

**Veterans Home
House Bill No. 2007**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bill as introduced)	87.01	\$3,464,871	\$5,824,935	\$9,289,806
2001-03 legislative appropriations	87.01	3,332,074	6,099,935	9,432,009
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$132,797)	\$275,000	\$142,203
Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations	2.40	\$1,059,148	(\$50,777)	\$1,008,371
2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation	87.01	\$3,464,871	\$5,824,935	\$9,289,806
Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation	0.00	(\$132,797)	\$275,000	\$142,203

GOVERNOR HOEVEN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Hoeven recommendation did not change the Schafer recommendation.

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Veterans Home is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1015. In addition to the above appropriations, agencies may receive additional funding from the \$5 million appropriated in Section 1 of House Bill No. 1015 for special market equity adjustments for classified state employees whose salaries are the furthest from their respective salary range midpoints. The bill includes funding to provide a market equity adjustment of \$133.33 per month for the commandant effective January 1, 2002.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for the market equity salary increase for the commandant to provide a \$133.33 per month salary increase effective January 1, 2002. The executive budget did not include enough funding to provide for this increase.		\$70		\$70
Changed the source of funding for salary increases for nurses and certified nurses assistants from the general fund to special funds received from the Department of Human Services for nursing facility compensation increases provided for in House Bill No. 1196		(112,867)	\$280,000	167,133
Reduced funding for temporary wages and overtime		(15,000)		(15,000)
Reduced funding for operating expenses		(5,000)		(5,000)

Reduced funding for equipment			(5,000)	(5,000)
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(\$132,797)</u>	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$142,203</u>

FTE Changes

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation includes funding for 87.01 FTE positions, 2.4 FTE more than authorized for the 1999-2001 biennium. The Legislative Assembly did not change the executive recommendation to add 2.4 FTE certified nursing assistants.

Other Sections in Bill

Performance audit - Section 2 directs the State Auditor's office to conduct a performance audit of the Veterans Home. The State Auditor's office may hire a consultant, as necessary, the cost of which may be assessed to the Veterans Home. The performance audit may include a review of the contractual arrangements for physician services.

Management structure study - Section 3 directs the Legislative Council to consider studying the management structure and oversight of the Veterans Home.