Department 740 - Tourism Department House Bill No. 1022

2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget 1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations Increase (Decrease)	FTE Positions 11.00 11.00 0.00	General Fund \$4,597,778 4,016,000 \$581,778	Other Funds \$363,000 	Total \$4,960,778 <u>4,379,000</u> 1 <u>\$581,778</u>
2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	0.00	\$0	\$0	<u>\$0</u>
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer		(\$4,597,778)	(\$363,000)	(\$4,960,778)

¹The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$3,106 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 \$868 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Tourism Department 2001-03 Budget

 Provides funding for an equity salary increase of \$145 per month for the director effective January 1, 2002 (the amount included in the executive budget is \$83 less than the required amount of \$3,046). 	General Fund \$2,963	Other Funds	Total \$2,963
2. Provides funding for an equity salary increase of \$257 per month for the deputy director effective January 1, 2002 (the amount included in the executive budget is \$2,458 more than the required amount of \$5,402).	\$7,860		\$7,860
3. Provides \$655,863 for initiatives relating to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, a general fund increase of \$531,868 compared to the 1999-2001 biennium appropriation of \$123,995: (The House increased this line item by \$750,000 from the general fund for additional Lewis and Clark Bicentennial marketing.)			
1 FTE tourism marketing specialist III Operating expenses for television advertising Other operating expenses	\$110,793 500,000 45,070		\$110,793 500,000 <u>45,070</u>
Total recommended appropriation	\$655,863		\$655,863

Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Tourism Department Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)

1. Eliminates the Tourism Department and includes those duties in the proposed Department of Commerce. [Recommended funding for the Department of Commerce is \$60.97 million (\$17.4 million from the general fund; \$43.6 million from other funds), which is \$3.5 million (\$2.4 million from the general fund; \$1.1 million from other funds) less than the Schafer recommendation for the combined agencies of the Tourism Department, the Division of Community Services, and the Department of Economic Development and Finance.]

Major Legislation Affecting the Tourism Department

Senate Bill No. 2032 - This bill consolidates the Division of Community Services, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the Tourism Department into a proposed new agency, the Department of Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2195 - As introduced, this bill provided a \$100,000 general fund appropriation to the Tourism Department for a grant to the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame. As amended by the Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill provides legislative intent that \$100,000 of the grants line item appropriated to the Tourism Division of the Department of Commerce be used to provide a grant to the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Summary of Legislative Changes to Bill as Introduced

See attached Statement of Purpose of Amendment.