

**Land Department
Budget No. 226
House Bill Nos. 1013, 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	18.75	\$0	\$9,126,688	\$9,126,688
2007-09 legislative appropriations	18.75		9,124,124	9,124,124
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	(\$2,564)	(\$2,564)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	0.00	\$0	\$1,298,102	\$1,298,102

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET 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 Senate Bill No. 2189.

	Major Items			Total
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions			(\$2,564)	(\$2,564)
Total	0.00	\$0	(\$2,564)	(\$2,564)

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 18.75 FTE positions, the same as the 2005-07 biennium.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1013

Oil and gas impact grant fund - Section 4 provides that \$6 million of the special funds appropriation contained in Section 3 of 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. This is an increase of \$1 million from the 2005-07 biennium, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 57-51-15 (effective after June 30, 2007).

Carryover of appropriations for oil and gas impact grants - Section 5 provides that NDCC Section 54-44.4-11 does not apply to appropriations for oil and gas impact grants and, consequently, the 2007-09 appropriation authority may be continued into the 2009-11 biennium.

Contingencies line item/appropriation transfers - Section 6 provides that upon approval of the Board of University and School Lands, the commissioner of the Board of University and School Lands may transfer appropriation authority from the contingencies line item to all other line items, except the capital assets line item. The commissioner shall notify the Office of Management and Budget of each transfer made pursuant to this section.

Trust fund distributions to state entities - Section 7 provides the amounts to be distributed to various state entities from state trust funds managed by the Land Department and provides that NDCC Section 15-03-05.2 does not apply to distributions during the 2007-09 biennium. Section 15-03-05.2 provides the trust fund income may not be retained for future distributions to a trust fund beneficiary or added to a permanent fund if it would result in a decrease in distributions to the fund beneficiary from the amount distributed during the preceding fiscal year.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1171 changes the current 5 percent service fee to actual mills, as similarly paid by private landowners, as a fee assessed against the trust funds managed by the Board of University and School Lands to be paid to townships and counties for maintenance and repairs of roads and bridges.