SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS - MAJOR CHANGES AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following schedule compares all funds and special funds appropriations included in the 2001-03 executive budget to the 1999-2001 appropriations approved by the 1999 Legislative Assembly and lists major special funds sources and changes:

	1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	Increase (Decrease) From 1999-2001	2001-03 Executive Budget
All funds appropriations	\$4,809,337,839	(\$132,946,379)	\$4,676,391,460 ¹
Less general fund appropriations	1,594,038,538	112,260,570	1,706,299,108
Total special funds appropriations	\$3,215,299,301	(\$245,206,949)	\$2,970,092,352
Major special funds sources and changes include: Federal funds	\$1,677,096,129 ²	\$218,177,824	\$1,895,273,953
Higher education tuition income	159,495,220	(159,495,220)	0
Higher education local funds	523,858,540	(523,858,540)	0
Department of Human Services	87,067,107	43,495,594	130,562,701
Department of Transportation	267,959,820	43,269,606	311,229,426
Industrial Commission	13,568,643	21,811,347	35,379,990
Information Technology Department	49,409,557	21,775,530	71,185,087
Department of Public Instruction	58,197,007	14,675,252	72,872,259
State Department of Health	5,056,976	7,971,864	13,028,840
State Water Commission	109,266,556	4,093,328	113,359,884
Game and Fish Department	17,808,813	3,908,012	21,716,825
Bank of North Dakota	27,334,753	3,446,114	30,780,867
Other	219,180,180	55,522,340	274,702,520
Total	\$3,215,299,301	(\$245,206,949)	\$2,970,092,352

¹ The amount shown reflects an adjustment to the special fund appropriation for the Children's Services Coordinating Committee of (\$3,950) and special fund appropriations of \$1 million for ethanol production incentives and \$575,192 for the Quality Schools Commission which were not reflected in the Office of Management and Budget's total 2001-03 executive budget summary all funds recommendation amounts but were included in bills introduced by the Office of Management and Budget.

² The amount shown is the total federal funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly as reported by state agencies on a survey for the Budget Section completed in October 2000.

Key recommendations affecting 2001-03 special funds appropriations include:

- 1. The executive budget recommends a federal fund increase of \$218.2 million, including an increase of \$81.8 million for the Department of Human Services and \$38.1 million for the Department of Transportation.
- 2. For higher education, the 2001-03 executive budget recommends removing tuition income and local funds from the appropriation process. The total amount of tuition income and local funds appropriated for the 1999-2001 biennium was \$159,495,220 and \$523,858,540, respectively.
- 3. The executive budget recommends \$37.9 million from the health care trust fund to the Department of Human Services for medical services programs, the service payments for elderly and disabled (SPED) program, implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), nursing facility grants and loans, closing of the State Hospital landfill, a long-term care needs assessment, and administrative costs.
- 4. At the State Hospital, the executive budget recommends \$2.1 million of collections from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for DUI offender treatment services provided to corrections inmates at the State Hospital.
- 5. In the Department of Transportation, the executive budget recommends:
 - \$3.2 million from the highway fund for a new license plate issue.
 - An additional \$21.9 million from the highway fund for matching additional federal highway construction funds.
 - An additional \$4.5 million from the Fleet Services fund for Fleet Services.
- 6. For the Industrial Commission, the executive budget recommends increasing funding for lignite research grants by \$6 million and changing the funding source for Building Authority lease payments from the general fund to special funds to reflect revenue received from agencies (\$16 million). The general fund appropriation is included in the agency appropriations.
- 7. For the Information Technology Department, the executive budget recommends funding of \$6.7 million for support and development of systems for the Department of Human Services, Tax Department, and the Department of Transportation, \$5 million for implementation of the statewide information technology network, \$3.8 million to allow the department to pay technology-related billings with passthrough dollars from other agencies, and \$2.8 million for contract programming.
- 8. The executive budget recommends increasing the Department of Public Instruction's appropriation from the state tuition fund by \$13.7 million from \$53.5 million to \$67.2 million.
- 9. The executive budget recommendation for the State Department of Health includes funding of \$5 million from the community health trust fund for Healthy Schools, Healthy Families, and Healthy Communities programs and \$2.7 million of bond proceeds for an addition to East Laboratory.
- 10. For the State Water Commission, the executive budget recommends the agency's general fund appropriation of \$9.3 million be replaced with a special fund appropriation of \$9.3 million from the water development trust fund.
- 11. For the Game and Fish Department, the executive budget recommends funding of \$1.2 million for a new wildlife habitat initiative (coverlocks program), \$950,000 for an aquatic habitat improvement initative, and \$650,000 to enhance the department's private land habitat programs.
- 12. For the Bank of North Dakota, the executive budget recommends increasing funding for contingencies by \$1.35 million for internal development of student loan software and operating by \$1 million for software purchases and providing e-commerce and web site access to customers.