

**Office of Administrative Hearings
Budget 140
House Bill No. 1017**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2011-13 legislative appropriation	5.00	\$0	\$1,827,199	\$1,827,199
2009-11 legislative appropriation	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,498,712</u>	<u>1,498,712</u>
2011-13 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2009-11 appropriation	0	\$0	\$328,487	\$328,487

Item Description

Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings - The Legislative Assembly in 2009 House Bill No. 1464 provided that Workforce Safety and Insurance use the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct adjudicative proceedings. The Legislative Assembly in 2011 added special funds of \$239,300 for additional professional services to accommodate an anticipated increase in the hearing caseload relating to Workforce Safety and Insurance.

Relocation - The Legislative Assembly provided special funds of \$17,600 for additional rent due to the agency's plan to relocate from the Land Department building to another location at the end of the 2009-11 biennium.

Status/Result

The return of Workforce Safety and Insurance hearings to the Office of Administrative Hearings, increased caseloads from the Department of Human Services relating to child abuse and neglect cases, and the Public Service Commission relating to siting have resulted in the need for additional contract administrative law judges (ALJs). The Office of Administrative Hearings currently uses nine ALJs, an increase from seven during the 2009-11 biennium. The agency anticipates caseloads will continue to increase resulting in the need to increase staff in the 2013-15 biennium.

The Office of Administrative Hearings has relocated to a bank building in north Bismarck.