

**Legislative Assembly
Budget No. 150
Senate Bill No. 2001, House Bill No. 1015**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	0.00	\$13,117,952	\$0	\$13,117,952
2005-07 legislative appropriations	0.00	9,492,225	20,000	9,512,225
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	(\$3,625,727)	\$20,000	(\$3,605,727)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	0.00	\$930,973	\$20,000	\$950,973

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for increasing legislators' monthly compensation by \$100 per month, from \$250 to \$350, beginning July 1, 2005		\$364,288		\$364,288
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for legislators' health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy		(16,100)		(16,100)
Removed funding for replacing legislative computer system applications (see Legislative Applications Replacement System Project section below)		(4,200,000)		(4,200,000)
Added funding in House Bill No. 1015 from the water development trust fund for North Dakota's contribution to the Legislators' Forum for Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota			\$20,000	20,000
Added funding for replacing sound system mixers in the House chamber		26,085		26,085
Added funding for designing and remodeling space in the Capitol for an additional committee room and for refurnishing committee rooms		200,000		200,000
Total	0.00	(\$3,625,727)	\$20,000	(\$3,605,727)

Legislative Applications Replacement System Project

The Legislative Assembly, in its 2005-07 biennium budget request, included \$4.2 million from the general fund for replacing legislative computer applications. The Legislative Assembly removed this funding as reflected on the schedule above and allowed, in Section 9 of Senate Bill No. 2001, the continuation of any unspent 2003-05 biennium appropriation authority of the legislative branch for costs of the legislative applications replacement system computer project. The Legislative Assembly also added Section 5 providing for the governance of the project by the Legislative Council.

Other Sections in Bill

Section 6 requires a Legislative Council study of the feasibility of printing bills and resolutions using high-speed printers for the 2007 legislative session.

Section 7 requires a Legislative Council study of the need for additional legislative committee meeting rooms.

Section 8 requires a Legislative Council study of the appropriateness of increasing the daily compensation for chairmen of substantive standing committee divisions established by House or Senate rules.

Section 10 makes the statutory change necessary to increase legislators monthly compensation from \$250 to \$350 per month.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2058 increases the state mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to 37.5 cents per mile.

Senate Bill No. 2059 increases the maximum reimbursement legislators may receive for lodging during legislative sessions from \$650 to \$900 per month retroactive to January 1, 2005.

Senate Bill No. 2195 increases the state meal reimbursement rate from a total of \$20 per day to a total of \$25 per day and increases the in-state lodging reimbursement allowance from a maximum of \$45 per night plus tax to a maximum of \$50 per night plus tax.