

**Department 321 - Department of Veterans Affairs
 Senate Bill No. 2007**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	5.00	\$496,191	\$20,789	\$516,980
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>5.00</u>	<u>445,998</u>	<u>21,678</u>	<u>467,676¹</u>
Increase (Decrease)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$50,193</u>	<u>(\$889)</u>	<u>\$49,304</u>

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	<u>5.00</u>	<u>\$496,191</u>	<u>\$20,789</u>	<u>\$516,980</u>
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 \$4,565, \$1,322 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 \$444, \$342 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 \$3,061 of funding source transfer as a result of salary equity adjustments from Central Personnel during the 1999-2001 biennium.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Department of Veterans Affairs 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Restores .75 FTE claims officer back to full time, reduced in hold-even budget request.	\$14,321		\$14,321
2. Provides increased salaries and wages based on Central Personnel Division's market equity study for elected and appointed officials (director). The proposed increase is \$134.42 per month effective January 1, 2002. The total increase required for the biennium, including benefits, is \$2,825 or \$2,661 less than the executive recommendation. (The Senate reduced this amount by \$2,661.)	\$5,486		\$5,486
3. Provides funding to upgrade computer hardware and software.	\$6,200		\$6,200

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Department of Veterans Affairs 2001-03 Budget
 Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven recommendation does not change the Schafer recommendation.

Major Legislation Affecting the Department of Veterans Affairs

No major legislation has been introduced at this time affecting this agency.

Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).