

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service
2 commission; and to provide for a transfer.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the public service commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
8 public service commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025,
9 as follows:

		Governor's	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11			
12	Salaries and wages	\$9,991,488	\$11,354,106
13	Operating expenses	1,801,570	2,196,237
14	Capital assets	25,000	45,000
15	Grants	20,000	20,000
16	Abandoned mined lands contractual	6,000,000	6,000,000
17	services		
18	Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000
19	Railroad safety program	614,724	684,654
20	Specialized legal services	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420,000</u>
21	Total all funds	\$19,772,782	\$21,619,997
22	Less estimated income	<u>13,347,095</u>	<u>13,347,095</u>
23	Total general fund	\$6,425,687	\$7,631,372
24	Full-time equivalent positions	43.00	44.00

1 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding
2 items approved by the sixty-seventh legislative assembly for the 2021-23 biennium:

3 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
4 Real-time kinematic equipment	\$120,000	\$0
5 Total all funds	\$120,000	\$0
6 Total other funds	114,600	0
7 Total general fund	\$5,400	\$0

8 **SECTION 3. TRANSFER AND REPAYMENT - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN**
9 **FUND.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to
10 the public service commission the sum of \$900,000, or so much of the sum as may be
11 necessary, included in the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act to pay for the costs
12 associated with a rail rate complaint case. Transfers must be made during the biennium
13 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, upon order of the commission. If any
14 amounts are spent pursuant to this section, the public service commission shall reimburse the
15 beginning farmer revolving loan fund using amounts available from damages or proceeds
16 received, net of legal fees, from a successful outcome of a rail rate complaint case.