

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

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	8.00	\$0	\$1,263,589	\$1,263,589
2003-05 legislative appropriations	8.00		1,242,958	1,242,958
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	(\$20,631)	(\$20,631)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	2.00	\$0	(\$131,862)	(\$131,862)

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Office of Administrative Hearings is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Removed funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee salary increases			(\$10,494)	(\$10,494)
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy			(826)	(826)
Reduced funding for information technology. The amount reduced represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent. (See Related Legislation section below)			(4,311)	(4,311)
Reduced funding for computer maintenance contracts			(5,000)	(5,000)
Total	0.00	\$0	(\$20,631)	(\$20,631)

FTE Changes

The 2003-05 appropriation includes funding for 8 FTE positions, an increase of 2 FTE positions from the 2001-03 biennium authorized level of 6 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to replace funding for temporary administrative law judges with 2 FTE administrative law judge positions primarily to conduct Workers Compensation Bureau hearings.

Related Legislation

Special funds transfer - Section 2 of House Bill No. 1505 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$4,311 of special funds reduced from the Office of Administrative Hearings information technology budget to the Information Technology Department for funding a portion of the Information Technology Department's operating budget.