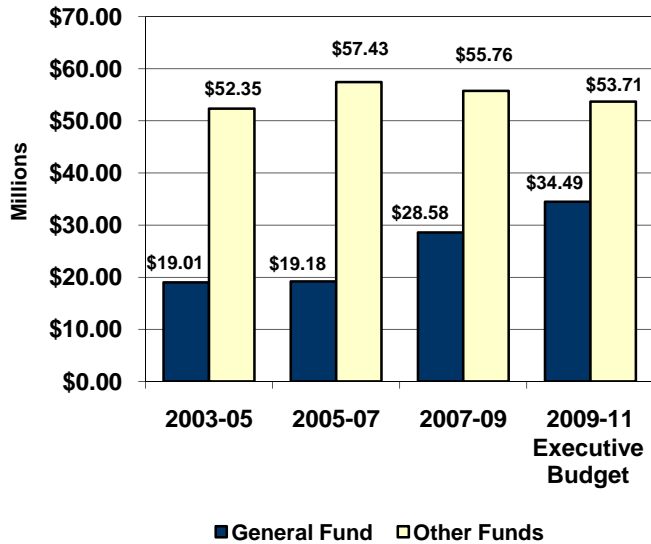


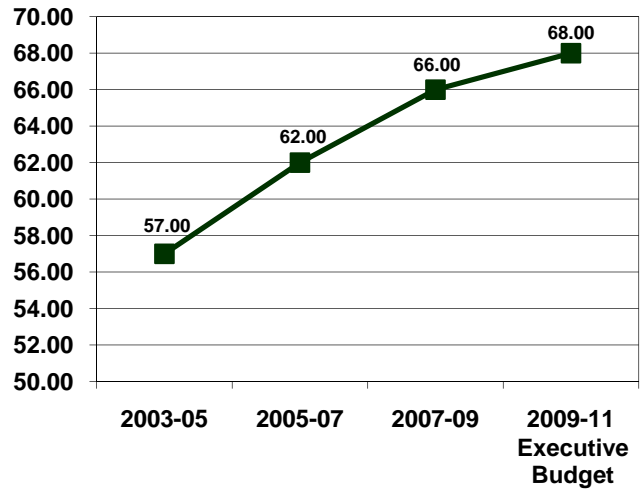
**Department 601 - Department of Commerce  
 Senate Bill No. 2018**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 Executive Budget	68.00	\$34,490,039	\$53,708,861	\$88,198,900
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	66.00	28,581,965	55,758,516	84,340,481
Increase (Decrease)	2.00	\$5,908,074	(\$2,049,655)	\$3,858,419

**Agency Funding**



**FTE Positions**



**Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations**

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2009-11 Executive Budget	\$26,890,039	\$7,600,000	\$34,490,039
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	25,481,965	3,100,000	28,581,965
Increase (Decrease)	\$1,408,074	\$4,500,000	\$5,908,074

**Executive Budget Highlights**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 2 FTE positions--one position for the department's administration and marketing area and one position for the State Commission on Community Service--by converting temporary positions to FTE positions. The funding reported is for related salary increases.	\$4,800		\$4,800
2. Provides funding from the general fund to replace funding from oil overcharge fees that has been used for a staff position within the Office of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	\$75,326	(\$75,326)	\$0
3. Provides funding of \$176,627 to address salary equity issues, including \$8,411 for the related second-year salary increases	\$134,236	\$42,391	\$176,627
4. Provides funding for the federal emergency shelter grants program to secure and leverage available federal funds (\$200,000) and for passthrough grants to the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People (\$100,000). This is the same level of funding as provided in the 2007-09 biennium.			
5. Increases funding for tourism marketing	\$912,000		\$912,000
6. Increases funding for the Small Business Development Center partnership program	\$400,000		\$400,000
7. Increases funding for the InnovateND program from \$300,000, of which \$150,000 is from the general fund, to \$400,000, of which \$250,000 is from the general fund	\$100,000		\$100,000

8. Increases funding for the State Commission on Community Service to maximize federal funding available	\$32,250	\$75,000	\$107,250
9. Increases funding for the North Dakota Trade Office from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000	\$500,000		\$500,000
10. Increases funding for Operation Intern from \$600,000 to \$1,200,000	\$600,000		\$600,000
11. Removes one-time funding provided for the 2007-09 biennium (\$3,000,000 for a transfer to the Development Fund and \$100,000 for tax expenditure and business incentive expenditure reports)	(\$3,100,000)		(\$3,100,000)
12. Removes the following funding provided for the 2007-09 biennium:			
Costs associated with provisions of House Bill No. 1462, including the development of a state energy plan	(\$25,000)		(\$25,000)
Funding for the Beginning Again pilot program	(30,000)		(30,000)
Funding for the Division of Tourism to provide a grant to the Lewis and Clark Foundation in Washburn	(100,000)		(100,000)
Funding for the Tourism Division to match private funds for tourism-related promotions and events involving officially sanctioned statewide pageant titleholders who are over the age of 17	(10,000)		(10,000)
Funding for the workforce system initiative	<u>(50,000)</u>		<u>(50,000)</u>
Total	(\$215,000)		(\$215,000)
13. Provides <b>one-time funding</b> for cost-share programs for installation of biofuels blender pumps and other alternative energy projects	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
14. Provides <b>one-time funding</b> of \$2 million from the general fund for a transfer to the workforce enhancement fund. This is the same level of funding as provided in the 2007-09 biennium.			
15. Provides <b>one-time funding</b> for matching grants to local communities to establish or expand child care options to support working families	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000
16. Provides <b>one-time funding</b> for the Division of Tourism for promotion and marketing of the USS <i>North Dakota</i>	\$100,000		\$100,000

### Other Sections in Bill

**Agricultural Products Utilization Commission** - Section 3 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any unspent funds for the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission from the 2007-09 biennium to the 2009-11 biennium.

**Discretionary funds** - Section 4 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any unspent discretionary funds from the 2007-09 biennium to the 2009-11 biennium.

**Internships** - Section 5 allows the Department of Commerce to continue any unspent funds for internships for postsecondary students from the 2007-09 biennium to the 2009-11 biennium.

**Ethanol production incentive program** - Section 7 requires the Tax Commissioner to conduct an audit of the ethanol production incentive program during the 2009-11 biennium.

**North Dakota Trade Office matching requirement** - Section 8 allows the Department of Commerce to provide \$1 million of the \$2 million from the general fund appropriated for the North Dakota Trade Office without requiring any matching funds but requires a dollar-for-dollar match for any additional amounts. The section also specifies the types of funding that qualify as matching funds.

**Transfer - Workforce enhancement fund** - Section 9 provides a \$2 million general fund appropriation which the Office of Management and Budget shall transfer to the workforce enhancement fund for assisting two-year colleges to respond to business and industry workforce training during the 2009-11 biennium.

### Continuing Appropriations

**Ethanol production incentive fund** - North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 17-02-05 - This continuing appropriation allows for payments of ethanol production incentives to North Dakota ethanol plants.

**Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program** - NDCC Section 54-60-20 - Funds received from public and private sources for the Beginning Again North Dakota pilot program are appropriated on a continuing basis to the Department of Commerce for the program. The program and the continuing appropriation are effective through June 30, 2009.

**Workforce enhancement fund** - NDCC Section 54-60-23 - All funds in the workforce enhancement fund are appropriated to the Department of Commerce on a continuing basis for implementing and administering the Workforce Enhancement Council and workforce enhancement grants to higher education institutions assigned primary responsibility for workforce training.

**Community development loan fund** - NDCC Section 54-44.5-05 - This continuing appropriation allows for the expenditures of community development block grant revolving loan funds.

### **Major Related Legislation**

**Senate Bill No. 2110** - This bill relates to the Department of Commerce's structure and programs.

**Senate Bill No. 2225** - This bill provides that the Department of Commerce is to establish a state grant program for child care. (The provisions in this bill were originally included in Senate Bill No. 2018.)

**Senate Bill No. 2228** - This bill provides that the Department of Commerce is to establish a cost-share program to encourage the installation of biofuels blender pumps and an alternative energy grant program. (The provisions in this bill were originally included in Senate Bill No. 2018.)

**House Bill No. 1065** - This bill provides that the Department of Commerce is to administer a program to market North Dakota higher education opportunities to out-of-state students. The bill also provides a \$1 million general fund appropriation to the department for funding out-of-state student recruitment and provides a \$1.2 million general fund appropriation to the department for the Operation Intern program.

**House Bill No. 1194** - This bill provides a \$2 million general fund appropriation to the Department of Commerce for providing a grant to the Dunn County Fair Association for the establishment of a high plains cultural resource center.

**House Bill No. 1202** - This bill provides that the North Dakota Development Fund, Inc., is to administer an entrepreneurship award program that provides funding awards to entrepreneurial centers and to entrepreneurs.

**House Bill No. 1212** - This bill provides that the Department of Commerce Division of Community Services is to adopt rules relating to public building energy efficiency standards.

**House Bill No. 1250** - This bill provides that the Department of Commerce is to calculate the impact the centers of excellence program has on state tax revenues.

**House Bill No. 1350** - This bill provides a \$5 million general fund appropriation to the Department of Commerce for a grant for construction of a great plains applied energy research center on the Bismarck State College campus.

**House Bill No. 1406** - This bill provides a \$180,000 general fund appropriation to the Department of Commerce for a full-time employee to recruit and encourage individuals and businesses to install and operate private wind turbines.