

Cavalier Thrift Store awards \$8,000 in scholarships

The Cavalier Thrift Store awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to area students that will be furthering their education in the fall of 2026.

The Thrift Store awards scholarships to students that are enrolling in a two-year technical/trade school, or a vocational program of study.

This year brings the total in scholarships given by the Thrift Store to \$133,000. Because of the faithful customers and generous donations made to the Thrift Store they can support these and many other worthwhile programs in the surrounding communities. The

Cavalier Thrift Store is open and accepts donations Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The Cavalier Thrift Store would like to congratulate to these students. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

The following students each received a \$1,000 scholarship:

- Cavalier**
- Wyatt Larson- NDSCS
- Remington Larson- Northland Community and Technical College

- Drayton**
- Ryan Corrick- NDSCS

- North Border**
- Walhalla – Colton Bailly- Lake Region
- Pembina- Kade Schafer- Bismarck State College

- Valley-Edinburg**
- Isaac Feltman- Northland Community and Technical College
- Jacey Nelson-Northland Community and Technical College
- William Munoz- Northland Community and Technical College



Ryan Corrick, submitted photo

101 state employees take buyouts in North Dakota

By Jeff Beach, North Dakota Monitor

North Dakota's state workforce will shrink by 101 employees after a round of buyouts is completed, though some of the jobs will be refilled.

The state initiated an early separation program in February in the face of declining oil tax revenues, which accounts for about half of all state revenue. The state offered employees three months of wages and benefits if they leave state employment by Aug. 31.

Joe Morrisette, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said he would have liked to see more employees participate in the program, but that there is still potential for significant savings.

The state last did buyouts in 2018, with more than 200 employees accepting.

The state has just under 10,000 employees, which doesn't include the North Dakota University System and its 11 colleges. Buyouts were not offered to campus employees.

Of the 101 approved buyouts, 50 are in the Department of Health and Human Services, the largest state agency, according to the state Office of Management and Budget.

Health and Human Services has more than 2,500 employees, more than double the next largest agency,

the Department of Transportation.

The state Information Technology department, with 17, is the only other agency with more than seven approved buyouts.

Morrisette said he hasn't seen a full analysis for potential savings from all the agencies.

He said based on agency analysis on about half the buyouts, there is about \$1.5 million in savings to the state, which accounts for refilling some positions and other potential changes. Based on that, Morrisette gave an early estimate of about \$3 million in savings overall.

Morrisette said agencies will fill some of the positions, though likely at a lower salary.

Agencies were required to show there would be a savings by leaving the position open at least temporarily or filling the position with an employee who will be paid less.

There were 156 applications for the early separation agreements, but the state reserved the right to deny buyouts to employees. Some applicants withdrew.

Some agencies chose not to opt into the incentive program. There are 14 agencies that will be affected.

In April, Gov. Kelly Armstrong announced state budget guidelines that include a 10% budget cut for

the state's largest agencies and no new positions for 2027-29.

Morrisette said there will have to be some hires made in the next biennium. For example, the state plans to open a new women's prison that will likely require more staff.

The state will likely see at least a temporary bump in oil taxes with the ongoing U.S. war with Iran that has disrupted oil supply and energy markets.

The state's current budget was based on an oil price of \$57 a barrel. Prices shot up in March with the start of the war but are just starting to show up in revenue collection reports.

With the conflict still unresolved, the higher oil prices should be reflected in higher state revenues for at least the next couple of months, Morrisette said.

"So that is helpful in the budget process. It's definitely going to bring in more oil revenue than we had expected," Morrisette said.

State agencies are in the process of establishing budgets for the next biennium, which the Legislature must approve in the 2027 session.

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Primary Election is June 9th.

Have a plan to vote.

We would appreciate your support and ask for your vote for your Dem-NPL District 19 Candidates:

Jeff Hermanson,

Jolene Hermanson

and Lynnell Popowski

Paid for by friends of Jefferey E Hermanson, Jolene L Hermanson and Lynnell Popowski. Treasurer Cindy Dubois.

80055 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Wysh Life And Health Insurance Company In the state of Wisconsin	
Total Assets	21,983,772
Total Liabilities	9,082,272
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	202,838
Common Capital Stock	2,500,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than	0
Special Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	80,003,359
Unassigned Funds	(69,804,697)
Total Capital and Surplus	12,901,500
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	21,983,772
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	5352
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	0
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premi- ums Written	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	0
Paid	0
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE	
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60052 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Humana Benefit Plan Of Illinois, Inc. In the state of Illinois	
Total Assets	1167710233
Total Liabilities	675634044
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2500000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	367528084
Unassigned Funds	122045106
Total Capital and Surplus	492076190
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	1167710234
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Premiums	1690591
Earned	0
Total Amount Incurred	1968726
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60518 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
American Health And Life Insurance Company In the state of TX	
Total Assets	998278732
Total Liabilities	790566450
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3000000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	03709100
Unassigned Funds	174003183
Total Capital and Surplus	207712283
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	998278733
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	419538
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	443240
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premi- ums Written	639350
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	225799
Paid	0
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60984 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
CompBenefits Insurance Company In the state of Texas	
Total Assets	153858548
Total Liabilities	133562121
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2004000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	140346567
Unassigned Funds	-122054138
Total Capital and Surplus	20296429
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	153858550
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Premiums	25383
Earned	0
Total Amount Incurred	32632
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61700 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Renaissance Life & Health Insurance Company In the state of Indiana	
Total Assets	129,913,083
Total Liabilities	80,664,601
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	3,000,000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	23,376,765
Unassigned Funds	22,871,717
Total Capital and Surplus	49,248,482
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	129,913,083
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Life and Annuity Premiums	0
Written	0
Total Life and Annuity Direct Losses	0
Paid	0
Total Accident and Health Direct Premi- ums Written	24,264
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses	16,885
Paid	0
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70580 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
HumanaDental Insurance Company In the state of Wisconsin	
Total Assets	152118879
Total Liabilities	75678973
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	2600000
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	57674680
Unassigned Funds	16165226
Total Capital and Surplus	76439906
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	152118879
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Premiums	3885
Earned	0
Total Amount Incurred	2185
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73288 ABSTRACT OF STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 of the	
Humana Insurance Company In the state of Kentucky	
Total Assets	13048917023
Total Liabilities	6470702934
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds	0
Common Capital Stock	8833336
Preferred Capital Stock	0
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special	0
Surplus Funds	0
Surplus Notes	0
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	4165092362
Unassigned Funds	2404288391
Total Capital and Surplus	6578214089
Total Liabilities, Capital And Surplus	13048917023
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2025 ACCIDENT & HEALTH	
Total Premiums	54173651
Earned	0
Total Amount Incurred	41430323
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