

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Senate Bill No. 2007**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bill as introduced)	5.00	\$496,191	\$20,789	\$516,980
2001-03 legislative appropriations	5.00	493,530	20,789	514,319
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$2,661)	\$0	(\$2,661)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations	0.00	\$47,532	(\$889)	\$46,643
2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation	5.00	\$496,191	\$20,789	\$516,980
Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation	0.00	(\$2,661)	\$0	(\$2,661)

GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Hoeven recommendation did not change the Schafer recommendation.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET (SCHAFER) AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Department of Veterans Affairs is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified state employees whose salaries are the furthest from their respective salary range midpoints. The bill includes funding to provide a market adjustment of \$134.42 per month for the director effective January 1, 2002.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for the market equity salary increase for the director to provide a \$134.42 per month salary increase effective January 1, 2002. The executive budget included more funding than was necessary to provide for this increase.		(\$2,661)		(\$2,661)
Total	0.00	(\$2,661)	\$0	(\$2,661)

FTE Changes

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation included funding for five FTE positions, the same as the 1999-2001 biennium authorized level.

Veterans' Postwar Trust Fund

Section 4 of the bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to report on the uses of the veterans' postwar trust fund to the Appropriations Committees of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly as part of the agency's budget presentation.