

BUDGET CHANGES NARRATIVE

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Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 5	Priority: 4
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IT Equipment over \$5000-

Standard replacement or upgrade of IT equipment according to the Commission IT Plan.

Change Group: A	Change Type: A	Change No: 100	Priority:
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Reduction to meet 90 Base Budget-

Reduce General Fund and Special Fund Appropriations to meet 10% reduction required by the Governor and OMB.

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 6	Priority: 4
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Optional Capital Assets-

Standard replacement of multi-function office machine

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 50	Priority: 2
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Restore Operating-

Restore critical operating cuts

Change Group: A	Change Type: C	Change No: 51	Priority: 3
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Temporary Salaries-

Request temporary salary money for interim help due to expected, extended temporary absences in critical positions that no longer have back up and to enhance the accuracy and speed of deployment of archival case information for public access and transparency.

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Accounting/Budget Specialist-

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Request funding for an Accounting/Budget Specialist position that was unfunded during the 2017-2019 biennium. This position will help strengthen internal controls and follow best practices to avoid waste, and help prevent fraud and abuse.

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Restore Grain Licensing & Weights and Measures-

Restore the Grain Licensing program. This program provides stability to agriculture producers who support and enhance main streets across the state and encourages producers to do business in North Dakota rather than other states.

Restore underfunded salaries pertaining to Weights and Measures. The Weights and Measures program is minimally staffed with much of the work being done with private contractors and oversight provided by the Public Service Commission. Without the proper oversight, assurance of fairness for the public is lacking.

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Natural Gas Pipeline Inspector-

The US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is looking at requiring additional gather line inspections by Pipeline Safety Inspectors due to the infrastructure growth in the last decade. We are requesting funding for this position plus operating expenses to complete inspections. This position will support the existing natural gas pipeline safety program currently in place. The positions are funded at approximately 50% through a federal PHMSA grant.

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Specialized Legal Services-

Request for additional funds to provide the resources necessary for the Commission to defend the interests of the state of North Dakota.

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Remove Specialized Legal Services Appropriation-

Remove prior biennium one-time funding.

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Remove Capital Assets-

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Remove prior biennium capital assets.

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Optional 3% GF Savings-

3% Optional general fund savings package as required by the Governor and OMB