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House Bill No. 1004

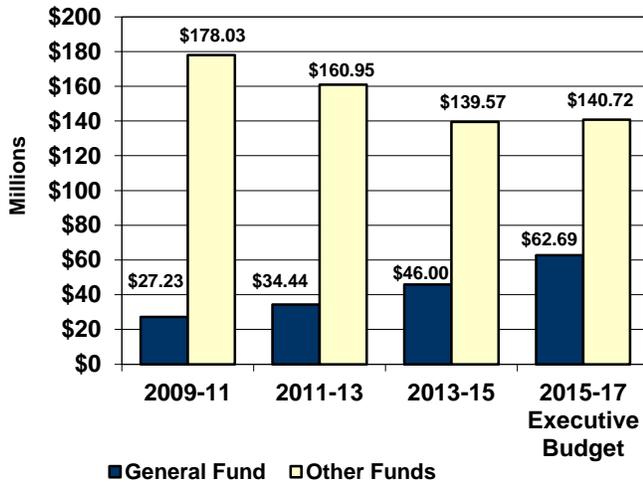
Executive Budget Comparison to Prior Biennium Appropriations

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Executive Budget	373.00	\$62,694,635	\$140,717,631	\$203,412,266
2013-15 Legislative Appropriations	354.00	46,001,508	139,568,434	185,569,942
Increase (Decrease)	19.00	\$16,693,127	\$1,149,197	\$17,842,324

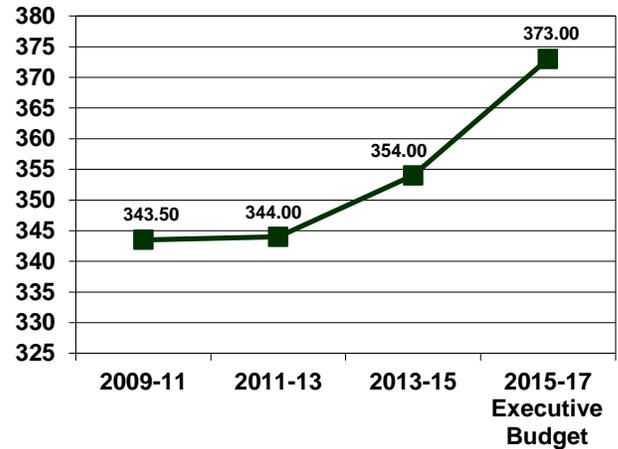
Ongoing and One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2015-17 Executive Budget	\$61,159,135	\$1,535,500	\$62,694,635
2013-15 Legislative Appropriations	44,921,508	1,080,000	46,001,508
Increase (Decrease)	\$16,237,627	\$455,500	\$16,693,127

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Executive Budget	\$62,694,635	\$140,717,631	\$203,412,266
2015-17 Base Level	44,921,508	139,303,434	184,224,942
Increase (Decrease)	\$17,773,127	\$1,414,197	\$19,187,324

First House Action

Attached is a comparison worksheet detailing first house changes to base level funding and the executive budget.

Executive Budget Highlights
(With First House Changes in Bold)

Administrative Support	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Provides funding for state employee salary and benefit increases, of which \$2,929,634 relates to performance increases, \$1,037,666 is for market equity adjustments, \$1,632,154 is for health insurance increases, and \$304,811 is for retirement contribution increases. The House provided funding for performance salary increases of 2 to 4 percent per year and funding for health insurance increases, but did not include funding for market equity increases or funding for retirement contribution increases.	\$3,499,196	\$2,405,069	\$5,904,265
2. Provides targeted equity salary funding. The House did not add this funding.	\$1,559,659	\$0	\$1,559,659

3. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including reductions related to the removal of certain programs and increases due to inflation and increased information technology costs related to projects. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	\$40,090	(\$1,329,690)	(\$1,289,600)
4. Adjusts funding for grants	\$40,000	\$751,740	\$791,740
5. Removes funding for regional public health network grants provided during the 2013-15 biennium	(\$700,000)	\$0	(\$700,000)
6. Increases funding for the dental loan repayment program to provide a total of \$600,000, of which \$240,000 is from the general fund and \$360,000 is from the community health trust fund. The House did not add this funding.	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
7. Increases funding for the medical loan repayment program to provide a total of \$698,800 from the general fund	\$122,012	\$0	\$122,012
8. Adds funding for a behavioral health professional loan repayment program to provide loan repayment for one psychologist and four social workers, addiction counselors, professional counselors, psychology nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, and registered nurses each year of the biennium. The House did not add this funding.	\$495,000	\$0	\$495,000
9. Increases funding for local public health units to provide a total of \$5 million from the general fund. The House increased funding by \$250,000 from the general fund for grants to local public health units to provide a total of \$4.25 million from the general fund.	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Medical Services			
10. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including increases due to inflation and increased information technology costs related to software and computer replacement. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	\$305,793	\$1,339,643	\$1,645,436
11. Adjusts funding for grants	\$0	(\$530,544)	(\$530,544)
12. Adds one-time funding for a school immunization interface module. The House did not add this funding.	\$179,100	\$0	\$179,100
13. Increases funding for the universal vaccine program to provide a total of \$3,076,853 from the general fund, including a school interface module	\$576,853	\$0	\$576,853
14. Adds funding for a catastrophic infectious disease outbreak fund. The House did not add this funding.	\$550,000	\$0	\$550,000
15. Adds funding to contract with the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences to perform autopsies in the eastern part of the state. The 2013-15 biennium appropriation includes \$480,000 of one-time funding for autopsy services in the eastern part of the state. The House provided \$480,000 from the general fund for autopsy services in the eastern part of the state.	\$640,000	\$0	\$640,000
16. Adds one-time funding to modify vital records system to allow electronic review. The House did not add this funding.	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
17. Adds one-time funding for digital x-ray equipment for State Forensic Examiner. The House did not add this funding.	\$44,000	\$0	\$44,000
18. Adjusts funding for bond payments, extraordinary repairs, and equipment	(\$36,857)	(\$2,385)	(\$39,242)
Health Resources			
19. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including increases due to inflation and increased information technology costs related to maintenance. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	\$32,603	(\$72,062)	(\$39,459)

20. Adds funding for 5 FTE food and lodging inspector positions, including salaries and wages (\$652,393) and operating expenses (\$139,623). The House added 1 food and lodging inspector FTE position, including salaries and wages (\$130,479) and operating expenses (\$27,924).	\$749,873	\$42,143	\$792,016
21. Adjusts funding for equipment	\$0	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
Community Health			
22. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including increases due to inflation and increased travel costs. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	\$246,546	(\$653,257)	(\$406,711)
23. Adjusts funding for grants	(\$128,928)	\$1,695,340	\$1,566,412
24. Increases funding for tobacco prevention and control, including NDQuits/QuitNet and grants to health systems for tobacco cessation	\$0	\$1,011,103	\$1,011,103
25. Decreases funding for WIC food payments	\$0	(\$4,459,861)	(\$4,459,861)
26. Removes contingent funding for family violence grant	(\$80,000)	\$0	(\$80,000)
27. Increases funding for suicide prevention grants to provide a total of \$1,180,000 from the general fund. The House increased funding by \$150,000 from the general fund for suicide prevention grants to provide a total of \$830,000 from the general fund.	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
28. Adds funding for domestic violence and rape crisis grants. The House increased funding by \$200,000 from the general fund for domestic violence and rape crisis grants to provide a total of \$2,250,000, of which \$1,910,000 is from the general fund and \$340,000 is from special funds.	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
29. Adjusts funding for the Women's Way program to provide a total of \$500,000 from the general fund instead of the community health trust fund. The House increased funding by \$13,500 to provide a total of \$414,000 from the community health trust fund.	\$500,000	(\$400,500)	\$99,500
30. Adds one-time funding from federal funds for WIC food payments system replacement, including salaries and wages (\$110,000) and operating expenses (\$1,602,110)	\$0	\$1,712,110	\$1,712,110
31. Adds funding for a mobile dental services grant	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
Environmental Health			
32. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including increases due to inflation, additional equipment purchases, increased travel costs, rental costs related to additional space needs, and information technology related to electronic reporting. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	(\$13,112)	(\$74,739)	(\$87,851)
33. Adjusts funding for grants	\$0	(\$1,606,977)	(\$1,606,977)
34. Adds funding for 14 FTE positions in air quality (3 FTE positions), laboratory services (1 FTE position), municipal facilities (3 FTE positions), waste management (4 FTE positions), and water quality (3 FTE positions) to meet increased demands in oil-impacted areas, including salaries and wages (\$1,934,833), operating expenses (\$4,067,753), and grants (\$50,000). The House added 6 FTE positions in air quality (3 FTE positions), municipal facilities (1 FTE position), waste management (1 FTE position), and water quality (1 FTE position), including salaries and wages (\$848,579) and operating expenses (\$197,582).	\$3,681,705	\$2,370,881	\$6,052,586
35. Adds funding for salary increases for emergency and spill response staff. The House did not add this funding.	\$104,544	\$0	\$104,544
36. Adds one-time funding for equipment costs related to additional environmental impact positions. The House added \$780,000 of one-time funding, of which \$292,000 is from the general fund, for equipment related to the 3 new air quality FTE positions and for laboratory equipment.	\$303,400	\$536,600	\$840,000

37. Adjusts funding for bond payments, extraordinary repairs, and equipment	(\$300,406)	\$368,170	\$67,764
38. Adds funding for Environmental Protection Agency lawsuit	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
Emergency Preparedness and Response			
39. Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including increases due to inflation and rental costs related to relocation of the section to new office space and reductions in professional fees related to the stroke system of care funded in the grants line and the removal of regional coordinators contracted to support ambulance services. The House reduced funding for operating expenses agencywide by \$300,000 from the general fund.	(\$88,323)	\$20,545	(\$67,778)
40. Adjusts funding for grants	\$70,500	\$61,218	\$131,718
41. Adds one-time funding for medical cache supplies, including equipment (\$30,000) for two used school buses to transport wheelchairs and stretchers. The House did not add this funding.	\$989,000	\$0	\$989,000
42. Adjusts funding for equipment	\$0	\$471,000	\$471,000
43. Increases funding for rural emergency medical services grants to provide a total of \$8.94 million, of which \$1.25 million is from the insurance tax distribution fund. The House increased funding by \$500,000 from the general fund for rural emergency medical services grants to provide a total of \$7.84 million, of which \$1.25 million is from the insurance tax distribution fund.	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$1,600,000
44. Adjusts funding for the continuation of the cardiac care system	\$213	(\$2,055,906)	(\$2,055,693)

Other Sections in Bill

Environment and rangeland protection fund - Section 3 authorizes the department to spend \$250,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for the ground water testing programs. Of this amount, \$50,000 is for a grant to the North Dakota Stockmen's Association for the environmental services program.

Loan repayment program changes - Section 4 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 43-28.1-01 to remove the limit on dentists eligible for loan repayment and provide the Health Council select, subject to the availability of funds, any number of dentists to participate in the loan repayment program. **The House removed this section.**

Veterinarian loan repayment program selection criteria - The House added a section to amend Section 43-29.1-03 to require participants in the veterinarian loan repayment program be employed full time in the private practice of veterinary medicine.

Continuing Appropriations

Combined purchasing with local public health units - Section 23-01-28 - Allows the State Department of Health to assist the local health units to purchase vaccines. Vaccines are not always available to local health units so it is necessary for the State Department of Health to purchase the vaccine and request the payment from the local health units. When the vaccines are delivered and payment is received, the net effect is zero.

Environmental quality restoration fund - Sections 23-31-01 and 23-31-02 - Allows the State Department of Health to provide immediate and timely response to catastrophic events that threaten the public and environmental health and when the responsible party is late in responding or cannot be located.

Organ tissue transplant fund - Sections 23-01-05.1 and 57-38-35.1 - Provides financial assistance to organ or tissue transplant patients who are residents of North Dakota and demonstrate financial need. Tax refunds of less than \$5 are transferred to the organ tissue transplant fund. The State Health Officer is responsible for adopting rules and administering the fund, and the Tax Department collects the funds.

Veterinarian and dental loan repayment - Sections 43-29.1-08 and 43-28.1-09 - The Health Council may accept any conditional or unconditional gifts, grants, or donations for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of veterinarians' education loans or dentists' education loans. All money received as gifts, grants, or donations under these sections is appropriated as a continuing appropriation to the Health Council for the purpose of providing funds for the repayment of additional veterinarians' or dentists' education loans. If an entity desires to provide funds to the Health Council to allow an expansion of the program beyond three veterinarians or dentists, the entity must fully fund the expansion for a period of four years.

Deficiency Appropriation

Local public health vaccine purchasing program - Senate Bill No. 2023 contains a general fund deficiency appropriation of \$470,900 for a shortfall in the local public health vaccine purchasing program. **The Senate increased the general fund**

deficiency appropriation to the State Department of Health by \$250,000 to provide a total of \$720,900. The additional funding is provided for costs associated with current or pending legal actions with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The operational audit of the State Department of Health conducted by the State Auditor's office for the biennium ended June 30, 2013, included significant audit findings related to the underground storage tank program and the Division of Food and Lodging.

Significant audit findings related to the underground storage tank program include the following:

- The underground storage tank program does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure all areas of the training and registration process are adequate.
- The underground storage tank program does not have adequate policies and procedures in place to ensure the inspection process is handled appropriately.

Significant audit findings related to the Division of Food and Lodging include the following:

- The division does not have adequate policies and procedures in place to ensure the inspection process is handled appropriately.
- The division does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure all areas of the complaint handling process are adequate.
- The division was not following department policies and procedures to ensure policy acknowledgments and the division does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure new employee training is documented.
- The division does not have an adequate database management system. The current system does not have the ability to perform edit checks or completeness checks to ensure the validity of data entered. In addition, the system does not track, record, and disseminate all necessary information. Lack of funding to update the database has caused the division to rely on an outdated system.
- The division does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure that enforcement actions are handled consistently and appropriately.
- The division does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure all areas of the licensing process are adequate.
- The division does not have adequate staffing levels to ensure that inspectors have adequate time to perform thorough inspections using a risk-based approach. The division does not have adequate funding to support the staffing levels necessary.
- The division does not have adequate Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU) set up with the nine local and city health units. The division does not have policies and procedures in place to ensure adequate MOU's are entered into and that monitoring of the local and city health units is performed.

Early Funding

Environmental scientists - The executive recommendation includes, in Senate Bill No. 2126, \$2 million, from the general fund to the State Department of Health for the purpose of hiring up to 15 environmental scientist FTE positions during the 2013-15 biennium. **This bill failed in the Senate and there is currently no provision to allow the State Department of Health to hire new FTE positions during the 2013-15 biennium.**

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1036 - Evaluation of State Programs to Assist Health Professionals - Requires the State Department of Health evaluate state programs to assist health professionals, including behavioral health professionals, with a focus on state loan repayment programs and report to Legislative Management. A fiscal note prepared by the State Department of Health indicates the department would need to contract with an outside vendor to complete the evaluation and study of programs at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

House Bill No. 1116 - Health Statistics - Amends sections of Century Code relating to health statistics to provide clarification and allows the State Department of Health to issue, through electronic means, verification of information contained on birth or death records filed with the State Registrar.

House Bill No. 1370 - Mammography Results - Creates a new section of Century Code relating to mammogram result notices and the notification of registered owners of mammography equipment. A fiscal note prepared by the State Department of Health indicates this will have minimal fiscal impact as the department communicates with all entities included in the bill on a regular basis.

House Bill No. 1390 - Licensing Commercial Oilfield Special Waste Recyclers - Requires the State Department of Health to license commercial oilfield special waste recyclers of oilfield special waste from oil and gas drilling and production operations, to adopt rules governing the operations of such facilities, and to examine the premises and facilities. A fiscal note prepared by the State Department of Health indicates estimated expenditures of \$150,000, including the addition of 1 FTE at a cost of \$137,097 and operating expenses of \$12,903 for travel, the purchase of one-time computer and office furniture, and general operation costs.

House Bill No. 1396 - Student Loan Repayment Programs for Health Care Professionals - Creates a new section of Century Code to provide a student loan repayment program for health care professionals and repeals Chapters 43-12.2 and 43-17.2 related to medical personnel and physician loan repayment programs. A fiscal note prepared by the State Department

of Health indicates funding included in the House version of the budget for the State Department of Health (HB 1004) will now be spread over four categories of professionals for contracts entered into on or after August 1, 2015, rather than the existing two categories. Therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3004 - Medicolegal Death Investigation - Directs Legislative Management continue to study medicolegal death investigation in the state and how current best practices, including authorization, reporting, training, certification, and the use of information technology and toxicology, can improve death investigation systems in the state.

Senate Bill No. 2003 - Appropriation to the Attorney General - Amends Section 54-27-25 related to tobacco settlement trust fund uses to provide funds received under subsection IX(c)(1) of the Master Settlement Agreement may be appropriated to the Attorney General for the purpose of enforcing the Master Settlement Agreement and any disputes with the agreement.

Senate Bill No. 2023 - Deficiency Appropriation - Provides a general fund deficiency appropriation of \$470,900 for a shortfall in the local public health vaccine purchasing program. **The Senate increased the general fund deficiency appropriation to the State Department of Health by \$250,000 to provide a total of \$720,900. The additional funding is provided for costs associated with current or pending legal actions with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.**

Senate Bill No. 2160 - Health Information Hub - Establishes a statewide health information hub and provides the State Health Officer serve on the executive committee. In addition the bill authorizes 1 FTE position and provides an appropriation of \$750,000 from the general fund to the Information Technology Department to defray the costs of the Health Information Hub Office and the Health Information Hub Executive Committee.

Senate Bill No. 2197 - Dental Sealant Program - Provides an appropriation of \$150,000 from the general fund to the State Department of Health to expand the Seal! ND program offering dental sealant services to elementary-aged students.

Senate Bill No. 2205 - Dental Loan Repayment Program - Modifies the number of dentists selected in the loan repayment program and the eligibility criteria of the program and eliminates the dental new practice grants and the program specifically for those serving in a public health or nonprofit clinic. A fiscal note prepared by the State Department of Health indicates the bill has no fiscal impact because the number of dentists selected to participate in the loan repayment program is subject to funds available.

Senate Bill No. 2284 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training - Provides an appropriation of \$200,000 from the general fund to the State Department of Health to provide grants for community-based and hospital-based sexual assault nurse examiner programs to train and support a sexual assault nurse examiner program.

State Department of Health - Budget No. 301
House Bill No. 1004
Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation			House Version				
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2015-17 Biennium Base Level	354.00	\$44,921,508	\$139,303,434	\$184,224,942	354.00	\$44,921,508	\$139,303,434	\$184,224,942
2015-17 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes		\$110,666	(\$170,444)	(\$59,778)		\$110,666	(\$170,444)	(\$59,778)
Salary increase - Performance		1,739,645	1,189,989	2,929,634		1,247,551	884,530	2,132,081
Salary increase - Market equity		609,362	428,304	1,037,666				0
Retirement contribution increase		181,000	123,811	304,811				0
Health insurance increase		969,189	662,965	1,632,154		917,375	662,965	1,580,340
Salary increase - Targeted equity		1,559,659		1,559,659				0
Netted adjustment for bonds, extraordinary repairs, and equipment		(337,263)	821,785	484,522		(337,263)	821,785	484,522
Cost-to-continue programs		505,169	(3,847,541)	(3,342,372)		505,169	(3,847,541)	(3,342,372)
Adjust funding for cardiac care system		213	(2,055,906)	(2,055,693)		213	(2,055,906)	(2,055,693)
Increase funding for vaccines		576,853		576,853		576,853		576,853
Add funding for a catastrophic infectious disease outbreak fund		550,000		550,000				0
Add funding for autopsy contract with UND		640,000		640,000		480,000		480,000
Increase funding for suicide prevention grants		500,000		500,000		150,000		150,000
Increase funding for the dental loan repayment program		60,000		60,000				0
Increase funding for the medical loan repayment program		122,012		122,012		122,012		122,012
Add funding for behavioral health professional loan repayment program		495,000		495,000				0
Increase funding for local public health grants		1,000,000		1,000,000		250,000		250,000
Increase funding for rural EMS grants		1,600,000		1,600,000		500,000		500,000
Add funding for domestic violence and rape crisis grants		500,000		500,000		200,000		200,000
Adjust funding for Women's Way program		500,000	(400,500)	99,500				0
Add funding for mobile dental services grant		100,000		100,000		100,000		100,000
Add funding for EPA lawsuit		500,000		500,000		500,000		500,000
Add funding for food and lodging environmental health practitioner II	1.00	130,479		130,479	1.00	130,479		130,479
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Add funding for food and lodging environmental health practitioner II	1.00	130,478		130,478				0
Add funding for operating expense related to food and lodging FTE		97,480	42,143	139,623		19,496	8,428	27,924
Add funding for air quality environmental scientist II	1.00		129,893	129,893	1.00		129,893	129,893
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Add funding for air quality environmental scientist II	1.00		129,893	129,893	1.00		129,893	129,893
Add funding for chemistry lab chemist II	1.00	129,854		129,854				0
Add funding for municipal facilities data processing coordinator II	1.00	111,657		111,657				0
Add funding for municipal facilities environmental engineer II	1.00	150,728		150,728	1.00	150,728		150,728
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Add funding for waste management environmental scientist II	1.00	129,893		129,893	1.00	129,893		129,893
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Add funding for water quality environmental scientist II position	1.00	129,893		129,893				0
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Add funding for water quality environmental scientist admin. I	1.00	178,279		178,279	1.00	178,279		178,279
Add funding for waste management temporary salaries		3,850		3,850				0

Add funding for water quality temporary salaries	40,700		40,700				0	
Add funding for additional salaries for emergency and spill response	104,544		104,544				0	
Add funding for op. exp. and grants related to Env. Div. FTE	2,136,551	1,981,202	4,117,753	87,251	110,331		197,582	
Increase Womens Way funding to provide a total of \$414,000 from the community health trust fund			0		13,500		13,500	
Reduce funding for operating expenses agency wide			0	(300,000)			(300,000)	
Remove funding for regional public health network grants	(700,000)		(700,000)	(700,000)			(700,000)	
Remove funding for contingent family violence grant	(80,000)		(80,000)	(80,000)			(80,000)	
Total ongoing funding changes	19.00	\$16,237,627	(\$834,513)	\$15,403,114	7.00	\$4,938,702	(\$3,182,673)	\$1,756,029
One-time funding items								
School immunization interface module	\$179,100		\$179,100					\$0
Federal funds for WIC system upgrade		\$1,712,110	1,712,110		1,712,110		1,712,110	
Costs related to environmental impact	303,400	536,600	840,000	292,000	488,000		780,000	
Medical cache	989,000		989,000					0
Modify vital records system to allow electronic review	20,000		20,000					0
Digital x-ray equipment for forensic examiner	44,000		44,000					0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$1,535,500	\$2,248,710	\$3,784,210	0.00	\$292,000	\$2,200,110	\$2,492,110
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	19.00	\$17,773,127	\$1,414,197	\$19,187,324	7.00	\$5,230,702	(\$982,563)	\$4,248,139
2015-17 Total Funding	373.00	\$62,694,635	\$140,717,631	\$203,412,266	361.00	\$50,152,210	\$138,320,871	\$188,473,081

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1004

Environment and rangeland protection fund

Executive Budget Recommendation

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Veterinary loan repayment program

A section is added to require veterinarians that are accepted into the veterinarian loan repayment program be in private practice or employed by a veterinary practice.