

**Department 401 - Insurance Commissioner, Including Insurance Tax Payments to Fire Departments
 Senate Bill No. 2010**

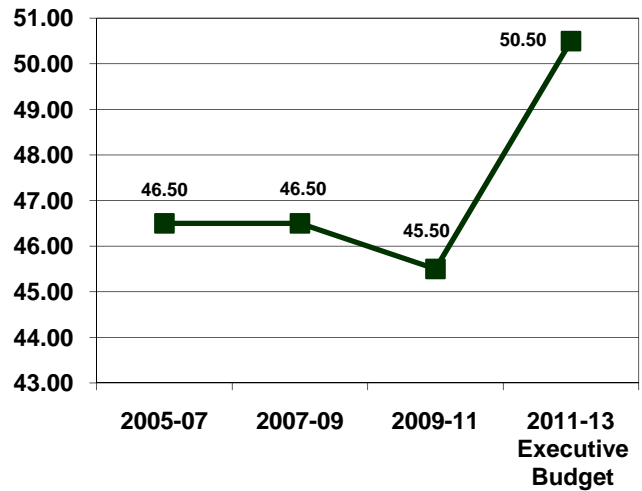
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 Executive Budget	50.50	\$0	\$18,437,148	\$18,437,148
2009-11 Legislative Appropriations	45.50	0	16,191,800	16,191,800 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	5.00	\$0	\$2,245,348	\$2,245,348

¹The 2009-11 legislative appropriation amounts include \$132,866 of special funds for the agency's share of the \$16 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for executive branch employees.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



■ General Fund □ Other Funds

Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Removes one-time funding provided in the 2009-11 biennium relating to information technology equipment and software	\$0	(\$195,000)	(\$195,000)
2. Provides funding for health care reform (\$2,469,871), including:			
1 FTE insurance company examiner (federal funds)		\$149,869	\$149,869
1 FTE research analyst (federal funds)		\$144,938	\$144,938
1 FTE insurance company financial analyst (federal funds)		\$145,012	\$145,012
1 FTE insurance form rate analyst (federal funds)		\$62,287	\$62,287
1 FTE state health insurance counselor (insurance regulatory trust fund)		\$133,845	\$133,845
Federal funds relating to health insurance premium rate review		\$1,833,920	\$1,833,920

Other Sections in Bill

Section 3 provides that \$6,820,000 of special funds from the insurance premium tax distribution fund be distributed to fire departments (\$6.2 million) and in two equal payments to the North Dakota Firefighters Association (\$620,000).

Administrative costs of special funds - Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 provide for administrative costs allocated to the bonding fund, state fire and tornado fund, unsatisfied judgment fund, and the petroleum tank release compensation fund. The following schedule provides information regarding the administrative costs allocated to each special fund. The increases from the 2009-11 biennium will result in a decrease of \$442,847 of Insurance Department administrative costs being provided from the insurance regulatory trust fund.

	2009-11 Biennium Legislative Appropriation	2011-13 Biennium Executive Recommendation	Increase (Decrease)
Bonding fund	\$41,518	\$46,769	(\$2,613)
State fire and tornado fund	\$1,454,159	\$1,611,575 ¹	\$450,355
Unsatisfied judgment fund	\$24,087	\$27,349	\$7,541
Petroleum tank release compensation fund	\$96,238	\$46,769	(\$12,436)

¹Section 5 specifies \$170,000 from the state fire and tornado fund be provided for a grant to the North Dakota Firefighters Association.

Section 8 provides the statutory changes necessary to increase the commissioner's salary as follows:

Annual salary authorized by the 2009 Legislative Assembly:

July 1, 2009	\$83,550
July 1, 2010	\$87,728

Proposed annual salary recommended in the 2011-13 executive budget:

July 1, 2011	\$90,360
July 1, 2012	\$93,071

Continuing Appropriations

No continuing appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

None.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1044 - Statewide funding for emergency medical services - Requires the State Department of Health to establish a statewide funding plan for emergency medical services and provides a \$12 million appropriation from the insurance tax distribution fund to the State Department of Health to distribute through the funding plan (Public Safety and Transportation Committee).