

SENATE FILE NO. SF0002

Appropriation for the legislature.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

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

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

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8 **Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general
 9 fund to the legislative service office the following
 10 specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
 11 to pay the costs and expenses of the Wyoming legislature
 12 through June 30, 2006:

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14 SALARIES

15	Permanent/Temporary.....	\$4,562,858
16	Legislators - Session.....	1,203,258
17	Legislators - Interim.....	460,171

1	Session Staff.....	726,520
2	Employer Paid Benefits.....	1,669,433
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4	IN-STATE TRAVEL [1.][2.]	
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	827,200
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	742,180
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8	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
9	Travel Expenses.....	118,000
10	Per Diem.....	124,380
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12	ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2005 and 2006)	
13	National Conference of State Legislatures.	166,445
14	The Energy Council.....	64,000
15	Council of State Governments.....	128,950
16	CSG additional support.....	100,000
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18	REGISTRATION FEES.....	53,620
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20	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	180,000
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22	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [3.].....	847,450
23	(Information technology, copying,	
24	supplies and equipment, furniture,	

1 contract services, special projects, etc.)

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3 STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS..... 388,000

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5 TOTAL..... \$12,362,465

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7 Footnotes to Section 1:

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9 1. [Additional Travel] Not to exceed twenty-eight
10 thousand dollars (\$28,000.00) shall be used to reimburse
11 legislators for mileage for one (1) additional trip to
12 travel to their residence and return to the legislature
13 during the 2005 general session and for one (1) additional
14 trip to travel to their residence and return to the
15 legislature during the 2006 budget session.

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17 2. [Mid-Session Recess - Per Diem] Subject to
18 management council approval, legislators may be authorized
19 not to exceed five (5) additional days per diem for a mid-
20 session recess during the 2005 general session.
21 Notwithstanding W.S. 28-5-101, legislative salary shall not
22 be paid for any days the legislature is in recess under
23 this footnote. Not to exceed fifty-three thousand five

1 hundred fifty dollars (\$53,550.00) shall be expended for
2 per diem under this footnote.

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4 3. [Legislative Computer Equipment] Not to exceed one
5 hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000.00) shall be
6 used for the lease or purchase of laptop computers and
7 support systems. Expenditure of funds under this footnote
8 shall be subject to approval by the select committee on
9 legislative technology. Legislative laptop computers being
10 replaced shall be sold in accordance with Management
11 Council directives. Any proceeds received from the sale of
12 any laptop computer shall be deposited into the general
13 fund and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative
14 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement
15 laptop computers.

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17 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision] - The Management
18 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to
19 another under section 1 of this act as the activities of
20 the legislature may require.

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22 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision] - The appropriation
23 for out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to
24 reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and

1 per diem expenses to meetings including, but not limited
2 to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the
3 Council of State Governments and the Energy Council.
4 Reimbursements shall be made with the permission of the
5 Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, in
6 accordance with policies of the Management Council.

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

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10 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and
11 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following
12 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2004, and are
13 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office
14 subject to any conditions in the original appropriations:

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16 (i) Appropriation for committee staff support
17 and consultant services relating to implementation of the
18 education resource block grant model, 2003 Wyo. Session
19 Laws, Ch. 208, Section 103(f);

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21 (ii) Any balance in the constituent service
22 allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on
23 June 30, 2004, is appropriated to fund the constituent

1 service allowance for the period July 1, 2004, through June
2 30, 2006.

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4 **Section 5.** [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations] There
5 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
6 service office:

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8 (a) Sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) for the
9 restoration of legislator composite photograph frames.

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11 (b) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for
12 enhancement of the artwork security system.

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14 (c) Eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) for the
15 remodeling of chambers work stations.

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17 (d) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for
18 committee room signage.

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20 (e) Twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) for the
21 restoration of historic benches.

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23 (f) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the repair
24 or replacement of miscellaneous furnishings.

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Section 6. [Effective Immediate Appropriations]

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(a) The legislative service office is authorized four (4) additional full-time positions. Duties and responsibilities of these positions shall be assigned by the Management Council. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office seventy-four thousand dollars (\$74,000.00) to fund these positions through June 30, 2004. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the general fund on June 30, 2004.

(b) There is appropriated forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to be used to reimburse legislators for the expense of purchasing personal digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices necessary for carrying out their legislative duties and providing service to and on behalf of their constituents, subject to the following:

(i) The amount of reimbursement to any legislator shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00);

1 (ii) Expenses shall be reimbursed upon
2 submission to the legislative service office of a verified
3 claim form and purchase receipt;

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5 (iii) The select committee on legislative
6 technology shall provide legislators with a list of
7 recommended compatible devices;

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9 (iv) Unexpended funds appropriated under this
10 subsection shall revert to the general fund on June 30,
11 2006.

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13 (c) For the period ending December 31, 2004, there is
14 appropriated sixty-four thousand seven hundred fifty
15 dollars (\$64,750.00) from the general fund to the
16 legislative service office to be used to reimburse
17 specified officers and ranking members of the House of
18 Representatives and the Senate for clerical expenses
19 incurred in performing the duties required by their
20 positions during the time the legislature is not in
21 session. Reimbursement under this section shall be subject
22 to the following:

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1 (i) Expenses shall be reimbursed quarterly upon
2 submission of a claim form by the officer or member
3 verifying the expenses incurred;

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5 (ii) Claim forms shall be submitted to the
6 legislative service office not later than the last day of
7 the month following the calendar quarter for which the
8 reimbursement is claimed;

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10 (iii) Clerical expenses shall include payment
11 for services performed by part-time secretarial or clerical
12 assistants and other similar expenses authorized by
13 Management Council policy;

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15 (iv) No person shall be deemed eligible for
16 reimbursement under more than one status category listed
17 under paragraph (v) of this subsection;

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19 (v) The amount of the reimbursement shall not
20 exceed the following annual amounts:

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22 (A) For the Speaker of the House and
23 President of the Senate, one thousand five hundred dollars
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(B) For the Senate Majority Floor Leader, Vice President, Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip and Minority Caucus Chairman, and the House Majority Floor Leader, Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Whip, Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip and Minority Caucus Chairman, one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00); and

(C) For the Chairman and the ranking minority member of each standing committee listed in House Rule 4-1 1 through 10 and Senate Rule 7-1 1 through 10, the Management Audit Committee, the Select Water Committee, the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments, and the Select Committee on School Facilities, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

(vi) Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the general fund on March 31, 2005.

1 **Section 7.** [Effective Date] - Sections 4 and 6 of
2 this act are effective immediately upon completion of all
3 acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by
4 Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. The
5 balance of this act is effective July 1, 2004.

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