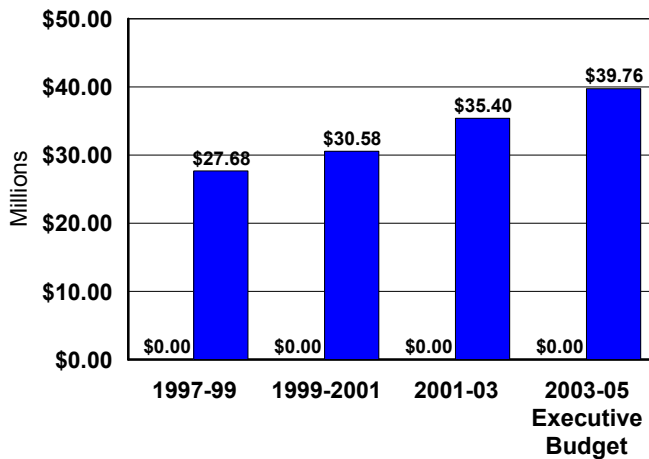


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 Senate Bill No. 2019**

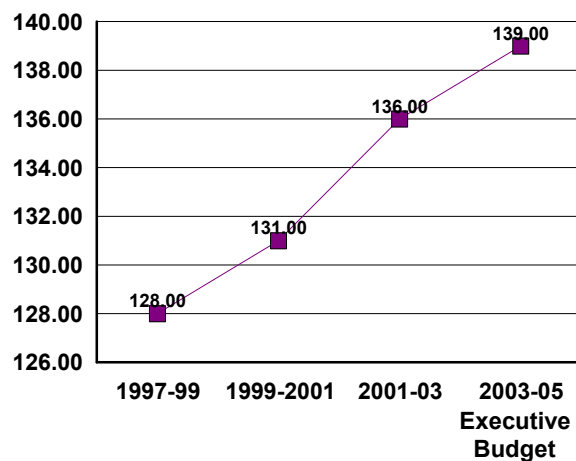
| | FTE Positions | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 2003-05 Executive Budget | 139.00 | \$0 | \$39,759,673 | \$39,759,673 |
| 2001-03 Legislative Appropriations | 136.00 | 0 | 35,396,976 | 35,396,976 ¹ |
| Increase (Decrease) | 3.00 | \$0 | \$4,362,697 | \$4,362,697 |

¹ The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$77,335 from other funds for the agency's share of the \$5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$1,824,000 of additional special funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2001-03 biennium and other funds spending authority of \$60,000 carried over from the 1999-2001 biennium for capital projects.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



■ General Fund ■ Special Funds

First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

| | General Fund | Other Funds | Total |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Adds 3 FTE biologist I positions for habitat and access programs | | \$241,922 | \$241,922 |
| 2. Provides increased funding for capital improvements, including \$600,000 for construction of a Bismarck shop and \$500,000 for hunting land acquisitions | | \$663,758 | \$663,758 |
| 3. Approves agency request to discontinue funding the waterbank program | | (\$200,000) | (\$200,000) |
| 4. Increases noxious weed control as a result of more weed control necessary along Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe, and anticipation of salt cedar, a new noxious weed | | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| 5. Provides funding for inflationary increases in operating expenses | | \$554,700 | \$554,700 |

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|--|------------|------------|
| 6. Decreases grants - game and fish line due to an agency adjustment (\$200,000) and increases for funding concerns regarding chronic-wasting disease (\$82,000) and for one-time extraordinary repairs to boat ramps (\$42,000) | (\$76,000) | (\$76,000) |
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Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1050 - This bill establishes guide and outfitter licensing requirements and the license fees for hunting guides and outfitters.

House Bill No. 1122 - This bill establishes a mule deer license raffle and auction of one license per year by the mule deer foundation.

House Bill No. 1223 - This bill sets the opening date of pheasant season at not earlier than one-half hour before sunrise on the first Saturday of October and prohibits nonresidents from hunting for the first seven days of the pheasant season on land owned or private land enrolled by the department for the purpose of hunting or on land for which the department pays in lieu of tax payments.

House Bill No. 1343 - This bill provides penalties for the unlawful taking of big game animals.

House Bill No. 1358 - This bill increases fees for nonresident hunting and fishing and provides an appropriation of \$3,300,000 to the Game and Fish Department from the game and fish fund to increase funding for the private land open to sportsmen program.

House Bill No. 1391 - This bill increases big game hunting license fees by \$5 and provides that \$5 of each resident big game hunting license fee and \$5 of each nonresident big game hunting license fee must be used for the private land open to sportsmen program.

Senate Bill No. 2048 - This bill requires the number of nonresident waterfowl hunting licenses issued to be limited based on total hunting pressure.

Senate Bill No. 2242 - This bill provides that the 14-day, 7-day, and two 7-day hunting period restrictions do not apply to nonresidents hunting during the early September Canada goose season.

Senate Bill No. 2322 - This bill allows certain nonresident college students living in North Dakota to purchase resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Senate Bill No. 2363 - This bill allows nonresidents to participate in a lottery for deer licenses remaining after the second lottery for residents at a reduced fee of \$100 instead of \$150.