

**Land Department
Budget 226
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	18.50		\$7,515,303	\$7,515,303
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	19.00		7,419,679	7,419,679
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	(0.50)	\$0	\$95,624	\$95,624

NOTE: The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$6,439 from special funds for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Trust fund distributions to state entities - Section 4 of Senate Bill No. 2013 lists amounts to be distributed to various state entities from the permanent funds managed for their benefit. This section also provides that North Dakota Century Code Section 15-03-05.2 does not apply to trust fund distributions during the 2001-03 biennium. Section 15-03-05.2 provides that trust fund income may not be retained if distributions to a trust fund beneficiary will be reduced from the amount distributed during the preceding year. Consequently, if determined necessary by the Land Department to prudently manage the trust fund assets, a portion of trust fund income could be retained during the 2001-03 biennium even if the resulting distributions to some entities are less than amounts distributed during the 1999-2001 biennium.

Status/Result

Actual 2001-03 distributions to the School for the Deaf will be approximately \$409,000, \$56,000 less than the amount specified in the bill and \$835 less than 1999-2001 distributions. The amount specified in Senate Bill No. 2013 and included in the School for the Deaf budget was based on an estimate calculated by the School for the Deaf, which was higher than distribution amounts estimated by the Land Department for the 2001-03 biennium. Distributions to other state entities are anticipated to meet budgeted amounts.