

SENATE FILE NO. SF0001

Appropriation for the legislature.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to an appropriation to the legislature;
2 providing appropriations for the legislative branch of
3 state government; and providing for effective dates.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general fund
8 to the legislative service office the following specified
9 amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the
10 costs and expenses of the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh
11 Wyoming legislatures through June 30, 2004:

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13 SALARIES

14	Permanent/Temporary.....	\$3,290,000
15	Legislators - Session.....	946,500
16	Legislators - Interim.....	371,500
17	Session Staff.....	698,000

1	Employer Paid Benefits.....	1,100,000
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3	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
4	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	666,500
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	610,500
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7	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
8	Travel Expenses.....	67,500
9	Per Diem.....	68,300
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11	ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2003 and 2004)	
12	National Conference of State Legislatures.	166,500
13	The Energy Council.....	64,000
14	Council of State Governments.....	131,200
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16	REGISTRATION FEES.....	34,500
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18	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	190,000
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20	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.....	561,500
21	(Information technology, copying,	
22	supplies and equipment, furniture,	
23	contract services, special projects, etc.)	
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1	STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS.....	375,000
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3	CONTRACT SERVICES-SCHOOL FINANCE AUDITS.....	<u>325,000</u>
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5	TOTAL.....	\$9,666,500

7 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision] - The management
8 council may transfer funds from one expense category to
9 another under section 1 of this act as the activities of
10 the legislature may require.

12 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision] - The appropriation for
13 out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to
14 reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and
15 per diem expenses to meetings including, but not limited
16 to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the
17 Council of State Governments and The Energy Council.
18 Reimbursements shall be made with the permission of the
19 speaker of the house or the president of the senate, in
20 accordance with policies of the management council.

22 **Section 4.** [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations]

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1 (a) The unobligated portions of the following
2 appropriations are hereby re-appropriated to the
3 legislative service office subject to any conditions in the
4 original appropriations:

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6 (i) Appropriation for reapportionment of the
7 legislature, 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 5;

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9 (ii) Appropriation for artwork conservation,
10 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 7;

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12 (iii) Appropriation for chambers furnishings,
13 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 321;

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15 (iv) Appropriation for computer equipment, 2001
16 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 326;

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18 (v) Appropriation for chambers furnishings, 2001
19 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 330;

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21 (vi) Appropriation for computer programming and
22 website development, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139,
23 Section 331.

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1 **Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]

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3 (a) During the period July 1, 2002, through June 30,
4 2004, each member of the legislature is entitled to receive
5 a constituent service allowance as provided under this
6 section. This allowance is intended to defray expenses
7 incurred by each member in providing service to and on
8 behalf of his constituents, which services are in addition
9 to attending sessions of the legislature, attending
10 meetings of interim committees and engaging in authorized
11 interim work for which salary, per diem and mileage are
12 authorized by law. The allowance is subject to the
13 following:

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15 (i) The allowance shall be paid quarterly upon
16 submission by the legislator of a claim form verifying that
17 he is a member of the legislature and thereby entitled to
18 the allowance under this section;

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20 (ii) Claim forms shall be submitted to the
21 legislative service office not later than the last day of
22 the month following the calendar quarter for which the
23 allowance under this section is being claimed;

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1 (iii) To the extent funds appropriated under
2 this section are not sufficient to pay claims, payment
3 shall be made on a proportional basis. Legislators may
4 request payment of less than the full amount of the
5 allowance;

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7 (iv) The allowance shall be four hundred fifty
8 dollars (\$450.00) per calendar quarter or fractional
9 portion thereof that the member is in office. Except that
10 the allowance shall not be paid for the first calendar
11 quarter of 2003 unless that person will be a member of the
12 fifty-seventh legislature.

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14 (b) Three hundred twenty-four thousand dollars
15 (\$324,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
16 legislative service office to be expended under the
17 direction of the management council only for the
18 constituent service allowance authorized in this section.

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20 **Section 6.** [Update of Econometric Model for Mineral
21 Tax Incentives] Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is
22 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
23 service office to be used exclusively for updating the
24 econometric model to evaluate mineral tax incentives

1 developed pursuant to 1999 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
2 168, Section 3, during the 2003-2004 biennium. These funds
3 shall be expended only with the approval of the management
4 council.

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6 **Section 7.** [Effective Immediate Appropriations]

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8 (a) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
10 service office for constituent service allowance claims for
11 the period January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002. Payment
12 of claims shall be subject to the conditions provided in
13 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 10.

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15 (b) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is
16 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
17 service office for out-of-state travel for the period
18 ending June 30, 2002, subject to the conditions provided in
19 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 3.

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21 (c) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is
22 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
23 service office for legislator salaries and employer paid

1 benefits to cover interim committee activities for the
2 period ending June 30, 2002.

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4 (d) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) is
5 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
6 service office for expenses of the special legislative
7 session convening February 11, 2002.

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9 **Section 8.** [Effective date] - Section 7 of this act is
10 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
11 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
12 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. The balance of this act is
13 effective July 1, 2002.

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