

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 executive budget (bills as introduced)	0.00	\$14,336,364	\$0	\$14,336,364
2013-15 legislative appropriations	0.00	13,921,971	0	13,921,971
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$414,393)	\$0	(\$414,393)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	0.00	(\$345,946)	\$0	(\$345,946)

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2011-13 legislative appropriations	\$12,025,211	\$2,242,706	\$14,267,917
2013-15 legislative appropriations	13,379,971	542,000	13,921,971
2013-15 legislative increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	\$1,354,760	(\$1,700,706)	(\$345,946)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriations	11.3%	(75.8%)	(2.4%)
2013-15 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	(\$17,393)	(\$397,000)	(\$414,393)
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	(0.1%)	(42.3%)	(2.9%)

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Decreased funding anticipated to be needed for legislator lodging reimbursements for the 2015 legislative session. The funding included will provide for a monthly reimbursement of up to \$1,502 per month per legislator for the 2015 legislative session. The adjustment is the net effect of:		(\$138,393)		(\$138,393)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the maximum monthly lodging reimbursement rate from 65 to 70 percent of the state employee daily rate multiplied by 30. Decreasing anticipated inflationary increase relating to lodging rates. 				

Increased funding for costs associated with providing legislators with remote access to data, including broadband, data plans for cellular phones, and other methods as determined by the Legislative Management's Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee to provide a total of \$425,000.	121,000	121,000
Removed one-time funding for installing audio and video recording equipment in committee rooms. The Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee may use funding available for legislative wing improvements to install audio and video recording equipment in committee rooms.	(397,000)	(397,000)
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$414,393)</u>
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$414,393)</u>

One-Time Funding

In Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2001, the Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$542,000 from the general fund for one-time funding items. Of this funding, \$500,000 is for legislative wing equipment and improvements and \$42,000 is for information technology projects. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's 2015-17 biennium base budget, and the Legislative Assembly is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2015 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill No. 2001 providing for legislative pay increases. Sections 6 and 7 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation by 3 percent for each year of the 2013-15 biennium. Sections 8 and 9 of the bill increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent for each year of the 2013-15 biennium. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2013	Rate Effective July 1, 2014
Monthly compensation	\$440	\$453	\$467
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$316	\$325	\$335
Daily session pay	\$157	\$162	\$167
Interim meeting pay	\$157	\$162	\$167

Other Sections in Bill

Transfers - Section 4 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Continuation of appropriation authority - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2011-13 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management. In addition, the section also provides unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2011-13 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2011-13 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management.

Compensation and lodging reimbursement - Sections 6 and 7 increase legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation by 3 percent for each year of the 2013-15 biennium. Sections 8 and 9 increase legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent for each year of the 2013-15 biennium. Section 6 provides for increasing the maximum allowable monthly lodging reimbursement for legislators during legislative sessions from 65 to 70 percent of the state employee lodging reimbursement rate multiplied by 30, effective July 1, 2013.

Legislative promotional expenses - Section 10 creates a new section to the North Dakota Century Code relating to legislative promotional expenses. The section requires the Legislative Management to establish a policy regarding promotional expenses made on behalf of the Legislative Assembly. Any expenditure made pursuant to this section must be reported to the Legislative Management and may not be construed as a gift for purposes of Article X, Section 18, of the Constitution of North Dakota.

Limited bill analysis pilot project - Section 11 provides legislative intent that the Legislative Management consider implementing a limited bill analysis pilot project for the 2015 legislative session.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1059 - Adjusts the definition of temporary employees and their health insurance coverage premium payments to comply with the shared responsibility provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act.

House Bill No. 1129 - Relates to the authentication of official electronic legislative records if the records are the only published records.

House Bill No. 1368 - Increases the maximum meal reimbursement rates for state employees and legislators for in-state travel from a total of \$30 per day to \$35 per day.