon request, the housing finance agency shall report to the industrial commission 11 regarding the activities of the housing incentive fund. 12 <u>9.</u> At least once per biennium, the housing finance agency shall provide a report to the 13 budget section of the legislative management regarding the activities of the housing 14 incentive fund. The report must include the following: 15 <u>a.</u> The overall number of units owned, master leased, or subsidized by political 16 subdivisions or other employers of essential service workers; and 17 <u>b.</u> A listing of projects approved and the number of units within those projects that 18 provide housing for essential service workers. 19 **SECTION 21.** A new section to chapter 54-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is created 20 and enacted as follows: 21 Essential service worker home ownership incentive fund - Continuing appropriation. 22 The essential service worker home ownership incentive fund is created as a special-23 revolving fund at the Bank of North Dakota. The moneys in the fund are appropriated 24 on a continuing basis to the housing finance agency to provide purchasing assistance 25 on single-family residential mortgage loans under the essential worker home 26 ownership incentive program. The agency may deduct a reasonable administrative fee-27 from the fund. 28 2. For purposes of this section, "essential service worker" means an individual employed-29 by the state or a city, county, school district, medical or long-term care facility, or any 30 other individual employed in providing an essential public service as determined by the

- 3. Pursuant to housing finance agency underwriting and credit standards and guidelines adopted under subsection 4, the agency may provide a secondary loan to a qualified essential service worker in conjunction with a single-family residential mortgage loan originated by a lender under a housing finance agency home ownership program. If, at any time during the term of the loan, the borrower ceases to be employed as an essential service worker or if the borrower sells the home or refinances the mortgage loan, the borrower must repay the secondary loan in full or begin making amortized monthly payments on the secondary loan.
- 4. The agency shall adopt guidelines for the implementation and administration of the essential service worker home ownership incentive program. The guidelines must provide the moneys in the essential service worker home ownership incentive fund may be used only to assist in the acquisition of owner-occupied single-family residential housing that will serve as the primary residence of the essential service worker. The guidelines must establish income limits for eligibility to participate in the program and purchase price limitations as determined by the agency.
- 5. Any assistance that is repaid or recaptured must be deposited in the fund and is appropriated on a continuing bases for the purposes of this section.
- SECTION 22. A new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- (Effective for the first two taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016) Housing incentive fund tax credit.
- 1. A taxpayer is entitled to a credit as determined under this section against state income tax liability under section 57-38-30 or 57-38-30.3 for contributing to the housing incentive fund under section 54-17-40. The amount of the credit is equal to the amount contributed to the fund during the taxable year.
- 2. North Dakota taxable income must be increased by the amount of the contribution upon which the credit under this section is computed but only to the extent the contribution reduced federal taxable income.
- 3. The contribution amount used to calculate the credit under this section may not be used to calculate any other state income tax deduction or credit allowed by law.

1	<u>4.</u>	If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year, the
2		excess may be carried forward to each of the ten succeeding taxable years.
3	<u> </u>	The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to all eligible contributors is limited to five
4		million dollars.
5	<u>6.</u>	Within thirty days after the date on which a taxpayer makes a contribution to the
6		housing incentive fund, the housing finance agency shall file with each contributing
7		taxpayer, and a copy with the tax commissioner, completed forms that show as to
8		each contribution to the fund by that taxpayer the following:
9		a. The name, address, and social security number or federal employer identification
10		number of the taxpayer that made the contribution.
11		b. The dollar amount paid for the contribution by the taxpayer.
12		c. The date the payment was received by the fund.
13	<del></del>	To receive the tax credit provided under this section, a taxpayer shall claim the credit
14		on the taxpayer's state income tax return in the manner prescribed by the tax
15		commissioner and file with the return a copy of the form issued by the housing finance
16		agency under subsection 6.
17	<u>8.</u>	Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in section 57-38-38, this section does
18		not prohibit the tax commissioner from conducting an examination of the credit
19		claimed and assessing additional tax due under section 57-38-38.
20	<u>9.</u>	A passthrough entity making a contribution to the housing incentive fund under this
21		section is considered to be the taxpayer for purposes of this section, and the amount
22		of the credit allowed must be determined at the passthrough entity level. The amount
23		of the total credit determined at the entity level must be passed through to the
24		partners, shareholders, or members in proportion to their respective interests in the
25		passthrough entity.
26	—SEC	CTION 23. A new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
27	and ena	ected as follows:
28	<del>(Eff</del>	ective for the first two taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016) Essential
29	<u>service</u>	worker home ownership incentive fund tax credit.
30	<u>1.</u>	A taxpayer is entitled to a credit as determined under this section against state income
31		tax liability under section 57-38-30 or 57-38-30.3 for contributing to the essential

1		service worker home ownership incentive fund under section 19 of this Act. The
2		amount of the credit is equal to the amount contributed to the fund during the taxable
3		<del>year.</del>
4	<u> 2.</u>	North Dakota taxable income must be increased by the amount of the contribution
5		upon which the credit under this section is computed but only to the extent the
6		contribution reduced federal taxable income.
7	<u> 3.</u>	The contribution amount used to calculate the credit under this section may not be
8		used to calculate any other state income tax deduction or credit allowed by law.
9	<u>4.</u>	If the amount of the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year, the
10		excess may be carried forward to each of the ten succeeding taxable years.
11	<u> 5.</u>	The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed to all eligible contributors is limited to five
12		hundred thousand dollars.
13	<u>6.</u>	Within thirty days after the date on which a taxpayer makes a contribution to the
14		essential service worker home ownership incentive fund, the housing finance agency
15		shall file with each contributing taxpayer, and a copy with the tax commissioner,
16		completed forms that show as to each contribution to the fund by that taxpayer the
17		<u>following:</u>
18		a. The name, address, and social security number or federal employer identification
19		number of the taxpayer that made the contribution.
20		b. The dollar amount paid for the contribution by the taxpayer.
21		c. The date the payment was received by the fund.
22	<del></del>	To receive the tax credit provided under this section, a taxpayer shall claim the credit
23		on the taxpayer's state income tax return in the manner prescribed by the tax
24		commissioner and file with the return a copy of the form issued by the housing finance
25		agency under subsection 6.
26	<u> </u>	Notwithstanding the time limitations contained in section 57-38-38, this section does
27		not prohibit the tax commissioner from conducting an examination of the credit
28		claimed and assessing additional tax due under section 57-38-38.
29	<u>9.</u>	A passthrough entity making a contribution to the essential service worker home
30		ownership incentive fund under this section is considered to be the taxpayer for
31		purposes of this section, and the amount of the credit allowed must be determined at

the passthrough entity level. The amount of the total credit determined at the entity level must be passed through to the partners, shareholders, or members in proportion to their respective interests in the passthrough entity.

SECTION 24. A new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota

Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Housing incentive fund tax credit under section 21 of this Act.

SECTION 25. A new subdivision to subsection 7 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Essential service worker home ownership incentive fund tax credit under section 22 of this Act.

**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-18-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

## 54-18-19. Transfer of North Dakota mill and elevator profits to general fund.

The industrial commission shall transfer to the state general fund fiftyseventy-five percent of the annual earnings and undivided profits of the North Dakota mill and elevator association after any transfers to other state agricultural-related programs. The moneys must be transferred on an annual basis in the amounts and at the times requested by the director of the office of management and budget.

**SECTION 21. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-62-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

#### 57-62-02. Allocation of moneys in coal development fund

Moneys deposited in the coal development fund shall be apportioned monthly by the state treasurer as follows:

1. ThirtyFifteen percent must be deposited in a permanent trust fund in the state treasury, to be known as the coal development trust fund, pursuant to section 21 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. Those funds held in trust and administered by the board of university and school lands on March 5, 1981, pursuant to section 12, chapter 563, 1975 Session Laws; section 12, chapter 560, 1977 Session Laws; or section 13, chapter 626, 1979 Session Laws must also be deposited in the trust fund created pursuant to this subsection. The fund must be held in trust and administered by the board of university and school lands for loans to coal-impacted counties, cities, and

- school districts as provided in section 57-62-03 and for loans to school districts pursuant to chapter 15.1-36. The board of university and school lands may invest such funds as are not loaned out as provided in this chapter and may consult with the state investment board as provided by law. The income, including interest payments on loans, from the trust must be used first to replace uncollectible loans made from the fund and the balance must be deposited in the school construction assistance loan fund. Loan principal payments must be redeposited in the trust fund. The trust fund must be perpetual and held in trust as a replacement for depleted natural resources subject to the provisions of this chapter and chapter 15.1-36.
- 2. <u>Fifteen percent must be deposited in the lignite research fund for the purpose of developing advanced energy technology.</u>
- 3. Seventy percent must be allocated to the coal-producing counties and must be distributed among such counties in such proportion as the number of tons [metric tons] of coal severed at each mining operation bears to the total number of tons [metric tons] of coal severed in the state during such monthly period. Allocations under subdivisions a and b must be apportioned by the state treasurer as follows:
  - a. If the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation in a county is not within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of another county in which no coal is mined, the revenue apportioned according to this subdivision must be allocated as follows:
    - (1) Thirty percent must be paid by the state treasurer to the incorporated cities of the county based upon the population of each incorporated city according to the last official regular or special federal census or the census taken in accordance with the provisions of chapter 40-02 in case of a city incorporated subsequent to such census.
    - (2) Forty percent must be paid to the county treasurer who shall deposit it in the county general fund to be used for general governmental purposes.
    - (3) Thirty percent must be apportioned by the state treasurer to school districts within the county on the average daily membership basis, as certified to the state treasurer by the county superintendent of schools.
  - b. If the tipple of a currently active coal mining operation in a county is within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of another county in which no coal is mined, the revenue

from the production not exceeding the production limitation in a calendar year which is apportioned from that coal mining operation according to this subsection must be allocated, subject to the definitions of terms and the requirements in paragraph 4, as provided in this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, the production limitation is three million eight hundred thousand tons [3447302.02 metric tons] through calendar year 1995, three million six hundred thousand tons [3265865.07 metric tons] in calendar years 1996 and 1997, and three million four hundred thousand tons [3084428.12 metric tons] in calendar years after 1997. Revenue from production exceeding the production limitation in a calendar year from that coal mining operation must be allocated only within the coal-producing county under subdivision a. Allocations under this subdivision must be made as follows: (1) Thirty percent must be paid by the state treasurer to the incorporated cities 

- (1) Thirty percent must be paid by the state treasurer to the incorporated cities of the coal-producing county and to any city of a non-coal-producing county when any portion of the city lies within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation in the coal-producing county, based upon the population of each incorporated city according to the last official regular or special federal census or the census taken in accordance with the provisions of chapter 40-02 in case of a city incorporated subsequent to such census.
- (2) Forty percent must be divided by the state treasurer between the general fund of the coal-producing county and the general fund of any non-coal-producing county when any portion of the latter county lies within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation in the coal-producing county. The non-coal-producing county portion must be based upon the ratio which the assessed valuation of all quarter sections of land in that county, any portion of which lies within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation, bears to the combined assessed valuations of all land in the coal-producing county and the quarter sections of land in the non-coal-producing county within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the

- tipple of the currently active coal mining operation. The county director of tax equalization of the coal-producing county shall certify to the state treasurer the number of quarter sections of land in the non-coal-producing counties which lie at least in part within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation and their assessed valuations.
- Thirty percent must be apportioned by the state treasurer to school districts (3) within the coal-producing county and to school districts in adjoining non-coal-producing counties when a portion of those school districts' land includes any of the quarter sections of land certified by the director of tax equalization to the state treasurer to be eligible to share county funds as provided for in paragraph 2. The county superintendent of the non-coal-producing counties shall certify to the state treasurer the number of students actually residing on these quarter sections lying outside the coal-producing county and each school district in non-coal-producing counties shall receive a portion of the money under this paragraph based upon the ratio of the number of children residing on quarter sections of that school district within the fifteen-mile [24.14-kilometer] radius of the tipple of a currently active coal mining operation to the total number of schoolchildren from the coal-producing county combined with all the schoolchildren certified to be living on quarter sections within fifteen miles [24.14 kilometers] of the tipple of the currently active coal mining operation in the coal-producing county.
- (4) For the purposes of this subdivision:
  - (a) The terms "currently active coal mining operation in a county", "currently active coal mining operation in the coal-producing county", and "currently active coal mining operation" mean a coal mining operation that produced more than one hundred fifty thousand tons [136077.71 metric tons] of coal in a coal-producing county during the prior quarterly period.

- (b) The term "coal-producing county" means a county in which more than one hundred fifty thousand tons [136077.71 metric tons] of coal were mined in the prior quarterly period.
- (c) The term "another county in which no coal is mined" means a county in which not more than seventy-five thousand tons [68038.86 metric tons] of coal were mined in the prior quarterly period.
- (d) The terms "non-coal-producing county" and "non-coal-producing counties" mean any county in which not more than seventy-five thousand tons [68038.86 metric tons] of coal were mined in the prior quarterly period.
- (e) In computing each amount to be paid as provided in paragraph 1, 2, or 3 for coal severance tax revenue from coal mined during a monthly period, the state treasurer shall deduct from the allocation the amount of coal severance tax revenue, if any, that the governmental body in the non-coal-producing county received from the coal mined in the non-coal-producing county during the same monthly period.
- (5) The state treasurer shall allocate funds provided by legislative appropriation to cities, the county general fund, and school districts within a coal-producing county according to the allocation method provided in subdivision a in an amount to offset fifty percent of the loss of that county's share of coal severance tax revenue allocated to a non-coal-producing county under this subdivision in the previous calendar year. The state treasurer shall make the allocation and distribute the funds, within the limits of legislative appropriations, under this paragraph during the first month of each calendar year. The state treasurer shall include in each biennial budget request the amounts estimated to be necessary for the biennium for purposes of this paragraph, based on the allocations under this subdivision in the most recent calendar years.

**SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 26 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws is amended and reenacted as follows:

SECTION 26. CONTINGENT FUNDING - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - NORTH
DAKOTA FINANCIAL CENTER - EXEMPTION - LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
<b>REPORT.</b> The capital assets line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act includes
\$17,000,000 from the assets of the Bank of North Dakota for the purpose of
constructing a North Dakota financial center on a site adjacent to the existing building
in which the Bank is located. The Bank may spend the funding only if the Bank's net
income, reported in accordance with financial accounting standards board accounting
standards, for calendar year 2015 exceeds \$125,000,000. The funding appropriated
for this purpose is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds are
available during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30,
<del>2019</del> through June 30, 2021. The Bank of North Dakota shall report to the legislative
management and to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fifth legislative
assembly on the use of the funding provided for the North Dakota financial center,
including the amounts spent to date and the amounts anticipated to be continued into
the 2017-19 biennium, and on the progress of the project.

**SECTION 23. REPEAL.** Section 54-17-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

SECTION 24. EXEMPTION - INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FUND. The amount appropriated to the industrial commission in the special funds appropriation line item in section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws and transferred pursuant to section 6 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 25. EXEMPTION - LIGNITE RESEARCH GRANTS. The amount appropriated to the industrial commission from the general fund for lignite research grants in the grants line item in section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the industrial commission for lignite research grants during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

**SECTION 26. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT FUND.** It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the industrial commission consider

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applications for funding from the renewable energy development fund for advanced energy
 technology development projects.

SECTION 31. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKER HOME

OWNERSHIP INCENTIVE FUND. Of the contributions deposited in the essential service worker home ownership incentive fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, it is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the housing finance agency disburse fifty percent within planning regions one and eight and shall disburse the remaining fifty percent within the other planning regions.

SECTION 27. 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 not 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 33. EFFECTIVE DATE - EXPIRATION DATE. Sections 23 and 24 of this Act are effective for the first two taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016, and are thereafter ineffective.

SECTION 28. PROHIBITION - NORTH DAKOTA FINANCIAL CENTER - BANK OF

NORTH DAKOTA. The Bank of North Dakota may not construct a North Dakota financial center
on a site adjacent to the existing building on which the Bank of North Dakota is located related

to the funding provided in section 1 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws and identified in sections 2 and 26 of chapter 14 of the 2015 Session Laws until after June 30, 2019.

SECTION 29. LAKE BED SEDIMENTATION STUDY - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE

**MANAGEMENT.** During the 2017-18 interim, the industrial commission shall conduct a study in consultation with the game and fish department, the state department of health, the state water commission, and any other state agencies as necessary, regarding the feasibility of and appropriate jurisdiction for regulation of sediment studies and dredging operations from the beds of reservoirs that retain more than fifty acre-feet of surface water. The study must include consideration of best practices in other states, an outline of any proposed regulations, and a plan to implement a uniform permitting process. The industrial commission shall report to the legislative management by September 30, 2018, regarding the results and recommendations of the study.

SECTION 30. GAIN-SHARING PROGRAM STUDY - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE

**MANAGEMENT.** During the 2017-18 interim, the industrial commission shall conduct a study in consultation with the North Dakota mill and elevator association regarding the gain-sharing program. The study must include consideration of the costs and benefits of the gain-sharing program, best practices in other milling operations, and the estimated fiscal impact of repealing or modifying the gain-sharing program. The industrial commission shall report to the legislative management by July 1, 2018, regarding the results and recommendations of the study.

SECTION 31. BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA EFFICIENCY STUDY - REPORT. During the 2017-18 interim, the Bank of North Dakota shall conduct a study regarding potential efficiencies in operations. The Bank of North Dakota shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly regarding the results and recommendations of the study.

**SECTION 32. EXPIRATION DATE.** Section 20 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2019, and after that date is ineffective.

**SECTION 33. EMERGENCY.** Section 28 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.