

ENROLLED ACT NO. 15, SENATE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2008 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to appropriations for the legislature; providing appropriations for the operation of the legislative branch of state government; providing an appropriation for training legislator elects; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office the following specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the costs and expenses of the Wyoming legislature through June 30, 2010:

SALARIES	
LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary.....	\$6,290,578
Legislators - Session.....	1,203,258
Legislators - Interim.....	1,177,618
Session Staff.....	781,500
Employer Paid Benefits [3.].....	2,500,104
IN-STATE TRAVEL	
Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	977,520
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim [1.].....	819,355
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
Travel Expenses.....	120,000
Per Diem.....	204,000
ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2009 and 2010)	
National Conference of State Legislatures.	218,927
The Energy Council.....	64,000
Council of State Governments.....	155,762
REGISTRATION FEES.....	91,100

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	205,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [2.], [4.]. (Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	1,080,780
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS.....	<u>431,000</u>
TOTAL.....	\$16,320,502

Footnotes to Section 1:

1. [Use of State Plane]. Interim travel may include the use of the state plane subject to management council policies.

2. [Legislative Computer Equipment]. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be used for the purchase of laptop computers and support systems. Legislative laptop computers being replaced shall be sold in accordance with Management Council directives. Any proceeds received from the sale of any laptop computer shall be deposited into the general fund and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office to be used for the purchase of replacement laptop computers. This footnote is effective immediately.

3. [Retiree Health Insurance]. Of this appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be used for contributions to the retiree health insurance benefits account.

4. [Technology Consulting]. Of this appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be used to

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contract for consulting services necessary to enhance existing technology systems.

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

Section 3. [Standard Provision-Travel]. The appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and per diem expenses to meetings including, but not limited to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments and the Energy Council. Travel authorization and reimbursements shall be in accordance with policies of the Management Council.

Section 4. [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations].

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2008, and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office subject to any conditions in the original appropriations:

(i) Appropriation for Room 204 and 302 furnishings, 2006 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 113, Section 7(f);

(ii) Appropriation for portraits of past Governors, 2006 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 113, Section 7(g);

(iii) Appropriation for Wyoming Blue Book, 2006 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 113, Section 8;

(iv) Appropriation for Room 302 furnishings, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(iii);

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(v) Appropriation for recarpeting room 302, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(iv);

(vi) Appropriation for sound systems, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(ix);

(vii) Appropriation for lighting and skylight renovation, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(x);

(viii) Appropriation for committee room and leadership offices furnishings, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(xiii);

(ix) Appropriation for development of public information resources, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(xiv);

(x) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2008, resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative service office to be used for the purchase of replacement laptop computers and support systems;

(xi) Any balance in the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on June 30, 2008, is appropriated to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

This section is effective immediately. Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from these appropriations on June 30, 2010, shall revert to the general fund.

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Section 5. [Constituent Service Allowance]. There is appropriated from the general fund to the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

Section 6. [PDA Devices].

(a) There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to be used to reimburse specified legislators for their 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) Reimbursement under this subsection shall be available only to legislators elected at the 2008 general election;

(ii) The amount of reimbursement to any legislator shall be in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the purchase price of the device, but the reimbursement shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00);

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

(iv) The select committee on legislative technology, in consultation with the legislative service office information technology staff, may recommend personal

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digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices for reimbursement under this section.

Section 7. [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations-Effective Immediately]. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office:

(a) Forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) for leadership office furnishings.

(b) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for committee secretary desks.

(c) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for Governors' portrait project.

(d) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for additional remodeling costs for room 302.

(e) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for ongoing architectural and interior design consulting.

(f) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for miscellaneous furnishings and projects.

The appropriations in this section are effective immediately. Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from these appropriations on June 30, 2010, shall revert to the general fund.

Section 8.

(a) For the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2010, from and after the date the state canvassing board certifies the results of a general election in accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, and prior to being duly

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sworn in, legislators elect shall receive mileage, salary and per diem at the same rate as members of the legislature for each day spent at a training function or committee meeting at the direction of management council. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary for purposes of this section.

(b) As used in this section "legislator elect" means a person elected to the legislature during the 2008 general election who is not a current member of legislature and before the person is duly sworn in.

Section 9. [Effective Dates].

(a) As used in this act, "effective immediately" means effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is
effective July 1, 2008.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk