

**Office of Administrative Hearings  
Budget 140  
House Bill No. 1018**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2003-05 legislative appropriation	8.00		\$1,242,958	\$1,242,958
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>6.00</u>		<u>1,374,820</u>	<u>1,374,820</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	2.00	\$0	(\$131,862)	(\$131,862)

**Item Description**

**Additional full-time equivalent (FTE) administrative law judges** - The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided funding for two additional FTE administrative law judge positions primarily to conduct Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings. The office had previously been hiring temporary law judges for these hearings.

**Status/Result**

One FTE administrative law judge has been hired in eastern North Dakota and a .5 FTE administrative law judge has been hired in western North Dakota. Based on projected caseload, the Office of Administrative Hearings is scheduled to employ an additional .5 FTE administrative law judge for western North Dakota beginning on July 1, 2004.