ANALYSIS OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND FOR THE 2001-03 AND 2003-05 BIENNIUMS

	2001-03 Biennium	2003-05 Biennium	
Beginning balance	\$2,263,605		\$452,008
Add estimated revenues			
Premiums	\$3,613,938 ¹	\$4,131,5672	
Total estimated revenues	3,613,938		4,131,567
Total available	\$5,877,543		\$4,583,575
Less estimated expenditures			
Administration - 2001 HB 1015; 2003 SB 2015	\$891,067	\$730,002	
Claims-related expenses - Continuing appropriation	2,073,468	942,010	
Claims and litigation	2,461,000	2,578,000	
Total estimated expenditures	5,425,535		4,250,012
Ending balance	\$452,008		\$333,563

NOTE: The analysis reflects the Hoeven executive budget recommendations for the 2003-05 biennium.

FUND HISTORY

In September 1994 the North Dakota Supreme Court abolished the doctrine of sovereign immunity. As a result of this court decision, the 1995 Legislative Assembly passed the Tort Claims Act (1995 Senate Bill No. 2080) which created a risk management fund and assigned the responsibility of administering a risk management program to the Office of Management and Budget.

¹ In response to an actuarial review completed in 2000 by Aon Risk Services, the Risk Management Division has assessed a total of \$3,613,938 in risk management premiums to state agencies, boards and commissions, and the North Dakota University System for the 2001-03 biennium.

² In response to an actuarial review completed in 2002 by Aon Risk Services, the Risk Management Division plans to assess a total of \$5,397,553 in risk management premiums to state agencies, boards and commissions, and the North Dakota University System for the 2003-05 biennium. State Fleet Services and the Department of Human Services have a credit of \$1,265,986 because of previous overpayment of federal funds for these agencies into the North Dakota insurance risk fund (NDIRF). When this credit is applied to the premiums, a total of \$4,131,567 is projected to be collected during the 2003-05 biennium.