

Workforce Safety and Insurance
Budget No. 485
House Bill Nos. 1022, 1050

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	223.14	\$0	\$33,440,814	\$33,440,814
2005-07 legislative appropriations	223.14		33,523,001	33,523,001
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	\$82,187	\$82,187
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	(3.86)	\$0	\$1,125,370	\$1,125,370

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for Workforce Safety and Insurance is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases			\$108,894	\$108,894
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy			(26,707)	(26,707)
Total	0.00	\$0	\$82,187	\$82,187

FTE Changes

The 2005-07 biennium appropriation includes funding for 223.14 FTE positions, a decrease of 3.86 FTE positions from the 2003-05 biennium authorized level of 227 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to delete 3.86 FTE positions not requested by the agency.

Related Legislation

Workforce Safety and Insurance Board of Directors - House Bill No. 1199 provides that each employer representative on the board of directors for Workforce Safety and Insurance, except for the employer at-large representative, must be a principal owner, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer of the employer. The bill also requires the board to interview an employer representative or a medical representative before placing that candidate's name on the list of replacement candidates submitted to the Governor.

Workers' Compensation Review Committee - House Bill No. 1523 provides for the creation of a Legislative Council Workers' Compensation Review Committee to review workers' compensation claims that are brought forward by injured workers for the purpose of determining whether changes should be made to the laws relating to workers' compensation.

Fund reserve balance and rate of discount - House Bill No. 1531 provides that the discount rate used in evaluating Workforce Safety and Insurance financial reserves may not exceed 6 percent, and the level of financial reserves plus surplus must be at least 120 percent but may not exceed 140 percent of the actuarially established discounted reserve.