

**Department 117 - State Auditor
House Bill No. 1004**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	53.00	\$4,425,069	\$2,145,837	\$6,570,906
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>55.00</u>	<u>4,148,630</u>	<u>1,962,999</u>	<u>6,111,629¹</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>(2.00)</u>	<u>\$276,439</u>	<u>\$182,838</u>	<u>\$459,277</u>

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Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$40,265, of which \$27,787 is from the general fund, 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 \$46, of which \$31 is from the general fund, for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting State Auditor 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for an equity salary increase of \$161.83 per month for the State Auditor effective January 1, 2002 (the amount included in the executive budget is \$1,001 more than the required amount of \$3,401). (The House reduced this amount by \$1,001.)	\$4,402		\$4,402
2. Adds 1 FTE auditor II for the local government audits division.		\$74,384	\$74,384
3. Deletes the following FTE positions:			
1 FTE unclassified assistant (unfunded)	\$0		\$0
2 FTE auditor I (partially unfunded in agency base request - Full funding requested in optional adjustments) (The House restored these 2 FTE positions.)	(\$21,201)		(\$21,201)
Total FTE positions deleted - 3 FTE	<u>(\$21,201)</u>		<u>(\$21,201)</u>
4. Provides \$35,000 from the general fund for salary adjustments, in addition to the executive budget compensation package, to increase entry level auditor salaries to assist in reducing agency turnover (the 1999 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$38,000 from the general fund for this purpose).	\$35,000		\$35,000
5. Increases funding for operating expenses by 15.5 percent, from \$671,056 to \$775,320, to reflect the following changes:			
Information technology - Data processing	\$20,920	\$600	\$21,520
Travel	11,930	45,453	57,383
Dues and professional development	19,737	1,050	20,787
Other	(958)	5,532	4,574
Total recommended changes	<u>\$51,629</u>	<u>\$52,635</u>	<u>\$104,264</u>
6. Provides \$100,000 from the general fund for consulting fees to contract for performance audits (no change from the amount appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium).	\$0		\$0

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting State Auditor 2001-03 Budget
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven budget recommendation does not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation for this agency.

Major Legislation Affecting the State Auditor

House Bill No. 1259 - This bill allows occupational or professional licensing boards with less than \$10,000 of annual receipts to submit an annual unaudited report to the State Auditor (rather than requiring the board to have a biennial audit performed and the report submitted to the State Auditor) and allows the State Auditor to charge a fee of up to \$50 per hour for reviewing the annual report. The fiscal note indicates additional other funds revenues and expenditures of \$4,100 per biennium for the State Auditor. This bill has passed the House.

Summary of Legislative Changes to Bill as Introduced

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).