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TEN LARGEST VARIANCES BY AGENCY - 2001-03 BIENNIUM - FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED AND FEDERAL FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED

		2001-03	2001-03 Biennium		
		Biennium Federal Funds	Federal Funds Estimated to Be		
	Agency	Appropriated	Received	Variance	Variance Explanation
1	Department of Human Services	\$914,295,839	\$945,368,576	\$31,072,737	The variance is primarily attributable to an increase in the Medicaid program. The estimated increase of \$25 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$642 million is due to the increase in federal funds relative to the intergovernmental transfer process. The variance is also attributable to an estimated increase of \$5.2 million in the food stamp program due to an increase in welfare recipients because of the poor economy.
2	Department of Transportation	\$428,000,000	\$404,200,000	(\$23,800,000)	The variance is attributable to an estimated decrease of \$23.8 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$413.9 million for highway planning and construction and federal rail. The decrease in funds reflects the estimated decrease in available federal funding.
3	Division of Emergency Management	\$59,958,521	\$77,513,709	\$17,555,188	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated increase of \$13.7 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$56.2 million for public assistance and hazard mitigation. The additional disaster assistance payments relate to recovery from the winter disaster of 2000 and the spring disaster of 2001.
4	State Department of Health	\$68,360,184	\$80,748,787	\$12,388,603	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated increase of \$6.5 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$3.6 million for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigations and technical assistance. The additional funds are due to the new bioterrorism program.

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5	Agency Department of Public Instruction	**************************************	Received \$174,727,025	Variance \$10,877,642	Variance Explanation The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated increase of \$11.1 million for the 2001-03 biennium for Title II - Teacher and principal training and recruiting. There was no appropriation for this program because the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act created this program.
6	Aeronautics Commission	\$12,015,000	\$1,653,712	(\$10,361,288)	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated decrease of \$10.6 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$10.6 million for the federal airport block grant. The decrease in funds is the result of the grant not being provided to the states for administration.
7	Department of Commerce	\$34,393,182	\$41,444,272	\$7,051,091	The variance is primarily attributable to increases in the following programs: • Low-income home energy assistance - An estimated increase of \$3 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$3.6 million. This amount reflects more funds being awarded than were previously estimated. • American Competitive/Workforce Improvement Act - An estimated increase of \$2.1 million from the 2001-03 biennium. There was no 2001-03 appropriation for this program because these funds were awarded subsequent to the 2001 Legislative Assembly. • Weatherization assistance for low-income persons - An estimated increase of \$1.1 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$2.9 million. This amount reflects more funds being awarded than were previously estimated.
8	Housing Finance Agency	\$34,485,790	\$27,680,883	(\$6,804,907)	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated decrease of \$6.6 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$29.9 million for the HUD Section 8 contract administration program. The decrease in funds is the result of NDHFA preparing the 2001-03 biennium budget before acquiring accurate information from HUD on each project awarded.

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9	Agency Highway Patrol	\$7,429,443	\$4,411,443	(\$3,018,000)	The variance explanation The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated decrease of \$2.3 million from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$4 million for the motor carrier safety assistance program. The decrease in funds is due to the estimated total of federal awards to be received being less than the total federal funding authority.
10	Vocational and Technical Education	\$14,734,810	\$13,344,731	(\$1,390,079)	The variance is primarily attributable to decreases in the following programs: • School-to-work - Estimated decrease of \$793,119 from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$4 million as a result of the end of funding for the school-to-work initiative. • Carl Perkins - Estimated decrease of \$596,492 from the 2001-03 biennium appropriation of \$9.6 million due to the federal Department of Education not appropriating additional funding.

TEN LARGEST VARIANCES BY AGENCY - FEDERAL FUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE 2001-03 AND 2003-05 BIENNIUMS

	A	2001-03 Biennium Federal Funds Estimated to Be	2003-05 Biennium Federal Funds Estimated to Be	Verience	Variance Funlanction
1	Agency Department of Human Services	Received \$945,368,576	Received \$887,240,076	Variance (\$58,128,500)	Variance Explanation The variance is primarily attributable to changes in the following programs: • Medical assistance program - An estimated decrease of \$88 million from the 2001-03 estimate of \$667.4 million primarily due to less general fund money expected to be available for match. • Food stamps - An estimated increase of \$17.4 million from the 2001-03 estimate of \$63.5 million primarily due to the increase of the threshold income amount for families.
2	Division of Emergency Management	\$77,513,709	\$34,326,254	(\$43,187,455)	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$44.7 million decrease from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$70 million for public assistance and hazard mitigation. The reductions are due to large remaining projects which take several years to complete.
3	Department of Transportation	\$404,200,000	\$443,800,000	\$39,600,000	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$41.6 million increase from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$385.6 million for highway planning and construction. This is based on an estimated increase in federal funding due to Congress reauthorizing the highway program.
4	Department of Public Instruction	\$174,727,025	\$194,175,058	\$19,448,033	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$20 million increase from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$15.2 million for Title III tech literacy and Title II teacher and principal training and recruiting. This increase is a result of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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5	State Department of Health	\$80,748,787	\$91,928,866	\$11,180,079	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$5.6 million increase from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$10.1 million for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigations and technical assistance. The increase is due to the bioterrorism program.
6	Adjutant General	\$30,796,778	\$19,985,566	(\$10,811,212)	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$10.9 million decrease from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$25.4 million for the Army National Guard. This decrease includes \$11.5 million, which was to cover the cost of a new armed forces reserve center in Wahpeton, that will not be received again in the 2003-05 biennium.
7	State Water Commission	\$18,985,124	\$28,044,183	\$9,059,059	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$7.6 million increase in municipal, rural, and industrial (MRI) funds from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$11.6 million for the Northwest Area Water Supply Project. This increase reflects the costs of construction on the project.
8	Aeronautics Commission	\$1,653,712	\$5,339,800	\$3,686,088	The variance is primarily attributable to estimated funding of \$4 million for the 2003-05 biennium due to the possibility of the federal airport block grant program being provided to the states for administration.
9	Department of Commerce	\$41,444,271	\$44,661,594	\$3,217,323	The variance is primarily attributable to an estimated \$4.5 million increase from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$17 million for the HOME investment partnerships, weatherization assistance for low-income persons, and community services block grant programs. The estimated increases for these programs are due to increases in funding awarded. The variance is also attributable to an estimated \$1.1 million decrease from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$2.1 million for the American Competitive/Workforce Improvement Act due to a decrease in funding award.

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10	State Historical Society	\$4,897,217	\$1,893,542	(\$3,003,675)	The variance is primarily attributable to decreases in the following programs: Transportation enhancement - Estimated decrease of \$1.6 million from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$1.8 million due to the completion of the Fort Buford Confluence Interpretive Center, which was included in previous funding. Housing and Urban Development - Estimated decrease of \$1.5 million from the 2001-03 biennium estimate of \$1.5 million due to the completion of the Fort Buford Confluence Interpretive Center this biennium, so the grant will not apply to the 2003-05 biennium.