

**Land Department  
Senate Bill No. 2013**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bill as introduced)	18.50	\$0	\$7,508,864	\$7,508,864
<b>2001-03 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>18.50</b>		<b>7,508,864</b>	<b>7,508,864</b>
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations	(0.50)	\$0	\$89,185	\$89,185
2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation	18.50	\$0	\$7,508,864	\$7,508,864
Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

**GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Hoeven recommendation did not change the Schafer recommendation.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET (SCHAFER) AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**

**Salaries and Wages**

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Land Department is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified state employees whose salaries are the furthest from their respective salary range midpoints.

**Major Items**

The Legislative Assembly did not change the recommended appropriation for the Land Department.

**FTE Changes**

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to delete a .5 FTE administrative secretary III position.

**Other Sections in Bill**

**Oil and gas development impact grants** - Section 2 provides that \$5 million of the special funds appropriation contained in the bill is from the oil and gas impact grant fund and may be used for the purpose of providing oil and gas development impact grants and the administration of the oil and gas development impact grant program.

**Carryover of appropriations for oil and gas impact grants** - Section 3 provides that North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-44.1-11 does not apply to appropriations for oil impact grants, and consequently, the appropriation authority may be carried over from the 2001-03 biennium to the 2003-05 biennium.

**Trust fund distributions to state entities** - Section 4 was added specifying the amounts to be distributed to various state entities from state trust funds managed by the Land Department and providing that NDCC Section 15-03-05.2 does not apply to 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. The 1999 Legislative Assembly directed that the Land Department distribute all available trust fund income to state entities during the 1999-2001 biennium, which may result in some distributions being less during the 2001-03 biennium.

#### **Related Legislation**

**Dividends on unclaimed stock** - House Bill No. 1066 provides that dividends accruing to unclaimed stock held by the unclaimed property division of the Land Department must be paid to the owner if the stock is claimed. The Land Department has indicated that as a result of the bill, approximately \$5,000 of revenue per biennium which would otherwise be credited to the common schools trust fund will be paid to the owners of stock held as unclaimed property. In addition, accounting for stock dividends will require approximately \$15,000 in one-time software development costs during the 2001-03 biennium and approximately \$5,400 in allocated staff time each biennium.