



Legislative Review

2007 Legislative Session Wrap Up – May 3, 2007

2007 Legislative Impact on the North Dakota University System

The 2007 Legislative Review provided an overview of action on bills with potential impact on the North Dakota University System as the 2007 Legislative Session progressed. Bills are tracked using the Legislative Bill Tracking System (LBTS). The following legislative summary was provided to the State Board of Higher Education at the May 3, 2007, board meeting.

Passed Bills

Bill No.	Description	Action Items/Follow up
HB 1003	NDUS appropriation Total GF and oil trust fund increase is \$89 million, or \$2 million less than governor's request; GF increase, excluding capital projects, is \$66 million or 17.8%; includes funds for 5% + 5% salary increases and additional ConnectND funding; 5% tuition cap; no SBHE discretionary funds; calls for interim HE study focused on human capital needs, PSEP study	Section 19 – report on use of one-time funds to 2009 appropriation committees Section 20 - use \$200,000 NDUS office unspent funds for MiSU-B Thatcher Hall Section 21 - institutions using northern tier shall pay ongoing costs Section 22 - ratifies SBHE approval of NDSU College of Business move Section 23 - calls for LC study of HE, focused on NDUS contribution to developing human capital Section 24 - calls for PSEP study Section 25 - intent on family practice center in Bismarck (authorizes new facility, but no funding) Section 27 - eliminates Kansas vet student repayment obligation Note: Capital assets, PSEP appropriations have emergency clause
HB 1014	Industrial Commission appropriation, including \$15.8 million for NDUS capital bond payments	
HB 1016	Job Service and workforce 20/20 funding	
HB 1018	Department of Commerce appropriation \$15 million COE funds appropriation (\$10 million for 2007 and \$5 million for 2008) plus \$5 loan authority; must distinguish among center designations for commercialization and infrastructure, and WF may not be the primary need; COE staffing assigned to commerce; changes to COE process, including budget section authority to revise project; commerce to administer program to increase HE internships and develop and implement state talent strategy	Section 12 - department of commerce report regarding HE internship program to 2009 appropriation committees Section 20 – LC study of state WF system initiative Section 22 - LC study of promise grant program Section 23 - report by NDUS to LC, before July 1, 2008, on ccBenefits

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HB 1019	Career and Technical Education appropriation Includes \$3 million for the four WF training quadrants, an increase of \$1.65 million compared to 2005-07, and a \$2 million GF transfer to Dept. of Commerce's Workforce Enhancement Fund	
HB 1020	NDSU Extension and Research appropriation Excluding capital projects, includes \$11 million or 14% GF increase over 2005-07; funds 5% + 5% salary increases	Section 5 - SBARE and research center director given funds transfer authority Section 10 - location of beef research facility requires agreement of city and county governments Section 13 - experiment station report to 2009 legislature regarding funding from cattlemen's beef association Section 15 - report to 2009 appropriations committees on use of one-time funds
HB 1021	ITD appropriation \$300,000 appropriation transfer from NDUS to ITD to transfer K-12 video services support to ITD; creates committee (including chancellor) to plan state longitudinal data system	Section 7 - transfer \$300,000 from NDUS to ITD for K-12 video services Section 8 - creates committee, including chancellor, to plan longitudinal data system and report on plan to LC
HB 1030	Flexibility with accountability legislation – special revenue funds	
HB 1031	Flexibility with accountability legislation – budget request and block grant appropriations	
HB 1032	Flexibility with accountability legislation – carryover or unexpended appropriations	
HB 1033	Updates statutes governing public bids and contracts	
HB 1052	Updates veterinarian licensing laws	
HB 1054	Concerns pharmacy reporting requirements	
HB 1065	Changes membership of the advisory transportation council of the UGPTI	Add additional group representatives to UGPTI council
HB 1066	Increases the state forester reserve account balance from \$500,000 to \$1 million	
HB 1067	Permits state forester cooperation with other agencies	
HB 1087	State forester vehicles qualify as emergency vehicles	
HB 1091	Creates \$5,000 single and \$10,000 joint tax deduction for state HE savings plan	
HB 1099	Confidentiality of trade secret, proprietary, commercial and financial information	Revise definitions in rules governing confidential information Note: bill has emergency clause
HB 1101	Revises law that restricts state in-house printing	Review policies and procedures on printing bids and contracts
HB 1102	Increases to \$25,000 architect, engineer fee that requires formal proposal	Revise institution procedures implementing SBHE Policy 902.5
HB 1107	Increases mileage reimbursement to \$.45	Revise travel reimbursement guidelines
HB 1118	Updates requirements for nursing licensure	
HB 1123	Updates laws governing licensing of optometrists	
HB 1125	Creates loan repayment fund for veterinarians administered by state health council	
HB 1134	Revises FINDET restrictions on sharing information with other agencies	
HB 1140	Concerns long-term temporary partial disabilities	
HB 1235	Expands eligibility for the Scholar's Program to certain graduates from bordering state HS	Revise Scholar's Program eligibility guidelines
HB 1302	Increases rental security deposit cap to greater of \$2,500 or two month's rent	

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HB 1318	Provides permissive, instead of mandatory language on SAO responsibilities for IT audits	
HB 1322	Requires revised indemnification language in state service contracts	Revise contract forms to include new indemnity language as required
HB 1350	Authorizes postgraduate resident medical training in pharmacies	
HB 1395	\$700,000 appropriation, from the oil tax trust fund, to SBHE for grants to tribal colleges for non-Indians	NDUS to develop new program to administer grants, including application forms and reporting requirements
HB 1412	Research and experimental expenditures tax credit to a pass through entity	
HB 1429	Transfers additional \$100 million to budget stabilization fund and increases (5% to 10%) percentage of GF budget at which the excess must be transferred to the GF	
HB 1432	Permits PERS to create a collaborative drug therapy program for employees	
HB 1454	Increases state minimum wage, tied to federal minimum wage	
HB 1461	Assigns management of IT for the NDUS to the SBHE	Requires annual NDUS IT report; NDUS to advise ITD on standards for wide area network service; Restricts use of northern tier network and prohibits resale; Requires biennial report on northern tier for 2007-09 and biennial audit beginning 2009-11
HB 1479	Calls for LC study of Administrative Rules Practices Act	
HB 1487	Permits BND to charge either a fixed or variable rate on DEAL loans	
HB 1522	OMB appropriation	
HCR 3025	Study methods of growing ND population and increasing available workforce	
SB 2016	Adjutant General appropriation Includes tuition assistance program funding	
SB 2023	Deficiency appropriation for NDSU (\$289,092), UND (\$2,069,727) and Forest Service (\$55,500)	
SB 2028	Eliminates Budget Section approval on state forester reserve account	
SB 2030	LC studies of: HS curriculum, No Child Left Behind, teacher mentoring, regional educational associations	
SB 2037	Revises IT planning and reporting requirements, including definition of major project (redefined as one costing \$250,000 instead of \$500,000)	Reduces, to \$250,000, cost of major projects for which NDUS reports to IT committee are required
SB 2038	Concerns prioritization of state agency IT projects (excluding NDUS projects)	
SB 2044	Permits increases in supplemental retiree benefit payments under defined conditions	
SB 2045	Changes to PERS retiree health coverage benefits	
SB 2047	New employee auto enrollment in deferred comp program; excludes TIAA participants	Add information and opt-out procedures to new employee materials
SB 2048	PERS final average salary, conversion of sick leave	
SB 2056	Licensure of veterinarians	
SB 2057	Definition of profession of teaching	

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SB 2093	Permits travel reimbursement in advance; provides authority for purchasing cards	
SB 2094	Award of public printing to ND resident	
SB 2115	Extends National Guard tuition grants to all state postsecondary institutions	
SB 2127	Renames the division of independent study	
SB 2152	Change to dentist loan repayment program	
SB 2160	NDUS foundation donor records exempt from open records	Revise SBHE Policy 1912
SB 2189	Employee pay increase intent, \$75 monthly minimum; pay equity fund; health premium increases	
SB 2193	Prohibits restrictions employee-legislator contacts	
SB 2260	NDUS authority for FBI criminal history checks; chancellor may designate positions for employee checks and programs for student checks	Implement system and institution policies and procedures
SB 2276	\$100,000 GF to ND prevention and advisory council	
SB 2288	Encourages SBHE to establish biomass energy center or centers	Establish a process to review institution proposals
SB 2309	Increases HS graduation requirements	
SB 2344	Restricts NDUS off-campus catering	Review institution food service policies
SB 2353	Revises statutes governing veteran's preference	Review NDUS Procedure 601
SB 2360	Increases fee for distinctive license plates	
SB 2379	UND to administer a nursing education consortium, chaired by nursing dean; \$200,000 GF; also, intent that SBHE establish and implement a policy for NDUS institutions to participate in system-wide initiatives	UND to establish consortium and report to LC during 2007-09; Develop policy governing institution participation in system initiatives for SBHE action

Failed or Withdrawn Bills

Bill No.	Description
HB 1027	Economic Development Committee bill
HB 1115	Creates biomass energy center at NDSU
HB 1148	Pharmacist license requirements
HB 1152	Highway Patrol internship program
HB 1174	Prohibits state agencies from using vacancy dollars for salary increases
HB 1176	Provides OMB authority to set mileage reimbursement
HB 1194	Requires 3-tier K-12 instruction with standard, advanced and basic courses of instruction
HB 1249	Amendments to teacher loan forgiveness program
HB 1320	Pre-K programs; includes appropriation (\$225,000 according to House amendment)
HB 1337	Increases minimum wage rate to \$7.25 on 8/1/07 and by inflation annually thereafter
HB 1345	Workers compensation additional benefit rates
HB 1385	Workforce 20/20 training, defines "skill training"
HB 1401	Flexibility on student loan interest rates
HB 1430	New strategic investments fund
HB 1438	Requires start of K-12 after Labor Day
HB 1441	Provides appropriation for K-12 and related distribution and property tax relief
HB 1458	DOC to develop hydrogen roadmap, \$200,000 to NDSU for hydrogen production system
HB 1459	Consolidates state agency extraordinary repairs appropriation in one bill
HB 1484	DOC appropriation for career training tuition rebate if employed in rural shortage areas
HB 1512	\$4.0 million GF to health dept. for medical residency training programs and clinics
HB 1518	BND transfer 75% student loan profits to fund for SBHE distribution on per student basis
HB 1521	Freezes tuition rates at Spring 2007 rates and appropriates \$20 million in general fund
HCR 3019	Constitutional amendment on SBHE and Chancellor responsibilities
SB 2015	OMB appropriation (OMB appropriation is in late bill, HB1522)
SB 2026	Creates allied health professions board
SB 2050	Increases state retiree health benefit fund contributions and monthly credit
SB 2051	Increases contributions to PERS retirement and supplemental retirement benefits
SB 2102	Teacher qualification in specialty areas
SB 2122	Increases minimum wage rate
SB 2184	Increases required K-12 days and increases compulsory attendance age
SB 2197	Appropriation to CTE for new elementary student entrepreneurial program
SB 2226	Appropriations to experiment station and extension for grape research and outreach
SB 2245	Provides a tax credit of 15% of combined Hope scholarship and lifetime learning credit
SB 2246	Increases state per diem
SB 2249	\$2 million to CTE for NDUS WF curriculum
SB 2269	Restrictions on retail drink discounting
SB 2303	Creates a health information technology steering committee
SB 2306	\$20 million appropriation from BND profits to SBHE for 1/3 match for endowed scholarships
SB 2347	ND Promise program, phased tuition waivers for ND high school graduates
SB 2356	Contingent appropriation if GF balance is more than projected; \$50m to NDUS for repairs,
SB 2362	Provides income tax reduction for higher ed tuition and related expenses
SB 2370	Increases minimum wage (\$5.85, \$6.50, \$7.25)
SB 2393	Student loan forgiveness for baccalaureate graduate remaining in state after graduation.
SB 2394	Preference to ND bidders for purchase of motor vehicles
SB 2398	Adds reporting requirements to annual accountability report
SB 2404	Payments to tribal colleges for students less than one-quarter Indian
SCR 4027	Legislative Council study-BSC a four-year baccalaureate degree-granting campus