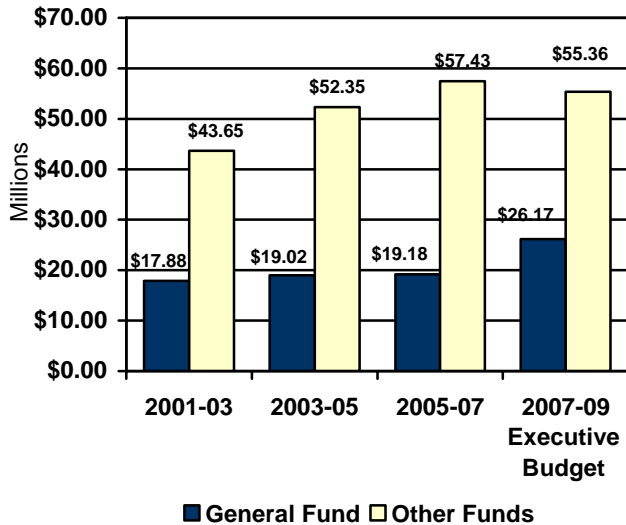


**Department 601 - Department of Commerce
 House Bill No. 1018**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 Executive Budget	73.00	\$26,169,736	\$55,361,293	\$81,531,029
2005-07 Legislative Appropriations	62.00	19,180,781	57,434,283	76,615,064
Increase (Decrease)	11.00	\$6,988,955	(\$2,072,990)	\$4,915,965

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes in Bold)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 1 FTE business development specialist in the Division of Economic Development and Finance	\$137,758		\$137,758
2. Adds 10 FTE positions within the Division of Workforce Development to provide students and parents information about career opportunities in target industries in North Dakota. The House replaced these FTE positions with 1 FTE position to administer the career promotion and internship programs.	\$1,226,244		\$1,226,244
3. Provides funding for credit and noncredit internships for postsecondary students. The House added funding to provide a total of \$600,000 for internships.	\$400,000		\$400,000
4. Adds funding for the manufacturing extension partnership program	\$210,899		\$210,899
5. Provides for a transfer to the Development Fund (executive budget identified as one-time funding)	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000
6. Increases funding for the Trade Office from the general fund rather than the Development Fund and Mill and Elevator profits	\$1,400,000	(\$700,000)	\$700,000
7. Provides funding for an innovate ND program	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000
8. Removes funding for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial line item in the Division of Tourism	(\$3,933,103)		(\$3,933,103)
9. Increases funding for tourism marketing and promotion. The House removed this funding.	\$3,753,948		\$3,753,948
10. Reduces funding for economic development initiatives and grants to \$336,846	(\$207,722)		(\$207,722)

11. Reduces federal funding for community services grants to (\$1,450,000) (\$1,450,000)
\$40.4 million

Other Sections in Bill

Section 8 of the bill requires the Department of Commerce to seek to contract with Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Inc., to implement the Dakota Manufacturing Initiative that includes building a membership association of manufacturers in North Dakota and South Dakota. **The House removed this section.**

Continuing Appropriations

Ethanol production incentive fund - NDCC Section 4-14.1-10 - To provide ethanol production incentives to North Dakota ethanol plants.

Job opportunities web site - NDCC Section 54-60-10 - To provide for costs of operating the web site.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1027 - This bill makes a number of changes affecting economic development programs, including centers of excellence, international business, visitor information centers, innovation and technology, workforce development, and tax credits and exemptions.

House Bill No. 1137 - This bill makes a number of changes affecting economic development programs, including the American Indian Business Development Office, the North Dakota Women's Business Development Office, the Trade Office, and the Agricultural Products Utilization Commission.

House Bill No. 1458 - This bill adds Department of Commerce responsibilities relating to the state's hydrogen goal.

Senate Bill No. 2001 - This bill, the Governor's office appropriation bill, transfers statutory responsibility for the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives from the Governor's office to the Department of Commerce and appropriates \$11,000 from the general fund to the Department of Commerce for expenses of the office.

Senate Bill No. 2187 - This bill appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund to the Department of Commerce for emergency shelter programs and for planning and administrative costs relating to the homeless assistance program.

Senate Bill No. 2258 - This bill continues the additional 1 percent lodging tax and appropriates \$3,041,511 from the general fund to the Department of Commerce for out-of-state tourism-related marketing.

Senate Bill No. 2288 - This bill increases the maximum balance in the ethanol incentive fund from \$5 million to \$10 million.

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