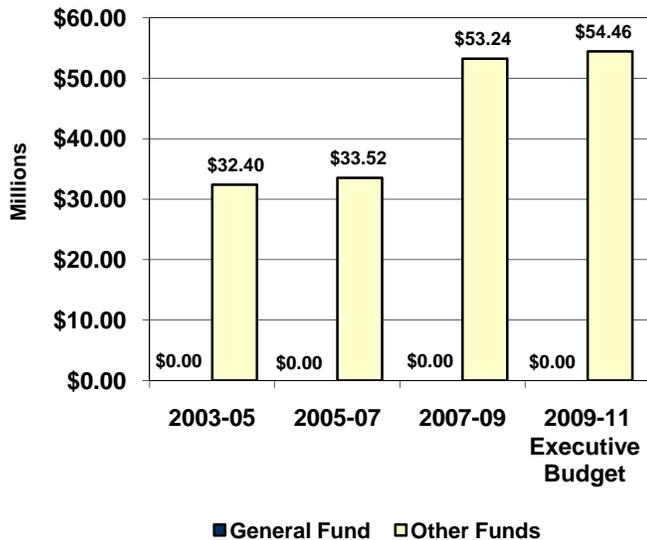


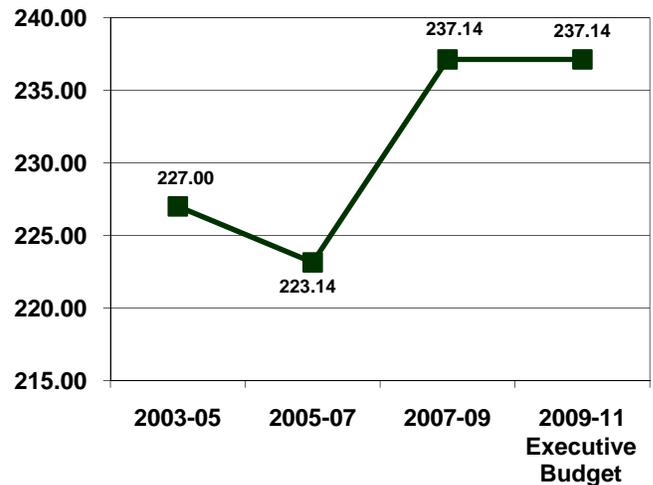
**Department 485 - Workforce Safety and Insurance
 House Bill No. 1021**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 Executive Budget	237.14	\$0	\$54,455,605	\$54,455,605
2007-09 Legislative Appropriations	237.14	0	53,241,155	53,241,155
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$0	\$1,214,450	\$1,214,450

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

The House did not change the executive budget recommendation for Workforce Safety and Insurance. Attached is a summary of first house changes.

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adjusts funding for operating expenses as follows:			
Travel		\$88,928	\$88,928
Supplies - Information technology software		(898,747)	(898,747)
Supply/material - Professional		(2,872)	(2,872)
Miscellaneous supplies		(53,420)	(53,420)
Postage		(42,226)	(42,226)
Printing		31,390	31,390
Information technology equipment under \$5,000		(107,850)	(107,850)
Rentals/leases - Building and land		87,423	87,423
Information technology - Data processing		72,000	72,000
Information technology - Communications		81,674	81,674
Information technology - Contractual services		(1,380,663)	(1,380,663)
Professional development		(791,226)	(791,226)
Operating fees and services		(22,412)	(22,412)
Fees - Professional services		608,932	608,932
Total		(\$2,329,069)	(\$2,329,069)
2. Removes capital asset funding provided for the 2007-09 biennium		(\$13,000)	(\$13,000)

Other Sections in Bill

FTE position authorization - Section 2 authorizes the director of Workforce Safety and Insurance to hire, upon a determination that employees are needed to facilitate the economic and efficient administration of the entity's vocational rehabilitation program, up to 10 additional FTE positions. The section also appropriates \$1,355,000 from special funds to Workforce Safety and Insurance for expenses relating to the 10 additional positions.

Continuing Appropriations

Building maintenance account - North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 65-02-05.1 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance building maintenance account is appropriated on a continuing basis for bond principal and interest payments, operating, maintenance, repair, and payment in lieu of taxes expenses of the building and grounds.

Reinsurance and other states' coverage - NDCC Section 65-02-13.1 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to allow the agency to establish a program of reinsurance and a program of extraterritorial coverage and other states' insurance.

Allocated loss adjustment expenses - NDCC Section 65-02-06.1 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of all allocated loss adjustment expenses experienced by the agency.

Preferred worker program - NDCC Section 65-05-36 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of any employment-related expenses for the preferred worker program.

Performance evaluation - NDCC Section 65-02-30 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of the expense of conducting a biennial independent performance evaluation.

Insurance fraud unit - NDCC Section 65-02-23 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of costs associated with identifying, preventing, and investigating employer or provider fraud.

Information fund - NDCC Section 65-01-13 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance information fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the payment of publication and statistical processing expenses incurred by the agency.

Safety programs - NDCC Section 65-03-04 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance fund is appropriated on a continuing basis for the purpose of funding work safety and loss prevention programs.

Educational revolving loan fund - NDCC Section 65-05.1-08 - Money in the Workforce Safety and Insurance educational revolving loan fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to maintain the fund and provide loans to individuals wanting to pursue a postsecondary education.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1035 - Workforce Safety and Insurance reserve level - This bill provides that the level of financial reserves plus available surplus of Workforce Safety and Insurance may not exceed 140 percent of the actuarially established discounted reserve. The bill excludes from the calculation of available surplus any funds designated or obligated to specific programs or projects pursuant to a directive or specific approval by the Legislative Assembly.

House Bill No. 1036 - Workforce Safety and Insurance premiums - This bill requires Workforce Safety and Insurance to establish premium rates annually on an actuarial basis. The statewide average premium rate level may not deviate by more than five percentage points from the recommended actuarial-indicated premium level for that year.

House Bill No. 1037 - Workforce Safety and Insurance independent performance evaluation - This bill relates to the information to be included in the independent performance evaluation of Workforce Safety and Insurance.

House Bill No. 1201 - Workforce Safety and Insurance Office of Independent Review - This bill changes the name of the Office of Independent Review to Decision Review Office.

House Bill No. 1464 - Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings, personnel, and board duties - This bill provides for changes to Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings, personnel, and board duties relating to the approval of initiated measure No. 4 in November 2008.

Senate Bill No. 2059 - Attorney's fees - This bill provides for Workforce Safety and Insurance to pay an injured employee's attorney's fees and costs for a case review. The bill allows an injured employee who uses the services of the Office of Independent Review to be eligible for payment of \$500 for attorney's fees and \$150 for costs associated with an attorney consultation before an administrative hearing is held.

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