

SENATE FILE NO. SF0055

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, 2010:

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14       SALARIES

15	LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary.....	\$6,290,578
16	Legislators - Session.....	1,203,258
17	Legislators - Interim.....	1,177,618

1	Session Staff.....	781,500
2	Employer Paid Benefits.....	2,450,104
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4	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	977,520
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim [1.].....	819,355
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8	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
9	Travel Expenses.....	120,000
10	Per Diem.....	204,000
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12	ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2009 and 2010)	
13	National Conference of State Legislatures.	218,927
14	The Energy Council.....	64,000
15	Council of State Governments.....	155,762
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17	REGISTRATION FEES.....	91,100
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19	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	205,000
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21	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [2.].....	980,780
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..... \$16,170,502

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6       Footnotes to Section 1:

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

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

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23       **Section 2.** [Standard Provision-Flex]. The Management  
24 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to

1 another under section 1 of this act as the activities of  
2 the legislature may require.

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

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

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15 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and  
16 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following  
17 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2008, and are  
18 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office  
19 subject to any conditions in the original appropriations:

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

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

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

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7           (iv) Appropriation for Room 302 furnishings,  
8 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section 332(a)(iii);

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

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

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16           (vii) Appropriation for lighting and skylight  
17 renovation, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 136, Section  
18 332(a)(x);

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20           (viii) Appropriation for committee room and  
21 leadership offices furnishings, 2007 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch.  
22 136, Section 332(a)(xiii);

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

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

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11           (xi) Any balance in the constituent service  
12 allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on  
13 June 30, 2008, is appropriated to fund the constituent  
14 service allowance for the period July 1, 2008, through June  
15 30, 2010.

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

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21       **Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]. There is  
22 appropriated from the general fund to the constituent  
23 service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) two  
24 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) to fund the

1 constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2008,  
2 through June 30, 2010.

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

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6 (a) There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars  
7 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative  
8 service office to be used to reimburse specified  
9 legislators for their expense of purchasing personal  
10 digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices necessary for  
11 carrying out their legislative duties and providing service  
12 to and on behalf of their constituents, subject to the  
13 following:

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15 (i) Reimbursement under this subsection shall be  
16 available only to legislators elected at the 2008 general  
17 election;

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19 (ii) The amount of reimbursement to any  
20 legislator shall be in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of  
21 the purchase price of the device, but the reimbursement  
22 shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars  
23 (\$275.00);

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1 (iii) 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 (iv) The select committee on legislative  
6 technology, in consultation with the legislative service  
7 office information technology staff, may recommend personal  
8 digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices for  
9 reimbursement under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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15           **Section 8.** [Effective Dates].

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17           (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"  
18 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts  
19 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article  
20 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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

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