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# Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments House Bill No. 1010

2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	FTE Positions 44.50	General Fund	Other Funds \$11,267,078	<b>Total</b> \$11,267,078
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	45.50		11,024,989	11,024,989
Increase (Decrease)	(1.00)	\$0	\$242,089	\$242,089
2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	44.50		\$11,267,078	\$11,267,078
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	0.00	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$10,752 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$944 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

### Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Insurance Commissioner 2001-03 Budget

1. Provides the commissioner a market equity salary increase of \$161.83 per month effective January 1, 2002 (the amount included in the executive budget is \$5,401 more than the required amount of \$3,401).	General Fund	Other Funds \$8,802	<b>Total</b> \$8,802
2. Removes funding for 1 FTE nonclassified professional position.		(\$127,015)	(\$127,015)
3. Increases funding for operating line for data processing (\$29,863), software (\$18,043), and insurance (\$14,001).		\$61,907	\$61,907

- 4. Includes \$5.2 million from the insurance tax distribution fund for payments to fire departments, the same level of funding provided for the 1999-2001 biennium.
- Includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual Salary Authorized by the 1999 Legislative Assembly
July 1999 - June 2000 \$58,262
July 2000 - December 2000 \$59,428
January 2001 - June 2001 \$62,855

### Proposed Annual Salary Recommended in the 2001-03 Executive

<u>Budget</u>

July 2001 - December 2001 \$64,742 January 2002 - June 2002 \$66,684 July 2002 - June 2003 \$68,018

# Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Insurance Commissioner 2001-03 Budget Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)

The Hoeven executive budget did not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation.

#### **Major Legislation Affecting the Insurance Commissioner**

House Bill No. 1143 provides the commissioner with the authority to determine and adjust a fee schedule for boiler inspections.