

**Forest Service
Budget No. 244
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriations	27.00	\$4,676,664	\$10,665,400	\$15,342,064
2019-21 base budget	27.00	4,426,427	10,650,748	15,077,175
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	0.00	\$250,237	\$14,652	\$264,889

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2019-21 legislative appropriations	\$4,676,664	\$0	\$4,676,664
2017-19 legislative appropriations	4,426,427	0	4,426,427
2019-21 legislative increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	\$250,237	\$0	\$250,237
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriations	5.7%	N/A	5.7%

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes.			\$14,652	\$14,652
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020.		\$129,761		129,761
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,426.74 per month.		120,476		120,476
Total	0.00	\$250,237	\$14,652	\$264,889

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly authorized 27.00 FTE positions for the Forest Service for the 2019-21 biennium, the same number authorized by the 2017 Legislative Assembly. Section 24 of House Bill No. 1003 (2019) continues the authorization of the board to adjust FTE positions at institutions and entities under its control during the 2019-21 biennium.

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1003

Carryover authority - Section 18 continues the authorization through July 31, 2021, for institutions and entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to continue unexpended appropriations at the end of a biennium.

Additional funds appropriation authority - Section 20 appropriates any additional special funds received by entities under the control of the State Board of Higher Education to the respective entities.

Transfer authority - Section 23 provides that the State Board of Higher Education may transfer funds from an entity's operations line item to the entity's capital assets and capital building fund line items if the board determines that additional funds are needed for capital projects or extraordinary repairs.

FTE positions - Section 24 authorizes the State Board of Higher Education to adjust FTE positions as needed, subject to the availability of funds, for institutions and entities under its control.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2064 - Eliminates the requirement that the State Forester's office be located in Bottineau.

Senate Bill No. 2065 - Adjusts the maximum and minimum balances for the State Forester reserve account.