

**Department 770 - State Water Commission  
House Bill No. 1023**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	83.00	\$0	\$127,645,008 <sup>1</sup>	\$127,645,008
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	82.00	9,262,180	130,272,775	139,534,955 <sup>2</sup>
Increase (Decrease)	1.00	(\$9,262,180)	(\$2,627,767)	(\$11,889,947)

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	83.00	\$0	\$127,645,008	\$127,645,008
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> Total other fund balance per executive budget summary \$127,645,008  
Additional authorization for water projects included in House Bill No. 1023 for a total of \$62.3 million 33,727,667  
Total other fund balance per Section 1 of House Bill No. 1023 \$93,917,341

<sup>2</sup> The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$89,892, \$53,038 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 \$794 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 \$1 million of additional spending authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 1999-2001 biennium. In addition, \$2.3 million of other funds was carried forward from the 1997-99 biennium.

**Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting State Water Commission 2001-03 Budget**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Provides funding for 1 FTE geographical information specialist position.		\$96,103	\$96,103
2. Provides authorization for the State Water Commission to sell property at the corner of 26th Street and Broadway Avenue and use the proceeds to build a new shop for an equal value.		\$977,100	\$977,100
3. Changes funding source from general fund moneys to special funds from the water development trust fund.	(\$9,262,180)	\$9,262,180	\$0
4. Provides funding from the water development trust fund for bond payments on water projects.		\$8,636,398	\$8,636,398
5. Provides funding from the water development trust fund for other operating expenses.		\$489,413	\$489,413
6. Authorizes up to \$28,572,333 from the water development trust fund for water projects in place of bonding.		\$28,572,333	\$28,572,333
7. Increases funding from the resources trust fund from the 1999-2001 authorization of \$11,547,104 for a total of \$21,718,031.		\$10,170,927	\$10,170,927
8. Priorities for authorization of state water projects:			
Grand Forks	\$34,000,000		
Devils Lake	20,000,000		
Grafton	4,800,000		
Wahpeton	3,500,000		
Total authorization per Schafer recommendation	\$62,300,000		

(The House approved additional bonding authorization of \$5,500,000 for Fargo flood control projects.)

**Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting State Water Commission 2001-03 Budget  
Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)**

The Hoeven recommendation does not change the Schafer recommendation.

## **Major Legislation Affecting the State Water Commission**

Section 2 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes \$21,718,031, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, in the total special funds line item from the resources trust fund.

Section 3 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes \$47,365,504 or so much of the funds as may be necessary, in the total special funds line item from the water development trust fund.

Section 6 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes revenues in excess of \$21,718,031 in the resources trust fund to the State Water Commission, subject to Emergency Commission approval.

Section 7 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes the State Water Commission to sell one or more parcels of land and the shop building located at 2603 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck. The proceeds of the sale, or so much of the sale proceeds as may be necessary, are appropriated for the purchase of land and construction of a new maintenance facility.

Section 8 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes the State Water Commission to use other appropriated funds to purchase land and construct a new maintenance shop building if the proceeds from the sale of the existing land is less than \$977,100, provided that not more than \$977,100 may be spent on the new land and building. The State Water Commission is also authorized to use other appropriated funds if the proceeds from the land sale are not available to purchase land and begin construction of a new building, provided that upon receipt of the proceeds, the State Water Commission shall transfer an amount equal to any funds utilized for the purchase of land and construction of the building.

Section 9 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes the State Water Commission to use funds from the water development trust fund to defray the expenses of the State Water Commission.

Section 10 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 establishes water to eastern North Dakota as a critical priority and directs the State Water Commission, in cooperation with the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and existing water users, to develop a plan and cost estimate.

Section 11 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorizes the State Water Commission to use funds from either the resources trust fund, the water development trust fund, or by issuing bonds for new water projects. The total authorization for the new projects is not to exceed \$36.3 million.

Section 12 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 provides the order of funding sources for payment of principal and interest on bonds for authorized water projects pursuant to Section 10.

Section 13 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 provides legislative intent that no more than \$67.8 million may be spent on water development projects for the 2001-03 biennium.

Sections 14 and 15 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1023 authorize a line of credit from the Bank of North Dakota of up to \$25 million for interim financing prior to the issuance of bonds.

House Bill No. 1151 removes the requirement that the federal government must agree to participate in construction of the Devils Lake outlet for bonds to be issued for that project. (This bill has passed the House.)

House Bill No. 1158 increases the bonding limit for the Southwest Pipeline Project from \$15 million to \$25 million. The bonds sold are repaid by revenue generated from water users' fees, collected by the Southwest Water Authority, and sent directly to the bond trustee. (This bill has passed the House.)

Senate Bill No. 2256 extends, through June 2003, the authority of the State Water Commission to issue bonds for construction of a Devils Lake outlet.

Senate Bill No. 2264 extends, through June 2003, the authority of the State Water Commission to issue bonds for the Grand Forks flood control project.

Senate Bill No. 2285 provides an appropriation to the State Water Commission for administering the Section 404 program of the Clean Water Act.

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

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).