

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 an effective date.

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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, 2008:

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14 SALARIES

15	LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary.....	\$5,164,600
16	Legislators - Session.....	1,203,258
17	Legislators - Interim.....	463,710

1	Session Staff.....	768,190
2	Employer Paid Benefits.....	1,964,433
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4	IN-STATE TRAVEL [1.][2.]	
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	842,600
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	767,620
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8	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
9	Travel Expenses.....	162,000
10	Per Diem.....	198,000
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12	ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2007 and 2008)	
13	National Conference of State Legislatures.	182,687
14	The Energy Council.....	64,000
15	Council of State Governments.....	146,834
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17	REGISTRATION FEES.....	90,000
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19	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	190,000
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21	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [3.].....	882,500
22	(Information technology, copying,	
23	supplies and equipment, furniture,	
24	contract services, special projects, etc.)	

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2 STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS..... 431,000

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4 TOTAL..... \$13,521,432

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6 Footnotes to Section 1:

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8 1. [Additional Travel]. Not to exceed twenty-eight
9 thousand dollars (\$28,000.00) shall be used to reimburse
10 legislators for mileage for one (1) additional trip to
11 travel to their residence and return to the legislature
12 during the 2007 general session and for one (1) additional
13 trip to travel to their residence and return to the
14 legislature during the 2008 budget session.

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16 2. [Mid-Session Recess - Per Diem]. Subject to
17 management council approval, legislators may be authorized
18 not to exceed five (5) additional days per diem for a mid-
19 session recess during the 2007 general session.
20 Notwithstanding W.S. 28-5-101, legislative salary shall not
21 be paid for any days the legislature is in recess under
22 this footnote. Not to exceed fifty-three thousand five
23 hundred fifty dollars (\$53,550.00) shall be expended for
24 per diem under this footnote.

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

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

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20 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The
21 appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall
22 be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative
23 travel and per diem expenses to meetings including, but not
24 limited to, the National Conference of State Legislatures,

1 the Council of State Governments and the Energy Council.
2 Reimbursements shall be made with the permission of the
3 Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate, in
4 accordance with policies of the Management Council.

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6 **Section 4.** [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations].
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8 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and
9 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following
10 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2006, and are
11 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office
12 subject to any conditions in the original appropriations:
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14 (i) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2006,
15 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers
16 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative
17 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement
18 laptop computers;
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20 (ii) Any balance in the constituent service
21 allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on
22 June 30, 2006, is appropriated to fund the constituent
23 service allowance for the period July 1, 2006, through June
24 30, 2008.

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2 **Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]. There is
3 appropriated from the general fund to the constituent
4 service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) three
5 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to fund the
6 constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2006,
7 through June 30, 2008.

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9 **Section 6.** [PDA Devices].

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11 (a) There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars
12 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
13 service office to be used to reimburse specified
14 legislators for their expense of purchasing personal
15 digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices necessary for
16 carrying out their legislative duties and providing service
17 to and on behalf of their constituents, subject to the
18 following:

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20 (i) Reimbursement under this subsection shall be
21 available only to legislators elected at the 2006 general
22 election;

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1 (ii) The amount of reimbursement to any
2 legislator shall be in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of
3 the purchase price of the device, but the reimbursement
4 shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars
5 (\$275.00);

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

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11 (iv) The select committee on legislative
12 technology, in consultation with the legislative service
13 office information technology staff, shall recommend
14 personal digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices for
15 reimbursement under this section.

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17 **Section 7.** [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations]. There
18 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
19 service office:

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21 (a) Eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) for
22 completion of historic bench renovation.

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1 (b) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
2 replacement of committee member chairs.

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4 (c) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for replacement
5 of committee audience chairs.

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7 (d) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for equipment
8 for the medical aid station.

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10 (e) Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for historic
11 coat racks in house chamber.

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13 (f) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for joint
14 appropriations committee room and room 302 furnishings.

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16 (g) Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) to
17 commission portraits of past governors.

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19 (h) Twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) for
20 painting, stenciling and recarpeting the legislative
21 service office main office.

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23 (j) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for a new
24 sound system and speakers in the senate.

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2 (k) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for committee
3 room photographs.

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5 (m) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for
6 miscellaneous furnishings and projects.

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8 **Section 8.** [Wyoming Blue Book]. There is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
10 service office three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)
11 for updating, revising and republishing the Wyoming Blue
12 Book. The legislative service office shall contract with
13 the department of state parks and cultural resources which
14 may contract for services necessary to prepare and print
15 the publication.

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17 **Section 9.** [Photocopy Equipment]. There is
18 appropriated ninety-two thousand dollars (\$92,000.00) from
19 the general fund to the Legislative Service Office for the
20 purchase of photocopy equipment.

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