

**Department 408 - Public Service Commission
House Bill No. 1008**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	42.00	\$3,890,189	\$5,842,274	\$9,732,463
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>42.00</u>	<u>3,577,067</u>	<u>5,637,562</u>	<u>9,214,629¹</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$313,122</u>	<u>\$204,712</u>	<u>\$517,834</u>

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Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$12,487, \$7,987 of which is 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 \$41, \$24 of which is 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 increases in July 1999 and July 2000. The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts do not include \$33,150 of additional spending authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 1999-2001 biennium.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Public Service Commission 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides increased salaries and wages funding based on the Central Personnel Division's salary market study for elected and appointed officials (commissioners and executive secretary positions).	\$30,608	\$1,143	\$31,751
2. Increases funding for travel costs, primarily related to the operation of inspection vehicles, per diem and lodging expense.	\$50,052	\$21,409	\$71,461
3. Reinstates 1 FTE weights and measures inspector position which was removed in the hold-even budget and increases equipment line item (computers) by \$5,000.	\$66,427		\$66,427
4. Increases special fund revenues to allow for estimated expenses and fee reimbursements related to the utility valuation fund (total of \$125,000).		\$25,000	\$25,000
5. Provides funding replacement of reclamation computer (\$10,000) and operations (\$15,000).	\$9,000	\$16,000	\$25,000
6. Provides general fund moneys for legal reference manual and increases operating from additional federal funds income.	\$4,000	\$26,000	\$30,000
7. Replaces general fund moneys with federal funds to reflect additional cost reimbursements available for support services.	(\$44,224)	\$44,224	\$0

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Public Service Commission
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
There are no changes from the Schafer recommendation.			\$0

Major Legislation Affecting the Public Service Commission

Section 2 of House Bill No. 1008 includes the statutory changes necessary to increase the Public Service Commissioners' salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the 1999 Legislative Assembly:

July 1, 1999	\$58,262
July 1, 2000	\$59,428
January 1, 2001	\$64,569

Proposed annual salary recommended in the 2001-03 executive budget:

July 1, 2001	\$66,509
January 1, 2002	\$68,504
July 1, 2002	\$69,874

House Bill No. 1067 increases the annual license fee for auctioneers and auction clerks from \$35 to \$50.

House Bill No. 1091 increases fee charges for testing and certifying weighing and measuring devices by 10 percent.

Senate Bill No. 2074 increases the annual license fee for grain warehouses and grain buyers by \$50.