

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1008

Page 1, replace lines 20 and 21 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,495,560	\$495,928	\$9,991,488
Operating expenses	1,763,826	37,744	1,801,570"

Page 2, replace line 3 with:

"Railroad safety program	589,018	25,706	614,724"
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Page 2, replace lines 5 through 7 with:

"Total all funds	\$18,887,404	\$1,005,378	\$19,892,782
Less estimated income	<u>12,172,476</u>	<u>1,064,219</u>	<u>13,236,695</u>
Total general fund	\$6,714,928	(\$58,841)	\$6,656,087"

Page 3, line 25, replace "public utility fee" with "of the combined assessments"

Page 4, line 8, remove the overstrike over "~~six hundred~~"

Page 4, line 8, replace "~~thirty-four~~" with "ten"

Page 4, line 26, overstrike "**(Effective through June 30,**"

Page 4, line 27, overstrike "**2021**"

Page 4, line 27, remove "**2025**"

Page 4, line 27, overstrike the boldfaced closing parenthesis

Page 4, line 31, replace "~~ninety-six~~" with "ninety-seven"

Page 4, line 31, replace "eight" with "three"

Page 4, line 31, replace "thirteen" with "sixty-two"

Page 5, line 4, overstrike "**Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds. (Effective after June 30,2021**"

Page 5, line 4, remove "**2025**"

Page 5, line 4, overstrike ") All"

Page 5, overstrike lines 5 through 7

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1008 - Public Service Commission - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$9,495,560	\$9,694,646	\$296,842	\$9,991,488
Operating expenses	1,763,826	1,766,570	35,000	1,801,570
Capital assets	25,000	145,000		145,000
Grants	20,000	20,000		20,000

Abandoned mined lands contractual	6,000,000	6,000,000		6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000		900,000
Railroad safety program	589,018	613,626	1,098	614,724
Specialized legal services	94,000	420,000		420,000
Total all funds	\$18,887,404	\$19,559,842	\$332,940	\$19,892,782
Less estimated income	12,172,476	13,379,326	(142,631)	13,236,695
General fund	\$6,714,928	\$6,180,516	\$475,571	\$6,656,087
FTE	43.00	43.00	0.00	43.00

Department 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of Senate Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Restores Funding for Salaries and Wages ²	Provides Funding for Pipeline Inspector ³	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	\$14,295	\$150,000	\$132,547	\$296,842
Operating expenses			35,000	35,000
Capital assets				
Grants				
Abandoned mined lands contractual				
Rail rate complaint case				
Railroad safety program	1,098			1,098
Specialized legal services				
Total all funds	\$15,393	\$150,000	\$167,547	\$332,940
Less estimated income	7,369	(150,000)	0	(142,631)
General fund	\$8,024	\$300,000	\$167,547	\$475,571
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding is adjusted to provide salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100, and 2 percent on July 1, 2022. The House provided salary adjustments of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and a maximum monthly increase of \$250.

² Funding of \$300,000 from the general fund is restored for salaries and wages and other funds of \$150,000 received from a public utility assessment is reduced to allow the Public Service Commission program fund to develop a balance for future appropriations from the fund. The House reduced funding from the general fund by \$700,000 and added funding from revenues deposited in the Public Service Commission program fund by \$550,000.

³ In addition to \$167,548 of federal funds provided by the House, matching funds from the general fund are added for the reclassification of an unfunded administrative support FTE position to a natural gas pipeline inspector position (\$132,547) and related operating expenses (\$35,000). The House provided funding from federal funds for the reclassification for the natural gas pipeline inspector position (\$132,548) and related operating expenses (\$35,000).

This amendment also:

- Provides the statutory changes to increase the salary of the Public Service Commissioners. The Public Service Commissioners' annual salary would increase from the current level of \$113,600 to \$115,304, effective July 1, 2021, and to \$117,610, effective July 1, 2022, to reflect the 1.5 percent and 2 percent salary increase respectively. The House provided for a 1.5 percent annual salary increase.
- Amends North Dakota Century Code Section 57-43.2-19 relating to the distribution of funds in the highway tax distribution fund to continue the allocation to the rail safety fund and to increase the allocation amount from \$294,509 per year to \$297,362 per year and removes the expiration date. The House provided \$296,813 per year and provided an expiration date for the allocation.