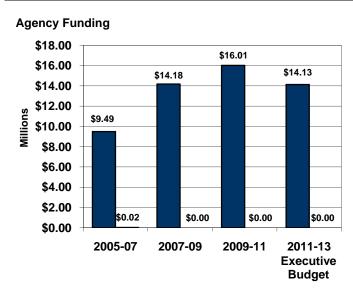
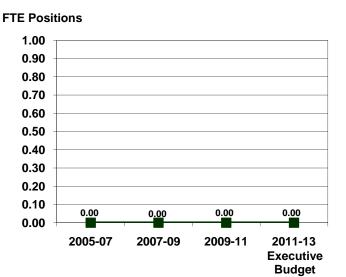
Department 150 - Legislative Assembly House Bill No. 1001

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 Executive Budget	0.00	\$14,128,734	\$0	\$14,128,734
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	0.00	16,014,554	0	16,014,554
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	(\$1,885,820)	\$0	(\$1,885,820)





■General Fund □Other Funds

Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation	
2011-13 Executive Budget	\$11,886,028	\$2,242,706	\$14,128,734	
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	11,011,227	5,003,327	16,014,554	
Increase (Decrease)	\$874,801	(\$2,760,621)	(\$1,885,820)	

First House Action

Attached is a summary of first house changes.

Executive Budget Highlights (With First House Changes in Bold)

(With First House Changes in Bold)						
		General Fund	Other Funds	Total		
1.	Adds funding for increasing legislators' monthly compensation from \$415 to \$427 effective July 2011 and \$440 effective July 2012	\$67,393		\$67,393		
2.	Adds funding for increasing additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders from \$298 to \$307 effective July 2011 and \$316 effective July 2012	\$1,395		\$1,395		
3.	Adds funding for increasing legislative compensation for regular, special, or organizational sessions from \$148 per day to \$152 per day effective July 2011 and \$157 per day effective July 2012	\$158,464		\$158,464		
4.	Adds funding for legislators' health insurance coverage, including an increase in health insurance premiums from \$826 to \$886	\$189,228		\$189,228		
5.	Adds funding for increasing the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions from \$1,000 to \$1,271 (\$138,752) and for increasing the daily lodging expense reimbursement from \$63 plus tax to \$77 plus tax. The House added \$215,040 from the general fund for additional costs relating to House Bill No. 1141 which increases the monthly lodging expense reimbursement effective January 1, 2011.	\$150,333		\$150,333		

 Adds one-time funding for redistricting special session, including \$167,265 for legislative pay, \$27,093 for temporary salaries, and \$77,660 for travel 	\$272,018	\$272,018
7. Adds one-time funding for information technology projects, including replacement of the fiscal notes system (\$75,700) and the legislative bill tracking system (\$84,238)	\$159,938	\$159,938
8. Adds one-time funding for replacement of legislators' laptops	\$510,750	\$510,750
9. Adds one-time funding for committee room renovations (\$500,000) and voting system upgrades (\$800,000)	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
10. Removes one-time funding provided for the 2009-11 biennium relating primarily to the LEGEND computer system and committee room renovations	(\$5,003,327)	(\$5,003,327)

Other Sections in Bill

Continuation of appropriation authority - Section 4 provides that the unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2009-11 biennium be continued.

Continuing Appropriations

There are no continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The audit of the Legislative Assembly conducted by Eide Bailly during the 2009-10 interim included the following significant audit finding:

Condition: The financial statement provided by the agency did not properly reflect the fixed asset activity for the period under audit.

Recommendation: We recommend that all general ledger accounts are reconciled in a timely manner and adjustments made for any differences noted.

Response: The Legislative Council agrees with the finding. The adjustments made by the auditor all relate to transactions associated with the discontinuation of one major information technology project and the initiation of another major information technology project during the same period. Although the Legislative Council believes this to be a unique and isolated incident, the Legislative Council has made and will continue to make internal control improvements to more closely monitor the recording of transactions and their reflection on the financial statements.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1141 increases the maximum monthly lodging expense reimbursement allowed during legislative sessions.

House Bill No. 1261 repeals the Legislative Compensation Commission.

House Bill No. 1267 provides for the establishment of a Legislative Management redistricting committee, the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, and a special legislative session.

House Bill No. 1368 amends North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-20 and 54-35-10 to increase legislative compensation by 3 percent per year for the 2011-13 biennium and repeals Sections 54-03-19.1 and 54-03-19.2 establishing the Legislative Compensation Commission.

Senate Bill No. 2169 provides that the Legislative Council is to record the audio of floor sessions based on rules adopted by the House and the Senate. The Legislative Council is to also archive all recordings and make the recordings available to the public.

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