

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

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	42.00	\$3,890,189	\$5,842,274	\$9,732,463
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	42.00	3,577,067	5,637,562	9,214,629 <sup>1</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	\$313,122	\$204,712	\$517,834

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	42.00	\$3,890,189	\$5,842,274	\$9,732,463
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> 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**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Provides funding for salary equity adjustments effective January 1, 2002 based on the Central Personnel Division's salary market study. The proposed increase is \$166.25 for the commissioners and \$168.83 for the executive secretary. The total increase required for the biennium, including benefits, is \$14,031 or \$17,720 less than the executive recommendation. (The House reduced this amount by \$17,720 for the market equity adjustment.)	\$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. (The House removed the \$4,000 funding for legal reference manual.)	\$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)**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
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. 1091 increases fee charges for testing and certifying weighing and measuring devices by 10 percent. (This bill has passed the House.)

Senate Bill No. 2074 increases the annual license fee for grain warehouses and grain buyers by \$50. (This bill has passed the Senate.)

Senate Bill No. 2410 provides for certain rural electric cooperatives and telecommunications companies to be under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

**Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action**

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).