

**Highway Patrol
Budget No. 504
Senate Bill Nos. 2011, 2031, House Bill Nos. 1050, 1069**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	186.00	\$19,805,490	\$14,554,138	\$34,359,628
2005-07 legislative appropriations	186.00	20,080,862	14,738,746	34,819,608
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$275,372	\$184,608	\$459,980
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	(6.00)	\$1,869,340	(\$742,341)	\$1,126,999

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Highway Patrol is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases		\$86,088	\$2,782	\$88,870
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy		(14,540)	(8,174)	(22,714)
Added funding for salary equity (see Salary Equity section below for additional information. The other funds are from the highway tax distribution fund.		166,258	28,209	194,467
Added federal funding for a trooper position. The position is authorized only for the period of time that federal funds are available to provide for the cost of the position.	1.00		190,000	190,000
Removed funding for the new trooper position added in the executive budget. The other funds were from the highway tax distribution fund.	(1.00)	(166,258)	(28,209)	(194,467)
Provided funding in House Bill No. 1069 for paying military service retirement credit		3,824		3,824
Removed funding added in the executive budget for replacing the Highway Patrol's case management computer software system. The Highway Patrol may replace the system if funding becomes available from other areas of the patrol's budget.		(200,000)		(200,000)

Added funding in Senate Bill No. 2031 for training law enforcement officers and other emergency services providers	400,000	400,000
Total	0.00	\$275,372
	\$184,608	\$459,980

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE trooper position with federal funding and removed the new FTE trooper position recommended in the executive recommendation. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to transfer 4 FTE positions from the Office of Management and Budget to the Highway Patrol for Capitol security, to add 4 FTE positions for northern border security, and to remove 15 FTE positions relating to the closure of weigh inspection stations.

Salary Equity

The Legislative Assembly provided \$194,467, of which \$166,258 is from the general fund and \$28,209 is from the highway tax distribution fund, for providing salary equity adjustments for troopers and sergeants. In addition, the Highway Patrol may spend up to \$219,000 of savings from within its 2005-07 biennium budget for providing additional salary equity adjustments for troopers and sergeants.

Capitol Security

Senate Bill No. 2087, recommended as part of the executive budget and approved by the Legislative Assembly, provides the statutory changes necessary to transfer responsibility for state Capitol security from the Office of Management and Budget to the Highway Patrol. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which provided \$438,855 from the general fund to the Highway Patrol for providing Capitol security services for the 2005-07 biennium. The funding includes costs relating to 4 FTE positions transferred from the Office of Management and Budget to the Highway Patrol for security services.

Weigh Inspection Stations

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which removed \$1,263,000, of which \$896,730 is from the general fund and \$366,270 is from the highway tax distribution fund, and 15 FTE positions relating to the closure of weigh inspection stations located at Beach, Bowman, Mooreton, Joliette, West Fargo, and Williston.

Highway Tax Distribution Fund Transfer

The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$7,516,175 from the highway tax distribution fund for Highway Patrol operations for the 2005-07 biennium, \$5,795 less than the executive recommendation. The 2003 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$7,444,054 from the highway tax distribution fund for Highway Patrol operations during the 2003-05 biennium.

Training Funds

Senate Bill No. 2031 provides \$400,000 from the general fund to the Highway Patrol for training law enforcement officers and other emergency services personnel.