

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, 2012:

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14 SALARIES

15	LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary.....	\$6,298,338
16	Legislators - Session.....	1,176,246
17	Legislators - Interim.....	1,544,467

1	Session Staff.....	791,325
2	Employer Paid Benefits	2,444,988
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4	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	1,067,370
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	904,137
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8	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
9	Travel Expenses.....	122,800
10	Per Diem.....	186,900
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12	ANNUAL DUES	
13	National Conference of State Legislatures.	233,854
14	The Energy Council.....	64,000
15	Council of State Governments.....	168,473
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17	REGISTRATION FEES.....	85,600
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19	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	220,000
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21	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.], [2.]... 1,495,630	
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..... 430,000

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4 TOTAL..... \$17,234,128

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6 Footnotes to Section 1:

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8 1. [Legislative Computer Equipment]. One hundred
9 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) shall be used
10 for the purchase of laptop computers and support systems.
11 Legislative laptop computers being replaced shall be sold
12 in accordance with Management Council directives. Any
13 proceeds received from the sale of any laptop computer
14 shall be deposited into the general fund and are hereby
15 reappropriated to the legislative service office to be used
16 for the purchase of replacement laptop computers. This
17 footnote is effective immediately.

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19 2. [Technology Enhancement Projects]. Two hundred
20 fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be used to begin
21 implementation of projects identified through the ongoing
22 information technology project management process,
23 including redesign of the legislative website; integration
24 of the document management system within the website; and

1 upgrades and enhancements to legislative management
2 software.

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

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

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

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20 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and
21 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following
22 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2010, and are
23 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for
24 the following purposes:

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2 (i) Appropriation for leadership office
3 furnishings, including painting and minor repairs, 2008
4 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 47, Section 7(a);

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6 (ii) Appropriation for committee room hearing
7 tables and furnishings, 2008 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 47,
8 Section 7(b);

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10 (iii) Appropriation for ongoing architectural
11 and interior design consulting, 2008 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch.
12 47, Section 7(e);

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14 (iv) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2010,
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 and support systems for the period July 1,
19 2010 through June 30, 2012;

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21 (v) Any balance in the constituent service
22 allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on
23 June 30, 2010, is appropriated to fund the constituent

1 service allowance for the period July 1, 2010, through June
2 30, 2012.

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4 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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6 **Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]. There is
7 appropriated from the general fund to the constituent
8 service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) three
9 hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000.00) to fund
10 constituent service allowance reimbursements for the period
11 July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012.

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

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

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1 (i) Reimbursement under this subsection shall be
2 available only to legislators elected at the 2010 general
3 election or appointed to fill a vacancy after the 2010
4 general election;

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6 (ii) The amount of reimbursement to any
7 legislator shall be in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of
8 the purchase price of the device, but the reimbursement
9 shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars
10 (\$275.00);

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

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16 **Section 7.** [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations].

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18 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the legislative service office:

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21 (i) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for
22 administration of the legislative artwork donation program;

1 (ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)
2 for committee room hearing tables and furnishings;

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

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7 (b) The appropriations in this section are effective
8 immediately.

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10 **Section 8.** [New Legislator Compensation].

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12 (a) For the period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending
13 June 30, 2012, from and after the date the state canvassing
14 board certifies the results of a general election in
15 accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, legislators elect and newly
16 appointed legislators may, to the extent authorized by the
17 Management Council, receive mileage and per diem at the
18 same rate as members of the legislature plus an amount
19 equal to the daily salary paid to legislators for each day
20 spent at a legislative training function or at a meeting of
21 an interim committee to which they will be assigned. There
22 is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
23 service office twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or

1 as much thereof as may be necessary for purposes of this
2 section.

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4 (b) As used in this section:

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6 (i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to
7 the legislature during the 2010 general election who is not
8 a current member of legislature and before the person is
9 duly sworn in;

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11 (ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person
12 appointed after the 2010 general election to fill a vacancy
13 in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn
14 in.

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16 **Section 9.** [Legislative Redistricting]. There is
17 appropriated two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars
18 (\$285,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
19 service office to fund hardware, software, staff support
20 and committee meetings required for legislative
21 redistricting following the 2010 census.

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23 **Section 10.** [Effective Dates].

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(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. Any appropriation contained in this act that is effective immediately shall not lapse until June 30, 2012, unless otherwise specified.

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is
9 effective July 1, 2010.

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