

**Labor Commissioner  
Budget 406  
House Bill No. 1043, Senate Bill No. 2007**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	7.00	\$701,037	\$241,249	\$942,286
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>7.00</u>	<u>626,035</u>	<u>74,926</u>	<u>700,961</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	0.00	\$75,002	\$166,323	\$241,325

**NOTE:** The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$1,932 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$227 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increase in July 1999.

**Item Description**

**Discriminatory housing practices** - House Bill No. 1043 provides an appropriation of \$39,000 from the general fund and \$159,000 from federal funds for the provision of services to prevent unfair housing practices.

**Status/Result**

The Labor Commissioner has created a Fair Housing Division within the agency to educate individuals on fair housing practices and to assist in conciliation of unfair housing claims. Pursuant to authority received from the Emergency Hiring Council, the agency hired two individuals in January 2000 as staff for the newly created division. Staff members are developing informational brochures; giving presentations; initiating working relationships with realtors, apartment owners, homebuilders, and the North Dakota Housing Council; and working on cases.