

**Highway Patrol  
Budget 504  
House Bill No. 1011**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2003-05 legislative appropriation	192.00	\$18,211,522	\$15,481,087	\$33,692,609
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>196.00</u>	<u>19,768,701</u>	<u>13,629,443</u>	<u>33,398,144</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	(4.00)	(\$1,557,179)	\$1,851,644	\$294,465

**Item Description**

**Weigh inspection stations.** At the beginning of the 2001-03 biennium, the Highway Patrol operated weigh inspection stations at eight locations--Beach, Bowman, Ellendale, Fargo, Joliette, Minot, Mooreton, and Williston. During the 2001-03 biennium, the Highway Patrol closed the Minot weigh station. The 2003-05 executive budget recommended closing four additional weigh stations at Beach, Bowman, Ellendale, and Mooreton and eliminating 26 full-time equivalent (FTE) weigh inspection positions. The Legislative Assembly approved the executive budget recommendation to add 11 FTE positions to conduct truck inspections and weight enforcement by using eight 2-person mobile units, one located in each region of the state. The Legislative Assembly appropriated an additional \$847,000 from the highway tax distribution fund and \$59,000 of additional federal funds, including an additional nine FTE positions for operating the Beach, Bowman, and Mooreton weigh stations for the 2003-05 biennium, if the Highway Patrol chooses to continue operating these stations.

**Safety audits.** The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$180,000 of federal funds and authorized two FTE positions for conducting safety audits of motor carriers recently approved for federal interstate operating authority.

**Status/Result**

The Highway Patrol closed the Ellendale weigh inspection station in July 2003 and closed the Beach, Bowman, and Mooreton stations in November 2003. The Highway Patrol continues to operate the weigh inspection stations at Joliette, West Fargo, and Williston. The eight 2-person mobile inspection teams are operating, one in each region of the state.

The safety audit program, including the two FTE positions, has been operating since the beginning of the biennium.