

**Public Service Commission
House Bill No. 1008**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 executive budget (Governor Schafer) (bill as introduced)	42.00	\$3,890,189	\$5,842,274	\$9,732,463
2001-03 legislative appropriations	41.00	3,857,005	5,724,433	9,581,438
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	(1.00)	(\$33,184)	(\$117,841)	(\$151,025)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriations	(1.00)	\$279,938	\$59,311	\$339,249
2001-03 Governor Hoeven's recommendation	42.00	\$3,890,189	\$5,842,274	\$9,732,463
Legislative increase (decrease) to Governor Hoeven's recommendation	(1.00)	(\$33,184)	(\$117,841)	(\$151,025)

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 Public Service Commission 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 adjustment of \$166.25 per month for each public service commissioner and \$168.83 per month for the executive secretary of the commission effective January 1, 2002.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for the market equity salary increase of \$166.25 per month for the commissioners and \$168.83 per month for the executive secretary effective January 1, 2002. The executive budget included more funding than was necessary to provide for these increases.		(\$17,082)	(\$638)	(\$17,720)
Removed a vacant public service specialist position (see FTE Changes section)	(1.00)	(12,102)	(91,203)	(103,305)
Reduced excess funding provided in the executive budget for central service costs			(26,000)	(26,000)

Removed funding for legal reference manual	_____	(4,000)	_____	(4,000)
Total	<u>(1.00)</u>	<u>(\$33,184)</u>	<u>(\$117,841)</u>	<u>(\$151,025)</u>

FTE Changes

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation includes funding for 41 FTE positions, one less than the 1999-2001 authorized level of 42 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly removed one vacant public service specialist position.

Other Sections in Bill

“One-Call” Call Before You Dig Program - Section 3 provides federal fund authority of \$27,560 for the “one-call” call before you dig program for the 1999-2001 biennium.

Commissioner salaries - Section 2 includes statutory changes relating to the annual salaries of the public service commissioners. Each commissioner’s salary is increased from \$64,569 to \$66,509 on July 1, 2001, to \$68,504 on January 1, 2002, and to \$69,874 on July 1, 2002.