Indian Affairs Commission Budget No. 316 House Bill No. 1005

2011-13 executive budget (bills as introduced)	FTE Positions 4.00	General Fund \$847,878	Other Funds \$0	Total \$847,878
2011-13 legislative appropriations	4.00	822,878	0	822,878
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$25,000)	\$0	(\$25,000)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	0.00	\$138,293	(\$18,000)	\$120,293

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2009-11 legislative appropriations	\$684,585	\$0	\$684,585
2011-13 legislative appropriations	822,878	0	822,878
2011-13 legislative increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	\$138,293	\$0	\$138,293
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriations	20.2%	N/A	20.2%
2011-13 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	(\$25,000)	\$0	(\$25,000)
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	(2.9%)	N/A	(2.9%)

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Indian Affairs Commission is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2015.

Major Items						
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total		
The legislative action:						
Reduced funding provided in the executive budget from \$100,000 to \$75,000 for a suicide prevention program directed at Native American tribes.		(\$25,000)		(\$25,000)		
Total	0.00	(\$25,000)	\$0	(\$25,000)		

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation which included funding for 4 FTE positions, the same as the 2009-11 biennium.

Indian Youth Leadership Academy

The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to provide \$60,000 from the general fund for the North Dakota Indian Youth Leadership Academy in the 2011-13 biennium. This level of funding represents an increase in funding of \$20,000 from the 2009-11 legislative appropriation of \$40,000. The Indian Affairs Commission will conduct a one-week school each year of the biennium for Indian youth and plans to utilize the additional funding to increase student attendance.

Other Sections in Bill

Suicide prevention program - Section 3 provides legislative intent that the Indian Affairs Commission work in conjunction with the State Department of Health to develop a suicide prevention program, including outreach, education, administration, and implementation of grants for suicide prevention activities. The Indian Affairs Commission is to report to the Appropriations Committees of the 63rd Legislative Assembly on the use of the funding provided for the program, including statistics on the effectiveness of the program.

Related Legislation

Indian education issues - House Bill No. 1049 provides for a Superintendent of Public Instruction study of Indian education issues and a report to the Legislative Management.

Committee on Tribal and State Relations - Senate Bill No. 2053 relates to the extension and duties of the Committee on Tribal and State Relations. The bill provides that the committee conduct joint meetings with North Dakota Tribal Governments' Task Force to study tribal-state issues, including government-to-government relations, human services, education, corrections, issues related to the promotion of economic development, and whether the members of the North Dakota Tribal Governments' Task Force should be voting members of the committee.

Income tax exemption - Senate Bill No. 2208 provides an income tax exemption to qualifying reservation residents on income from activities or sources within the exterior boundaries of a state reservation.

Single public health unit - Fort Berthold Reservation - Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4012 provides that the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of placing the entire Fort Berthold Reservation in a single public health unit to address issues of a possible decline in Indian Health Service funding and funding issues arising from three public health units serving the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Tourism alliance - Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4021 provides that the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of developing a strategic partnership between the Tourism Division and corresponding tourism departments or alliances of tourism departments of the Indian tribes within North Dakota promoting tourism in North Dakota.