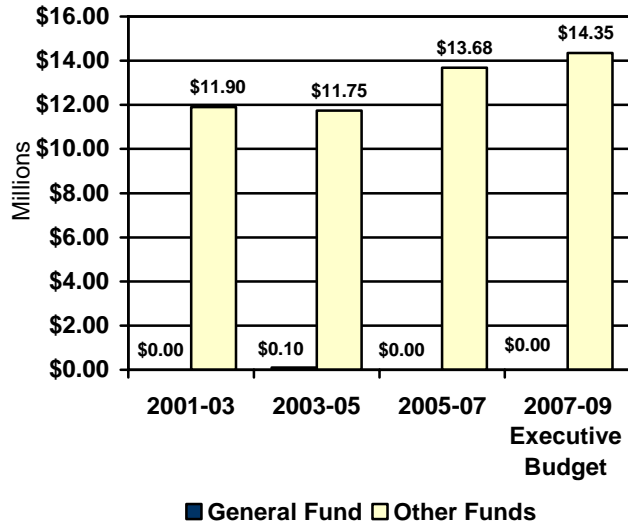


**Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, Including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments
 Senate Bill No. 2010**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 Executive Budget	46.50	\$0	\$14,350,979	\$14,350,979
2005-07 Legislative Appropriations	46.50	0	13,679,655	13,679,655 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$671,324	\$671,324

¹The 2005-07 appropriation amounts do not include \$15,000 of additional special funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2005-07 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Highlights

1. Removes one-time funding provided in the 2005-07 biennium for a grant to the North Dakota oil and gas-producing counties
2. Provides funding for salary equity increases
3. Adds funding for expenses associated with legislative members attending functions of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators in a separate line item. (Previously these expenses were included in the department's operating expenses line item.)
4. Includes \$55,000 of special funds relating to the payment of cost-benefit analyses of legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage, the same level of funding provided for the 2005-07 biennium
5. Includes \$6,320,000 from the insurance tax distribution fund of which \$6.2 million is for insurance tax payments to fire departments and \$120,000 is for two equal payments to the North Dakota Firefighters Association, the same level of funding provided for the 2005-07 biennium
6. Includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the commissioner's salary as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
		(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
		\$172,236	\$172,236
		\$60,000	\$60,000

Annual Salary Authorized by the 2005 Legislative Assembly
 July 2005 - June 2006 - \$70,739
 July 2006 - June 2007 - \$73,568

Proposed Annual Salary Recommended in the
 2007-09 Executive Budget
 July 2007 - June 2008 - \$76,511
 July 2008 - June 2009 - \$79,571

Other Sections in Bill

Administrative costs of special funds - Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Senate Bill No. 2010 provide for administrative costs allocated to the bonding fund, fire and tornado fund, unsatisfied judgment fund, and the petroleum tank release compensation fund. The following schedule provides information regarding the administrative costs allocated to each special fund. The increases from the 2005-07 biennium will result in a decrease of \$144,579 of Insurance Department administrative costs being provided from the insurance regulatory trust fund.

	2005-07 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2007-09 Biennium Executive Recommendation	Increase (Decrease)
Bonding fund	\$35,000	\$44,131	\$9,131
Fire and tornado fund	\$988,576	\$1,153,804	\$165,228
Unsatisfied judgment fund	\$35,000	\$16,546	(\$18,454)
Petroleum tank release compensation fund	\$120,000	\$108,674	(\$11,326)

Continuing Appropriations

No continuing appropriations for this agency.

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2097 - This bill increases the amount of state fire marshal program fees to be paid from the fire and tornado fund and the petroleum release compensation fund for the 2005-07 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2183 - This bill provides a \$50,000 appropriation from the insurance premium tax collections for providing firefighters death benefits.

House Bill No. 1296 - This bill provides a \$5.5 million appropriation from the insurance tax distribution fund for making payments of insurance premium tax collections to medical services operations.